

2007 NOAA Awards

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Program

Introduction

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Remarks

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Presentation of Awards

VADM Lautenbacher

Line and Corporate Office Representatives

Closing

Eduardo J. Ribas

2007 Administrator's Award Recipients

National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

Larry W. Carr

For improving logistical, property, supply, and procurement support for NCDC and NOAA, including managing personal property accounts valued in excess of \$4 million, located in six separate states.

Paul S. Chang

For leading the development of the first global ocean wind vector retrievals from the first passive polarimetric satellite microwave sensor, enabling operational observations.

Paul E. Pegnato

For technical expertise and leadership as NOAA Project Manager for the construction and outfitting of the NOAA Satellite Operations Facility (NSOF).

Anna Fiolek

For compiling International Polar Year 2007-2008: Resources on Polar Research in the NOAA Central Library Network: A Selected Bibliography, a comprehensive resource containing over 1400 citations.

David H. Levinson

Michael F. Squires

For conducting a research study that established new meteorological criteria used in setting engineering standards for the rebuilding of hurricane and flood protection infrastructure for southern Louisiana.

Denise R. Sylvester

LCDR Gregg Glover (NMAO)

Carla J. Moore

Ted Habermann

For designing and deploying a standards-based data tracking system that provides the National Geophysical Data Center with a centralized management tool for recording processing lineage.

NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations

James DuGranrut

Jeff Smith

Donita McCullough (AGO)

Jim Roles

Patty Merek

Greg Bast

LCDR Carl Newman

For the acquisition of a third P-3 Orion aircraft to improve NOAA's capability to support tropical cyclone forecasts as well as OAR's climate monitoring program.

National Marine Fisheries Service

Roy Torres

For exposing the largest known shark smuggling operation in U.S. history, culminating in fines and restitution totaling \$965,000, which was dedicated to acquiring and restoring the leopard shark habitat in San Francisco Bay.

Joseph Serafy

For advancing scientific knowledge of the linkages among tropical mangroves, fishes, and fisheries via the First International Symposium on Mangroves as Fish Habitat.

Jennifer Anderson

For leadership in managing the northeast Days At Sea program to provide more timely and detailed data to commercial fishermen and NOAA resource managers.

Patrick Moran

For leadership, as the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Coordinator and Chief of Staff to the U.S. delegation, in organizing and presenting proposals which achieve U.S. international fisheries and environmental stewardship objectives.

James M. Coe

For leadership at regional and national levels in educating both managers and employees on the Demonstration Project which ultimately led to its successful expansion within NOAA Fisheries Service.

William Chappell

Catherine Belli

For improving the quality and timeliness of the regulatory actions required for managing marine fisheries resources, while reducing the staff needed for the clearance process by 50 percent.

Brian Lance

Erika Ammann

Matthew Eagleton

John Olson

LTJG Jonathan Taylor (NMAO)

For conceiving, planning, and installing the first modular artificial reef in the sub-Arctic waters off of Alaska to mitigate losses of marine habitat.

Eric Thunberg

John Walden

Scott Steinback

For creativity under pressure in producing high-quality economic analyses in support of the Northeast Multispecies Emergency Action and Framework 42.

Michael Sturtevant

M. Shawn Barry

Robert Gorrell

Bernard Cody (OGC)

Leila Afzal (OGC)

For initiating the first industry/NOAA partnered fishing capacity reduction program, a \$35 million buyback in the longline catcher processor non-pollock groundfish fishery.

David King

James Smart

Barney Baker

Sand Borrego

Scott Harrington

Allen Harvison

Scott McKillip

For nationally recognized leadership in transferring knowledge about fabricating, maintaining and managing research fishing gear used for assessment surveys.

Susan Boring

Madelyn Martinez

Howard Brown

William Leet

For coordinating an interagency team which enabled timely responses to thousands of individual 2006 flood damage claims, the repair of 72 critical levees prior to the 2007 rainy season, and the protection of ESA-listed fish species in central and northern California.

National Ocean Service

Annie Hillary

For international leadership in advancing marine World Heritage and the establishment of Marine Protected Area networks, in part through the development of the global guidance document, Establishing Networks of MPAs – Making it Happen.

Susan L. Baker

For designing and managing a database that improves the accuracy and efficiency of Congressional inquiry responses and strategic planning efforts.

Jeremy McHugh

Paul Turner

Lyn Preston

Robert Heeley

CDR Douglas Baird (NMAO)

Steven Soherr

Patricia Pitts

Christie Ence

Pramod Singh

Mark Hetrick

Brian Mohr

Thomas Finocchiaro

Brian Martinez

John O'Hara

David Riccio

Meredith Westington

For protecting sensitive marine resources through the charting of right whale routes and the development of the Particularly Sensitive Sea Area Proposal for the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

Maralyn L. Vorhauer

Dale G. Pursell

For leading the implementation of the 2007 National Readjustment of the National Spatial Reference System, which has resolved inconsistencies in positional and height information and produced a new, improved positional framework.

