

## **2019 AWARD WINNERS**

### **Trond Bjørndal and Amalie Tusvik**

The following article has been selected for the 2019 Best Paper in *Aquaculture Economics and Management* Award:

**Trond Bjørndal and Amalie Tusvik (2019). Economic analysis of land based farming of salmon. *Aquaculture Economics & Management* 23(4):449-475.**

Salmon aquaculture is in many dimensions the most technologically advanced aquaculture sector, and innovations lead to rapid development of new production practices and technologies. The 2009 Best Paper in *Aquaculture Economics & Management* focuses on the feasibility of one of the most dramatic technological changes – the introduction of land based farms. Bjørndal and Tusvik (2019) show that currently the production cost for a land based plant is significantly higher than in pen based systems. However, with the current high prices caused by strong demand and limited access to new production sites, such plants can be expected to be profitable.

The award will be officially announced at the Aquaculture Americas conference in March where the award winners will each be presented with a plaque.