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NPAFC INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR SALMON AND STEELHEAD CONSERVATION
PRESENTED TO DR. LOH-LEE LOW

Victoria, B.C., Canada (May 19, 2017)—Dr. Loh-Lee Low received the 2017 North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission Award at the Commission’s 25th Annual Meeting. He is retired from the Alaska Fisheries Center and Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Low was selected for the award in recognition of his sustained scientific contributions to the Commission’s mission to conserve and manage anadromous salmon and steelhead stocks in the North Pacific Ocean and its adjacent seas. He contributed substantially to the functioning of the Commission’s Committee on Scientific Research and Statistics (CSRS). He chaired the deliberations of the CSRS for three 2-year terms in 1995–1997, 2003–2005, and 2014–2016. He fostered cooperation and scientific achievements of the salmon scientists of the Commission through his guidance and improvement of salmon research activities in the high seas of the North Pacific Ocean. Dr. Low was also involved in activities in framework of many other international commissions and including PICES, NPFC, and the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Pollock resources in the central Bering Sea, bilateral fisheries negotiations, etc.

Dr. Low stated “It is indeed a great privilege to have been a part of this prestigious Intergovernmental Organization and to be honored with this distinguished North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission Award. I am grateful to the United States to have me as part of its delegations to the NPAFC. I extend my appreciation to my fellow salmon scientists from Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America who educated and assisted me to achieve. I thank the Commission and the delegates who granted me this award. It is indeed the highest honor for me.”

Established in 2011, the NPAFC Award is given to recognize an individual or group whose sustained and significant contributions in scientific research, enforcement, international cooperation, or management have helped improve the conservation of anadromous salmon and steelhead stocks in the North Pacific Ocean.
Dr. Loh-Lee Low is the recipient of the 2017 NPAFC Award.

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About NPAFC

The NPAFC is an international organization that promotes the conservation of salmon (chum, coho, pink, sockeye, Chinook, and cherry salmon) and steelhead trout in the North Pacific and its adjacent seas, and serves as a venue for cooperation in and coordination of scientific research and enforcement activities. The NPAFC Convention Area is located in international waters north of 33°N latitude in the North Pacific, Bering Sea, and the Sea of Okhotsk. NPAFC member countries include Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and United States of America.

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