

## NPAFC Award

### 1. Description of the award

The NPAFC Award recognizes significant and sustained contribution in areas of scientific research, enforcement, international cooperation, or management for the conservation of (one or more) anadromous salmon and steelhead stocks during the marine life history phase in the North Pacific Ocean. The species of anadromous stocks are defined in the Annex to the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean.

The award is presented by the NPAFC President at the First Plenary Session of the Annual Meeting. The award consists of a plaque engraved with the recipient's name. A large plaque is maintained at the NPAFC Secretariat with the names of all the award winners, which grows as the names accumulate over time. The recipient will receive financial support, if necessary, to attend the First Plenary and receive the award.

### 2. Criteria for nomination

The nominee must meet one of the following criteria:

- A work of outstanding significance, or
- New concept, technique, or application that contributes significantly to conservation, enforcement, international cooperation, management, or basic understanding of salmon resources in marine habitats, or
- New successfully executed fishery research or management program of national or international importance, or
- Imaginative and successful programs in fish conservation or education, or
- Important faunal or ecological discoveries, or
- Distinguished leadership in areas of scientific research, public understanding and policy, conservation, international cooperation, enforcement, management, or public outreach.

### 3. Nomination process

Nominations are solicited annually, although the award may not be given each year. The award will be presented only when there is unanimous agreement among members of the Award Committee that an award is justified. Nominees who participated, or are currently participating, in NPAFC activities are preferred, but the award may be given to any suitable nominee, including those not included among the NPAFC-member countries. The award winner must be living at the time of selection by the Award Committee and may be an individual or a group.

The Secretariat will develop a webpage devoted to the award for public outreach. The webpage will include a description of the award, information on previous award winners, and contact information for nomination inquiries. If the Secretariat receives a nomination inquiry from the public, the Secretariat will forward the inquiry to the appropriate Party based on the place of residence of the candidate. The Secretariat serves as a conduit of information and does not perform any nominating function.

Only the Parties can submit a nomination and each year a maximum of one nomination is accepted from each Party. The Parties are encouraged to solicit candidates for nomination through their own resources.

- Nominations require a candidate's full name and full contact information.
- Nomination materials include a detailed nomination letter that specifically addresses the award criteria, a CV (*curriculum vitae*, or resume) of the nominee, and additional supporting materials as needed.
- Nomination materials must be in English.
- All nomination materials are sent to the NPAFC Secretariat by email.

- Complete nomination materials are due to the Award Committee via the Secretariat no later than 120 days prior to the start of the following NPAFC Annual Meeting.

#### **4. Decision-making process**

Under normal circumstances, the decisions of the NPAFC Award Committee will be accomplished by email. The Award Committee comprises the President and Vice President of the Commission and the Chairpersons of the CSRS, ENFO, and F&A Committees and the Executive Director (or his/her designee) who is a non-voting member of the committee. The President is the Chairperson and a voting member of the committee. The award winner is selected by unanimous agreement among voting members of the Award Committee. Timing for the decision whether the award will be given and who it will be awarded to will be made at least two months before the following NPAFC Annual Meeting to allow time to make travel and award arrangements.

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