On April 30, 2015, the IIFET community lost a beloved friend and colleague, James Arthur (Jim) Crutchfield. Jim was 96 when he passed and had lived a rich and productive life long beyond retirement. During his career at the University of Washington and other institutions, he made many contributions to and was indeed a founding member of the discipline of resource economics, particularly with respect to marine resources. His many contributions spanned from teaching, to research, to consulting on human use of natural resources, in North America, Africa and South America.

A tribute to Jim Crutchfield, summarizing some of his contributions to fisheries economics, penned by IIFET Fellow Lee Anderson, appears in the journal Marine Resource Economics, here: http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/683056

Lee spoke for all of us when he said, “Jim was a great teacher, a diligent and careful researcher, an excellent colleague, and most of all a fine person. I am grateful and proud to have studied under him and to have known him all these years.”

A more personal obituary appears here: http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=James-Crutchfield&lc=7552&pid=174776889&mid=6427281