Fish health check: Brian Masterman at Marine Harvest Canada’s Shelter Pass salmon farm marine site in Port Hardy, BC
(Photograph courtesy of Marine Harvest <www.marineharvestcanada.com>)
Nominations for AAC Board of Directors

The Aquaculture Association of Canada is now accepting nominations for election to its Board of Directors. Positions are for a 2 year term and Directors are expected to participate on numerous committees, as directed by the President, in addition to regular participation in Board meetings (usually 2 face-to-face and 1 teleconference per year).

Nominations are open to any member in good standing of the Aquaculture Association of Canada.

Please forward your nominations to the Chair of the Elections Committee, Alistair Struthers, by e-mail (Alistair.Struthers@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) before October 17, 2008. Any questions regarding the elections process or duties of Directors should also be addressed to the chair of the elections committee.

AAC Book Review

The Salmon Connection: The Development of Salmon Aquaculture in Canada
Glen Margaret Publishing

‘The Salmon Connection: The Development of Salmon Aquaculture in Canada’ is written by author John Anderson and is a detailed account of the industry’s victories and setbacks since its inception. Anderson weaves the tale from the mystique of Atlantic salmon angling for 1800s British Army officers posted in Lower Canada, to the recent consolidation of the commercial aquaculture industry. The major development issues of the day are reviewed and dissected; from the then conventional wisdom of ways to introduce salinity during the parr-smolt transformation, to painful lessons in cage design, to the political and scientific issues of farm spacing.

As with any works detailing historical development, this book is dense with unavoidable statistics and minutia; making for a slow read at times. Nevertheless, such details are punctuated with enough interesting facts and amusing asides to keep the reader engaged. My favourite such aside is the author’s 2006 experience at the Pike Place Market in Seattle, where he noticed the conspicuously absent Atlantic salmon.

“When I asked a white apron clerk where one could find Atlantic Salmon, it was clear that he was not comfortable with the question, and when I pursued the matter I believe he was on the verge of calling security, so I wisely changed the subject”

It would be easy with the benefit of 20/20 hindsight to point the finger of blame for industry set backs. But Anderson plays the diplomat, giving the benefit of the doubt to those who made mistakes; both industry and non-industry personnel alike.

Perhaps one of the most compelling themes from this book is the major industry strides which occurred as a result of official and, surprisingly, a large degree of unofficial collaboration, between Industry, NGOs and
Government. Popular press reports over the years would lead the public to believe that such cooperation in aquaculture between these groups is rare to non-existent.

I recommend this book to anyone who is a history buff, fish culturist or policy maker. This book would be particularly useful for students who are interested in working in the industry. We can’t understand where we are if we don’t know how we got there.

By Gregor K. Reid (Gregor is a post-doctoral fellow with the University of New Brunswick / Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

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*Thank you!*

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**Report: Offshore aquaculture would benefit U.S. economy**
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**Aquaculture Canada 2009**
*Nanaimo, British Columbia*  (May 10-13, 2009)
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**World Aquaculture 2009**
*Veracruz, Mexico*  (May 25 - 29, 2009)
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**Aquaculture Europe 2008**
*Krakow, Poland*  (September 15-18, 2008)
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