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Program

Introduction

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National Anthem

Robert Schwartz

NOAA Office of Communications

Address

Dr. Jane Lubchenco

Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere

Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Presentation of Awards

Dr. Lubchenco

NOAA Leadership Competencies Development Program Participants

Line and Staff Office Representatives

Closing

Tammy L. Journet

2010 Gold Medal Recipients

Heroism

LT Amy B. Cox, OAR

For exceptional leadership and heroism during two life-threatening incidents at the remote and isolated Summit Greenland Observatory during the spring of 2009.

Mark C. Cunningham, OAR

For heroic efforts treating injured Samoans following the 2009 tsunami and providing emergency power for the sole phone link in Eastern Samoa.

Edwin Seui, NMFS

For rescuing and saving the life of a neighbor while both men were swept into a tidal wave after a tsunami struck the village of Leone, American Samoa.

NOAA Ship Rainier, OMAO

For saving two lives following the loss of the F/V Cricket on June 10, 2008, south of Biorka Island, Alaska.

Scientific/Engineering Achievement

Shobha Kondragunta, NESDIS

For scientific achievement in developing and advancing satellite-based products in support of national air quality monitoring and forecasting.

Arthur A. Taylor, NWS

For developing and implementing the first-ever ensemble probabilistic hurricane storm surge model into NWS operations.

NOAA Fisheries Northwest Regional Office

NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center

NOAA Office of General Counsel for Fisheries

For advancing wide regional agreement on the Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion and its scientific basis.

Leadership

Mary E. Kicza, NESDIS

W. Stan Wilson, NESDIS

D. Brent Smith, NESDIS

Linda V. Moodie, NESDIS

Kerry A. Sawyer, NESDIS

Mitchell D. Goldberg, NESDIS

Changyong Cao, NESDIS

Kenneth R. McDonald, NESDIS

For leading change in the international space community and securing strong commitments from 28 space agencies to address gaps in Earth observation.

Customer Service

Thomas C. Peterson, NESDIS

Sara Veasey, NESDIS

David M. Anderson, NESDIS

Chris Miller, OAR

Eileen Shea, NESDIS

Susan Solomon, OAR

Jay Lawrimore, NESDIS

Roger Pulwarty, OAR

For producing a major scientific report detailing the impacts of global climate change in the United States.

2010 Silver Medal Recipients

Leadership

Alan Leonardi, OAR
For exemplary leadership in building a first-of-its-kind partnership with Google to disseminate NOAA ocean data and information through Google Earth.

Anne Walton, NOS
For leadership in marine protected area management capacity building around the world.

Personal and Professional Excellence

Derek Wroe, NWS
Raymond Tanabe, NWS
Chad Yoshinaga, NMFS
CDR Anita L. Lopez, OMAO
For the coordination and evacuation of 17 people from remote island camps in the Papahānaumokuākea National Monument in advance of Hurricane Neki.

Scientific/Engineering Achievement

Matthew Menne, NESDIS
Claude Williams, NESDIS
For major innovations in climate data preservation and providing the authoritative source of data for understanding the nation's changing climate.

David Levinson, NESDIS
Kenneth Knapp, NESDIS
Howard J. Diamond, NESDIS
For major innovations in climate stewardship, providing the authoritative source of historical hurricane track data to the global climate community.

Aviation Weather Center, NWS
NCEP Central Operations, NWS
For improving national air safety by developing and implementing the Graphical AIRMET as a primary source of hazardous aviation weather information.

Customer Service

Weather Forecast Office, Buffalo, NY
For exceptional efforts to support recovery operations after the crash of Continental Flight 3407, near Buffalo on February 12, 2009.

Weather Forecast Office, Grand Forks, ND
North Central River Forecast Center
For providing unprecedented decision support services and accurate river flood warnings during the epic 2009 Red River of the North flood.

2010 Administrator's Awards

National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

Peter Steurer

For leading the development of a NOAA procedure that determines what scientific records to archive, a procedure that received National Archives Records Administration best practice recognition.

Mitchell D. Goldberg

For organizing and leading an international program to ensure the accuracy and comparability of measurements from earth observing satellites.

National Marine Fisheries Service

Joseph Dillon

For spearheading guidelines for use of treated wood in aquatic environments via collaboration with diverse stakeholders and the scientific community.

Cynthia Masada

For merging administrative functions of two divisions at the NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center and redirecting \$500,000 per year to science.

John O'Reilly

For creating cost effective visual animations depicting spatial and temporal variations in primary productivity with sea surface temperature globally.

Derek Roy

David Hines

For creatively partnering with stakeholders to limit water withdrawals during frost events from streams crucial to the survival of endangered salmon.

Lisa Belskis

Jeffrey Gearhart

Stacy Hargrove

Benjamin Higgins

Barbara Schroeder

Wendy Teas

For the emergency rescue of over 5,000 endangered green sea turtles in Florida during the most severe sea turtle cold-stunning event ever recorded.