Holly Bamford

Nir Barnea

Sarah Morison

Donna Lawson

David Landsman (NMFS)

For successfully implementing an effective and nationally recognized program that supports NOAA's mission to keep the oceans free of marine debris.

National Weather Service

Virgil Middendorf

For development of a standard tabular spot forecast formatter which improves the quality and consistency of information provided to National Weather Service customers.

Tim Barker

For developing a suite of verification software that provides NWS Forecast Offices with the ability to monitor and improve the performance of gridded forecasts.

Laurie Hogan

For initiative in leveraging existing technology and resources to implement an electronic messaging system for the distribution of hydrologic information to Delaware River basin customers.

Robb Kookaby

For creating, developing, implementing and improving a user-friendly web interface and database system to manage NWS requirements.

Michael R. Dutter

For creating Port Forecast, a product used by American and Canadian Great Lakes shipping fleets to make decisions on when and how to navigate very tight waterway control systems, ports, and rivers.

Paul D. Kirkwood

Keith M. Stellman

John M. Coyne

Kenneth A. Pavelle

Jason E. Burks

For the development of innovative Geographic Information Systems-based technology and services for use in the provision of critical radar data and imagery to NOAA's partners and customers.

Kenneth A. Pavelle

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For the development of an experimental precipitation analysis information web service for the lower 48 United States and Puerto Rico.

Andrea Bair

David A. Unger

Michael J. Brewer

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Matthew J. Menne (NESDIS)

Claude N. Williams, Jr. (NESDIS)

Jenna Meyers

Nicole Kempf

Charles "Chip" Guard

Laurie Hogan

For conceiving the original idea, developing the scientific process, designing and testing the product, and implementing the Local 3-Month Temperature Outlook: NOAA's first local climate forecast product designed to meet a wide range of customer needs.

Robert E. Livezey

Fiona Horsfall

Judy Koepsel

Robert Leffler

Myron Berger

Michael Brewer

Diana Perfect

Robert M. Tibi

Andrea Bair

Timothy W. Owen (NESDIS)

Victor Murphy

Doug Kluck

Gary Hufford

Laurie Hogan

Sergio Marsh

Harvey Thurm

Heather Hauser Dohan

James Weyman

For creating new climate information products and services in response to increasing customer requests so that local and national decision makers can make economically, socially, and environmentally sound choices.

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David P. Jorgensen
Joseph A. Dandrea
Jayne L. Laber
Michelle Schmidt
Robert M. Tibi
Marty Ralph (OAR)
Kevin Werner

For the successful planning, implementation and initial deployment in the San Diego and Oxnard Hydrologic Service Areas of the first NOAA/USGS Debris-Flow Warning System.

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Troy Nicolini
Chris McAloon

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Thomas A. Townsend
Richard B. Wagenmaker
Kenneth R. Rizzo
Edward C. Fenelon
Robert J. Dukesherer
Michael R. Dutter
Gary T. Garnet
Sergio Marsh
Richard May

For the successful assessment of the Great Lakes marine observation network, recommendation for additional essential observation platforms, and the initial deployment and delivery of observations to support the American public and national economy.

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Douglas E. Forsyth

In recognition of leadership in overseeing the design, construction and occupancy of the National Weather Center, a joint NOAA and University of Oklahoma project which was realized both on time and under budget.

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For leading the Air Resources Laboratory as Acting Director beginning in February 2006, including the advancement of the Meteorological Assimilation and Data Ingest System and Urbanet.

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Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

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Office of the Chief Financial Officer

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Thomas L. Laughlin

Elizabeth McLanahan

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For research and consensus building in changing the United States position on destructive fishing practices in vulnerable marine ecosystems in the high seas.

2007 Technology Transfer Award Recipients

National Ocean Service

R. Wayne Litaker

Patricia A. Tester

Vera L. Trainer (NMFS)

Bich-Thuy L. Eberhart (NMFS)

John C. Wekell (NMFS)

Marc Suddleson

For development and commercialization of rapid, cost-effective detection of algal toxins threatening human health and marine resources in coastal waters.

Employees & Team Members of the Month

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Jim Donovan, NMAO

Kris McElwee, NOS

June

Mike Umscheid, NWS

Kevin Higaki, NMFS

July

Menghua Wang, NESDIS

Tony Jenkins, OAR

August

Laurie Golden, NOS

Saroja Trollinger, CAO

September

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LCDR Les Cruise, NMAO

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