

Dr. Paul James Struhsaker passed away 25 July 2018

Dr. Paul James Struhsaker was born in Lansing, Michigan on 16 July 1935. He received his Bachelor of Science (1958) in zoology, fisheries and wildlife management, and geology from Michigan State University, and his Master's (1967) and Doctorate (1973) degrees in marine zoology and oceanography from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. As a marine fishery biologist and ichthyologist, he participated in fisheries investigations in the western North Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, western Caribbean, Alaska, US west coast, and the Hawaiian Islands. He worked at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Fisheries Center (1957, 1959-1965, 1981-82) and at the Honolulu Laboratory (1969-1977). He was associated with the Seattle, Juneau, and Woods Hole Laboratories for brief periods, sometimes serving as a biological observer on commercial fishing vessels (1989-1991), and was a research associate at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Hawaii.

Dr. Struhsaker published and co-published numerous articles on stingrays and sharks (e.g., "Megamouth: A new Species, Genus, and Family of Lamnoid Shark (*Megachasma pelagios*, Family Megachasmidae) from the Hawaiian Islands." 1983, Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci.), ecology and systematics of marine fishes (e.g., deep-sea anglerfishes), the biology and management of marine fisheries through bottom trawl surveys and assessments, and the construction and use of commercial fishing and survey gear. While in Honolulu he initiated and supervised the first studies of aging tropical marine fishes through daily growth rings of sagittal otoliths. Three fish species have been named after him.

He is survived by his wife Rejeanne Courcelles, sister Anne Larsen, and brothers Tom and Jim Struhsaker.