

## Biographical Sketch

**Mr. Thomas C. Kloth** has more than 40 years of experience in the field of Marine Biology with extensive experience in fish physiology and an emphasis in reproductive physiology. He was instrumental in the development of spawning protocol for the Florida pompano to provide pompano eggs throughout the year and not just the short, natural spawning season. This spawning protocol allowed the development of an integrated, commercial pompano farm in the Dominican Republic (OMI Inc ). He has spawned a number of marine fish with mariculture potential including spotted sea trout, red snapper, grey snapper, redfish and Atlantic croaker.

In addition to mariculture , he has experience in marine fish holding systems, laboratory management and environmental impact assessment. He previously owned an acrylic manufacturing company that produced aquariums and associated filtration systems including bio-filters and protein skimmers. As a published author, he has written numerous articles for the marine fish industry and in the fields of fish physiology and pompano mariculture. He worked closely with Mr. McMaster at Mariculture Technologies Int., Inc. to develop innovative rearing techniques for the pompano at its Florida research facility.

Additionally, he has extensive experience in real estate both as an agent and investor. Specifically included is property assessment for renovation, sale or rental; renovation cost analysis, construction management and profitability analysis; rental property management.

## Certifications

Bowling Green State University. BS (Zoology/Chemistry) 1968.

University of Texas. MA (Zoology/Marine Science). 1970

Certified Fisheries Scientist. American Fisheries Society. 1974

Licensed Real Estate Agent

Property Management Certification