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Presentation of Awards

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Closing

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2007 Gold Medal Recipients

Leadership

Gerald Scott, NMFS

Personal and Professional Excellence

Susan L. Baker, NOS

Customer Service

Gerald L. Mader, NOS

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Heroism

LCDR Mark Nelson, OMAO

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LCDR Joseph Bishop, OMAO

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Terry Lynch, OMAO

William Olney, OMAO

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Leadership

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Eugene D. Legg, NESDIS

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Mark Holliday, NMFS

Samuel Rauch III, NMFS

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Heather Sagar, NMFS

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Scientific/Engineering Achievement

Christopher W. Brown, NESDIS

Mary E. Culver, NOS

Kent H. Hughes, NESDIS

Eugene D. Legg, NESDIS

Linda Stathoplos, NESDIS

Richard Paul Stumpf, NOS

Thomas R. Karl, NESDIS

Christopher D. Miller, OAR

Venkatachalam Ramaswamy, OAR

John R. Lanzante, OAR

Dian J. Seidel, OAR

Thomas C. Peterson, NESDIS

Russell S. Vose, NESDIS

Richard William Reynolds, NESDIS

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Sean Flynn Corson, NOS

Randall K. Kosaki, NOS

Moani Pai, NOS

Vincent A. Collins, NOS

Michael Tosatto, NMFS

Edward Lindelof, NOS

Theodore M. Beuttler, OGC

Michael Ian Weiss, NOS

Jane H. Chalmers, OGC

Mary E. Ward, OGC

Daniel Cohen, DOC OGC

Alexa Anne Cole, OGC

Silar R. Deroma, OGC

Adam D. Issenberg, OGC

Joel R. LaBissonniere, OGC

Elizabeth J. Packard, OGC

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Ying Lin, NWS

Wan-Shu Wu, NWS

David Franklin Parrish, NWS

Matthew E. Pyle, NWS

Geoffrey Stephen Manikin, NWS

Dennis A. Keyser, NWS

David L. Michaud, NWS

2007 Silver Medal Recipients

Scientific/Engineering Achievement

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Cheng-Zhi Zou, NESDIS

Randall Absolon, NMFS

Gordon Axel, NMFS

Brian Burke, NMFS

Kinsey Frick, NMFS

Eric Hockersmith, NMFS

Byron Iverson, NMFS

Bruce Jonasson, NMFS

Mark Kaminski, NMFS

Darren Ogden, NMFS

Samuel Rambo, NMFS

Kathryn Bisack, NMFS

Heather Haas, NMFS

Henry Milliken, NMFS

Kimberly Murray, NMFS

Debra Palka, NMFS

Marjorie Rossman, NMFS

Gordon Waring, NMFS

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Glenn Salvador, NMFS

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Kent H. Hughes, NESDIS

Jeffrey Polovina, NMFS

Gary Lee Hufford, NWS

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Customer Service

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Richard L. Thompson, NWS

Leadership

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Philip Steele, NMFS

Monica Smit-Brunello, OGC

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Sarah Devido, NMFS

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Peter Hood, NMFS

John D. Reed, NMFS

David McKinney, NMFS

Thomas Moore, NMFS

Kevin Kirsch, NOS

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Bronze Medal Recipients

National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

Ken Knapp

For analyzing terabytes of data from 18 different satellites from more than 20 years of observations in order to create climate data records on hurricane trends and improve the understanding of climate variability and change.

Mark DeMaria

Antonio Irving

Nancy Merckle

John A. Knaff

For the development and operational implementation of the Tropical Cyclone Formation product that quantitatively predicts storm formation probability.

Thomas Schott

David A. Benner

Antonio Irving

Selina M. Nauman

Brian Hughes

Eileen Maturi

Hank Drahos

For developing and implementing processes to shorten the transition of satellite products from research to operations to meet critical user needs.

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John McDonough, OAR

Betsy Schenck-Gardner

Donald W. Collins

Steven Rutz

Sharon M. Mesick

George F. Sharman

Eric Roby

Julie A. Bosch

For developing a unique, end-to-end data management system to organize, archive, and disseminate ocean exploration information for researchers and the public.

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Nathaniel Guttman

Karsten Shein

Robert E. Livezey, NWS

Robert J. Leffler, NWS

Michael Brewer, NWS

Myron Berger, NWS

Douglas Kluck, NWS

Timothy Kearns, NWS

Andrea Bair, NWS

For greatly improving climate data services and data management through enhanced collaboration between NOAA and its climate service partners.

Office of Satellite Operations

Office of Satellite Data Processing and Distribution

Office of Systems Development

For coordinating the logistics and movement of more than 500 people, as well as highly sensitive operational equipment, to a new facility—the NOAA Satellite Operations Facility—without interrupting the 24/7 operations of 16 on-orbit satellites.

Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

Marine Operations Center, Pacific

For rapid response to the catastrophic 4 alarm pier fire of July 5, 2006, which included accounting for each employee, determining what essential personnel were required on scene, developing alternate work site plans and managing media and investigative inquiries.

National Marine Fisheries Service

Deborah R. Hart

For significant advances in the theory of rotational area fisheries and leadership in its application to Atlantic sea scallop assessment and management.

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For leading 30 authors and 100 reviewers from federal, state, tribal, local government, and non-profit entities in synthesis on the Puget Sound, Sound Science, a report which provides policy makers with the first consensus on threats to the ecosystem and research required for recovery.

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For the development and successful deployment of a fiberoptic towed body package capable of housing and deploying a variety of oceanographic, acoustic, and video packages.

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For inventing and refining an inexpensive electronic measuring device to provide quick and accurate measurements of fish lengths.

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Otis L. Jackson

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Edmundo Casillas

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John W. Ferguson

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Deborah M. Blood

Susan J. Picquelle

William Rugen

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National Marine Sanctuary Program

Office of Response and Restoration

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WFO El Paso area, Tex.

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WFO Memphis, Tenn.

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WFO Midland, Tex.

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WFO North Platte, Neb.

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WFO Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois

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WFO Raleigh, N.C.

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WFO Seattle, Wash.

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WFO Tulsa, Okla.

For developing interactive analysis techniques that prevented loss of life during a March 2006 tornado episode despite 65 miles of damage and 300 homes damaged or destroyed.

North Central River Forecast Center

WFO Grand Forks, N.D.

For early recognition of the high probability for significant spring flooding, which resulted in lead times of several weeks to over a month and allowed local partners plenty of preparation time.

WFO Albany, N.Y.

WFO Binghamton, N.Y.

WFO Mt. Holly, N.J.

For advanced rain and flood forecasts which enabled accurate mitigation and allocation planning by public officials during a record-breaking flooding event in June 2006.

WFO Denver/Boulder, Colo.

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For accurate and timely warning information provided during a month-long series of winter storms in northeast Colorado during December 2006 - January 2007, which minimized the loss of life by alerting the public to storm hazards and enabling effective resource management.

WFO Central Illinois

WFO St. Louis, Mo.

For life-saving warnings and support services provided during the historic winter storm and power outages across Missouri and Illinois on November 30 - December 1, 2006.

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WFO St. Louis, Mo.

WFO Springfield, Mo.

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Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center

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WFO Taunton, Mass.

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