Gregory Schneider

Linda Chaves

Timothy Hansen

Thomas Gleason, OGC

Stephane Vrignaud, ITA

For successful negotiation and implementation of a U.S. catch certification program to meet requirements for seafood exports to the European Union.

Garwin Yip
Bruce Oppenheim
Jeffrey S. Stuart
Maria Rea
Brian Ellrott
Craig Anderson (ret.)
Penny Ruvelas
Alison Agness
Christopher Keifer, OGC
Melanie Rowland, OGC
For balancing federal water allocation in the California Central Valley to support its agriculture industry and its commercial Chinook salmon fishery.

Frank Almeida
Melanie Caesar, DOC OIG
David Detlor
Ann Murphy, CAO
Carroll Ward, DOC Security
Ajith Abraham
For development and implementation of the efficient and effective web-based NOAA Foreign National Registration System.

Perry Thompson
Carol Ciufolo
G. Rob Vivian
Mark McDuff
Robben McWilliams, CAO
Jason Manthey, CAO
Karen Lecke-Mitchell
Diane Cantrell
Joanne Lyczkowski-Shultz
Stephen Bell
Susan Linn
Robert Williams
For leadership in design and construction of the NOAA Fisheries Service's first environmentally "Green" facility in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

National Ocean Service

Gregory P. Doucette

For the design, development, and transition to operations of the first underwater sensor to make near real-time measurements of harmful algal bloom toxins.

Michael Fulton

For developing a NOAA research strategy on emerging chemical contaminants of concern and leading NOAA input into the Federal Interagency Work Group on Pharmaceuticals in the Environment.

William Henning

For outstanding contributions in advancing the ability to use satellite systems for achieving centimeter-level positioning in real time.

Dennis Hoar

For exceptional administrative support in modernizing the National Geodetic Survey's fleet of aging vehicles to new, fuel efficient models.

Brian D. Keller

For national and international leadership in the science, management and conservation of the marine ecosystems of the Florida Keys, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean.

Alan Jay Lewitus

For exceptional regional leadership of interagency ecosystem management of the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxic Zone through partnerships and strategic funding of applied research.

Edwin Levine

For exceptional leadership in strengthening U.S.-Panama coordination and dramatically improving oil and hazardous materials spill response readiness in the Panama Canal Zone.

Daniel Hahn

Thomas Moore, NMFS

For successfully restoring thousands of damaged corals and creating new, innovative emergency restoration protocols in the Caribbean after vessel groundings.

LCDR Matt Wingate, OMAO

LT Matthew Jaskoski, OMAO

Michael Annis

Vitad Pradith

For exceptional public service by providing both hydrographic expertise and great professional sensitivity responding to a bereaved fishing community that lost two boats and five fishermen in 2009.

Amy Merten

Michele Jacobi

George Graettinger

Mark Miller

John Kaperick

For successfully developing and implementing an information management system that improves real-time decision-making for a wide array of environmental responses.

National Weather Service

Maureen Ballard

For comprehensive and tireless contributions to the development and enhancement of NOAA information weather and water services and delivery.

Jami Casamento

For the development and implementation of a new backup method for NWS field office communications after an outage due to extreme weather or other cause.

Doris A. Hood

For innovation and customization of the NWS Spaceflight Meteorology Group Advance Weather Information Processing System for NASA Space Shuttle weather decision support.

Jason Burks

Aaron Sutula

Michael A. Doney

Andrew J. Murray

Andy Edman

For developing the innovative iNWS service for use in the provision of critical hydrometeorological data and imagery to NOAA's partners and customers.

Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

Gregory S. Raymond

CDR Jon D. Swallow

For the establishment of a long-term partnership with the NWS Training Center and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to provide preeminent leadership training as part of the NOAA Corps' Leadership Development Education Program.

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Ko Barrett

For leadership in developing and representing the U.S. position on climate adaptation and for showcasing NOAA and U.S. climate science and services in international forums.

Don Edmunds Harrison

For scientific leadership in developing the Global Ocean Observing System for Climate, an international framework for ocean monitoring used to inform policy decisions.

Office of the Under Secretary

Jennifer Lukens

For critical contributions in the development of the policies and mechanisms to accomplish the goals and objectives of the President's Ocean Policy Task Force and for organizing NOAA's contributions to the successful completion of the Task Force reports.

Technology Transfer Awards

National Marine Fisheries Service

Harold Barnett

For development and commercialization of a process to transform fish processing wastes into high quality fish meal and oil for aquaculture feeds.

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Dusan Zrnic

For developing a novel way to measure linear orthogonal polarimetric variables without a switch that was patented and transferred to the private sector, producing significant savings in the implementation of commercial dual polarization radars.

Employees/Team Members of the Month

May

Matt Davis, NWS
Tomoko Acoba, NMFS

June

Debbie Rivera, NESDIS
Mark E. Hall, OAR

July

Charlie Henry, NOS
Chris Gutknecht, WFMO

August

Amanda Frick, NMFS
Jon Dixon, OMAO

September

Allen F. Zahrai, OAR
John Sereno, NWS

October

Shanna Pitter, PPI
Scott Bachmeier, NESDIS

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