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Program

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Presentation of Awards
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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.

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

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

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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.

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Natalie Huff
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Minority Serving Institutions Office
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January
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