

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS IN EACH CATEGORY



Award Criteria:

Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year

1. Nominations can be made only by members in good standing.
2. The recipient must be a member in good standing.
3. The award is based on fisheries-related work accomplished in Texas and can span more than one year.
4. The worker may not be on the Awards Committee.
5. Eligible accomplishments by the nominee include:

Administration

- a. Development of innovative management programs, research activities, or facilities that significantly affect fisheries management and conservation on a regional or statewide level.
- b. Leadership in implementation of regulations or management programs that address regional or statewide fisheries issues.
- c. Development of new sources of funding for fisheries programs.
- d. Leadership in the development of public outreach or recognition/award programs.
- e. Significant and effective promotion of fisheries management and conservation activities on a regional or statewide level.

Culture

- a. Development of techniques that produced fish more safely, more efficiently, or more economically.
- b. Development of methods that produced species not formerly cultured.
- c. Development of techniques that produced more fish.
- d. Participation in the development of equipment that benefitted fish culture.
- e. Promotion of fish culture.
- f. Participation in the production of a record number of fish (may be station or species specific).

Education

- a. Development of an innovative approach to fisheries education as illustrated through development of a new or revised course or curriculum.
- b. Publication of a journal article, extension publication, book, or book chapter that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- c. Contribution of notable service in public education programs.
- d. Development of educational media (software, video, etc.) that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- e. Outstanding contribution to the profession through service as an officer or other leader of an educational organization (e.g., the Education Section of the American Fisheries Society).

Management

- a. Development of management plans or strategies or implementation of management practices (reservoir or pond management plans, pre-impoundment work, habitat work, and development of urban fisheries). This would include private water work.
- b. Education of the public in areas of fishing or fisheries management (conducting fishing clinics, educational programs, contact with various media, development of brochures, newsletters, bulletin boards, fliers, popular articles, etc.).
- c. Coordination with different agencies (cities, counties, or federal government) or reservoir controlling authorities to develop or implement management strategies.
- d. Participation in professional scientific organizations in the fisheries field to include offices held, committees served on, or other activities accomplished for the organization.

Research

- a. Research contribution should add to the understanding of a biological problem or to solving a resource problem.
- b. Research contribution can be basic, applied, or a combination.
- c. Research contribution should have been disseminated, in order of importance, as a peer-reviewed article in a journal, non-peer-reviewed publication, or an oral presentation.
- d. Participation in professional and public organizations in the fisheries research field which comment on, instruct, or review research activities.

- e. In order of importance, the nominee's role in a research project should be directing the project or program, establishing the project or program, analyzing data, or conceiving the project or program.

Technical Support

- a. Development of new or improved design and/or construction of equipment used in field sampling, culture operations, lab analysis, etc.
- b. Participation in outstanding or unique management, research, or culture activities, which contributed significantly to the fisheries profession.
- c. Participation in programs to educate other fisheries workers or the public (fishing clinics, seminars, articles, brochures, etc.).
- d. Accomplishments resulting in new or improved techniques or greater efficiency (data compilation and analysis, improved lab techniques, more productive fish culture techniques, improved fish sampling techniques, etc.).

Fisheries Student (under revision)

- a. Must be a Chapter member.
- b. Illustrates outstanding academic achievements as a student in Texas.
- c. Conducts a student project or graduate research that advances the science of Texas fisheries.
- d. Performs research supporting organizations and/or groups working with Texas fisheries.

Special Recognition in Fisheries Work

- a. Nomination can be made only by Chapter members.
- b. The recipient may or may not be a member.
- c. The recipient may be an individual or an organization.
- d. Recognition should be based on fisheries-related work done in the State of Texas but can span more than one year.
- e. Work does not have to fit into the seven categories listed above.

Procedures for Determining Award Recipient:**Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year**

1. All nominations sent in by an announced deadline will be distributed to committee members in each category.
2. The Chair and members will then vote to determine the recipient in each category.
3. Honorable Mention may be awarded if more than one nominee in a category is considered outstanding by the committee members.
4. If the members do not feel there is a suitable nominee for a category, then an award will not be given for that category.

Special Recognition in Fisheries Work

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2. The Chair and members will then vote to determine if a nominee is suitable for the award. More than one Special Recognition Award can be given, if the committee votes so.