



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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## **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Announced**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council awarded the 2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award to Sergeant Nicholas Guillory with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division. Sergeant Guillory was presented the prestigious award by Council Chairman Kevin Anson of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“Presenting the Gulf Council’s first ever Officer of the Year award is an honor and a privilege,” said Anson. “Thank you, Sergeant Guillory, for your hard work and dedication.”

The Council’s Officer of the Year award acknowledges service above and beyond duty requirements and recognizes distinguished service, professionalism, and dedication to enforcing federal fishing regulations in the Gulf of Mexico. Nominees may be submitted from each of the five Gulf State Law Enforcement agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard, and NOAA Fisheries’ Office for Law Enforcement.

Sergeant Guillory began his career with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in 2008. Within three short years, he was promoted to Sergeant due, in part, to his dedication and commitment. In 2015, he recorded 444 hours of patrol, enforcing Federal fish regulations in the Gulf of Mexico and issued 29 citations.

Most notable of Sergeant Guillory’s efforts this past year include his actions during a stormy day in September. He received a call that a vessel was caught in the storm and taking on water. As he made his way out to the vessel, he came across a man stuck in waist-deep muck and pulled him aboard his boat. Minutes later, Guillory saw a different boat also taking on water and quickly rescued those passengers as well. He took the three passengers to safety, along with the sinking boat, and headed back out to find the original people in need of help, but before he could get to them, he came across two more vessels in need of help. By the end of the day, Sergeant Guillory rescued eight people and safely recovered three vessels.

“Sergeant Guillory is a professional in everything he does. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division is proud to have him as an Agent,” said Captain Chad Hebert, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division.