

NEWS RELEASE

Don Duden, Florida Department of Natural Resources, Chairman of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission presents the "Charles H. Lyles" Award to John A. Mehos of Galveston, Texas.

The presentation was given during the 42nd Annual Fall Meeting of the Commission held at the Clarion Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 1991.

The Charles H. Lyles Award is awarded annually by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission to an individual, agency, or organization which has contributed to the betterment of the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico through significant biological, industrial, legislative, enforcement or administrative activities.

Mr. Mehos has provided his talents, wisdom, and energy on behalf of the fishing industry to numerous Texas, regional and international issues since 1949. He organized the Texas Shrimp Association, worked with Mexican industry leaders to form the Shrimp Association of the Americas, helped secure the passage of the Texas Shrimp Conservation Act and served on many national and regional organizations. These organizations include the National Fisheries Institute, National Shrimp Congress, and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee of the Department of Commerce. He was an original appointee to the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council which he chaired for three years. He was chief Executive Officer of Liberty Shrimp and Oyster Company for many years. He and his wife Alex currently reside in Galveston, Texas.

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