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Program

Introduction

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Remarks

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Presentation of Awards

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Line and Staff Office Representatives

Closing

Eduardo J. Ribas

2005 Administrator's Award Recipients

Office of the Under Secretary

Roger B. Griffis, NOS

Dana Wusinich-Mendez, NOS

For excellence in planning and executing the 12th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting in spite of its postponement due to Hurricane Ivan.

NOAA Research (OAR)

Kathleen Crane

For promoting an agreement between NOAA and the Russian Academy of Sciences, and planning and leading a collaborative investigation in the Bering and Chukchi Seas during August 2004.

Michael Johnson

For outstanding leadership in international implementation of the ocean component of the global climate observing system.

James Meagher

For exemplary leadership of NOAA's matrix Air Quality Program and for galvanizing highly collaborative national and international air quality research.

Patricia Lang

Thomas Conway

Ed Dlugokencky

For developing a global atmospheric greenhouse gas measurement network that has revolutionized the study of the earth's carbon cycle.

NOAA Satellite and Information Service (NESDIS)

Jane A. D'Aguanno

For support of NOAA homeland security through leading the Continuity of Operations Working Group and management of the Incident Coordination Center.

Bernadette G. Foreman

For spearheading dramatic improvements in property accounting and acquisition planning, both in NESDIS and throughout NOAA.

Reginald B. Lawrence

For the creation of an innovative plan to consolidate two nationally critical satellite data processing and distribution systems—CEMSCS and SATEPS.

Matthew J. Menne

For promoting a diverse and inclusive work environment that encourages community caring and involvement.

Karen Owen

For leadership and administrative support which improved the efficiency and efficacy of NOAA's National Climatic Data Center including the development of a multifunctional file plan database.

John L. Lillibridge

Walter H.F. Smith

Cynthia B. Zeigler

George M. Sinclair

For rescuing and reprocessing all altimeter data from the U.S. Navy Geosat to produce a 20th anniversary edition data product.

NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Timothy Cole

For significantly reducing North Atlantic right whale mortalities from ship strikes and gear entanglements by developing and implementing a year-round aerial survey program in the Gulf of Maine.

Michael Ford

For scientific leadership in creating an internationally recognized team of scientists in the fields of genetic and ecological research to facilitate fisheries management in the Pacific Northwest.

Natalie Huff

For leadership in developing and implementing workplace practices and protocols for improved employee worklife within NOAA Fisheries Service.

J. Michael Jech

For translating theoretical acoustical research concepts into practical applications for use in creating cost-effective and accurate fisheries population estimates.

Sybil Seitzinger

For international leadership in the development and application of cutting-edge biogeochemical science to the global-scale assessment of excessive nitrogen loading in coastal waters.

Alicia Senauer

In recognition of building a dynamic outreach program that dramatically improved the content, image and visibility of NOAA Fisheries Service science in the Pacific Northwest.

Robert Turner

For outstanding creativity, skill, and persistence in negotiating the contentious and complicated Snake River Basin Adjudication, a water rights settlement, on behalf of NOAA.

Nancy Kohler

Margo Schulze-Haugen

For creating a unique and easily understood guide to large pelagic fishes of the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico for use by recreational and commercial fishermen and the general public.

Michael Grable

Michael Sturtevant

Shawn Berry

Leila Afzal, OGC

For developing and effectively implementing the administrative process for a potentially controversial \$100 million vessel buyback program for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands crab fisheries.

Jordan St. John, OPCIA

Gordon Helm

Kent Laborde, OPCIA

David Miller, OPCIA

For the conceptualization, production and distribution of a nationally broadcast documentary showcasing NOAA's stewardship mission.

Carolyn Alderman, NESDIS

Jan Charity

Elizabeth Hess, OAR

For demonstrating extraordinary leadership and teamwork across NOAA line organizations in producing user manuals for the Department of Commerce Demonstration Project Performance Payout System.

Scott Carlon

Jane Hannuksela, OGC

Lawrence Swenson

For successful negotiations involving over twenty-five distinct parties in creating an agreement to restore salmon runs in the Deschutes River basin.

Donna Darm

Garth Griffin

Robert Jones Jr.

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NOAA Oceans and Coasts Service (NOS)

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Clement D. Lewsey

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Ruth A. Kelty

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For exemplary efforts in public service and public affairs coordinating NOAA's participation in the 2004 Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

NOAA National Weather Service (NWS)

Geoffrey M. Bonnin

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Daniel C. Compton

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Diversity SPECTRUM Award

Manager/Supervisor

Natalie Huff

For recognizing and integrating the principles of diversity and for promoting a productive and inclusive workplace as the NMFS EEO director.

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Specialist/Professional

Michelle Crockett

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Groups

NOS EEO & Diversity Advisory Committee

For serving as a permanent advisory body to the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services on all aspects of EEO and diversity.

NOAA Heritage Group

For organizing NOAA's wealth of artifacts into a successful Science Center exhibit.

Minority Serving Institutions Office

For playing a dynamic and instrumental role in introducing members of racial and ethnic groups currently underrepresented in science and engineering to academic and professional careers in the marine sciences.

NOAA Technology Transfer Award

NOAA Research

Daniel L. Birkenheuer

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Linda S. Wharton

Susan M. Williams

In recognition of the development and implementation of the Range Standardization and Automation Weather Support System serving the United States Space and Missile Program.

Employees/Team Members of the Month

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Lanetta Gray, NOS
Tim Loomis, NESDIS

January

Carol Baldwin, NMAO
Mike Jarvis, NOS

February

Chris Maier, NWS
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March

William Angel, NESDIS
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