



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

Purpose of Award

To recognize an individual that has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of the position held and who exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of service to enforcing fisheries regulations in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominee must be an active, full-time, paid, state or Federal fisheries law enforcement officer or U.S. Coast Guard officer.
- Nominee must reside and be assigned or attached for duty in one of the five Gulf states.
- Nominee's duties must be relevant to the enforcement of federal fisheries regulations in the Gulf of Mexico region.
- Nominee must demonstrate good reputation professionally and personally among his or her peers and communities.
- Nominee must have maintained an outstanding level of productivity and professional achievement when the individual, through personal initiative, fixity of purpose, persistence, or endeavor, demonstrates a degree of effort that has a significant positive impact on fisheries enforcement, which would exceed the normal expectations of the job.

Award Criteria

Team Work and Public Outreach – Nominee excels in deliberate and effective communication with the public. Seeks opportunities to educate, inform and exchange ideas with the public about regional fishery management issues and priorities. Nominee demonstrates intra- and inter- agency cooperation; gives specific and helpful feedback to improve job performance; shares his/her own work experiences and information to help accomplish agency missions.

Excellence and Innovation – Nominee is willing to go beyond the call of duty and continually seeks to improve efficiency on the job. Nominee has identified means to increase constituent satisfaction or cost-savings for the agency and has taken steps to achieve implementation.

Attitude and Leadership – Nominee portrays a positive perspective to fellow workers and the public, and takes personal responsibility for meeting commitments and solving problems. Nominee demonstrates standards of excellence and professionalism and exemplifies standards and conduct that reflect honesty and fairness.

Achievements and Accomplishments – Nominee’s job performance demonstrates distinguished career-oriented accomplishments, which have assisted in fulfilling his/her agency’s responsibilities related to the federal management of Gulf of Mexico fisheries.

Guidelines

Undisputable proof of the nominee’s outstanding performance, accomplishments, actions, and character shall be required. The nomination package may include supporting items such as letters from agency heads/supervisors, performance reviews, official reports, statements, etc. It is recognized that confidentiality considerations may preclude the submission of reports and related materials. Nominations should be made for the previous year. Each agency may submit no more than one nomination.

The Gulf Council’s Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP) and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) will review the nominations and provide the Gulf Council with the top three choices. Upon completion of the review, the joint LEAP/LEC Committee will select three nominees. The Council will make the final determination during a regularly scheduled meeting.

I

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council 2014 Law Enforcement of the Year Award

Nominee's Information:

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Agency/Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominator's Information:

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Agency/Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please use no more than one page to respond to the following three items.
Attach your response to this cover sheet and mail to:

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
c/o Charlene Ponce/Phyllis Miranda
2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100
Tampa, FL 33607

Nominations may also be submitted by fax to: 813-648-1711, or emailed to:
gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org.

1. Describe the nominee's current responsibilities.
2. Describe the nominee's significant contribution(s) to fisheries enforcement.
3. Describe specific qualities that make the nominee deserving of this award.

I hereby affirm that the information submitted herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that if any of the information provided is found to be inaccurate or untruthful, this nomination shall be removed from consideration for this award.

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____