



Arizona/New Mexico American Fisheries Society Chapter

Fish Head of the Year Award

This award recognizes an individual for his/her dedication to the aquatic resources and their career achievements.

Criteria:

1. The nominee must have been a member of the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter of The American Fisheries Society for the majority of his/her career.
2. The nominee must have a sustained record of productivity in applied fisheries science that must include research, management, conservation or education. This award is intended to honor an individual's record of achievements over their entire career, rather than accomplishments involving a single endeavor. These may include:
 - a. A monumental multi-year project, or
 - b. Original techniques or research methods, or
 - c. New, fresh ideas, viewpoints, or data which contribute remarkably to conservation, management or basic understanding of fisheries resources, or
 - d. A new successfully executed fishery research or management program of regional importance, or
 - e. Imaginative and successful programs in fish conservation, education, or management at any level of teaching or graduate student guidance, or
 - f. Important faunal or ecological discoveries or new taxonomic criteria, or
 - g. Interdisciplinary research involving leadership in team efforts in the laboratory or field, or
 - h. Multiple successful efforts in a variety of fields such as biology, technical and popular writing, laboratory and field research, inspirational leadership, public outreach or education.
3. The body of applicant's work must have resulted in significant improvements in fisheries management or conservation, on-the-ground management practices, or fisheries policies.
4. The nominee has a chapter-wide reputation for excellence in fisheries science.
5. The nominee is recognized as a mentor to other fisheries professionals within the chapter.

SPECIFICIATION AND LIMITATIONS

- a. Award recipient must be living at the time of selection
- b. The award will not necessarily be made annually, but will be made only in such years, as there is substantial or unanimous agreement among members of the Awards Committee than an award is justified.
- c. A CV of career achievements along with no more than three letters of support should be included with nomination.