

Guidelines for the Ricks E Savage Award

Eligibility:

A person who has added value to the MAFMC process and management goals through significant scientific, legislative, enforcement or management activities is eligible.

Award

The award will be presented during the February meeting.

Selection Process

1. Written nominations will be solicited and received by the end of November each year by the Executive Committee.
2. Initially, nominations may only be made by Mid-Atlantic Council members.
3. The Executive Committee will select the recipient by consensus.
4. The recipient's identity will remain confidential if possible, until announced during the award presentation.

Other Award Rules

1. Candidates must be nominated each year: no nominations will carry over.
2. Recipients can be reimbursed for travel expenses to receive the award.
3. The recipient will receive a plaque. A permanent plaque will be placed in the Headquarters office in Dover with a list of all the recipients.

Past Recipients

2006 - Jim Ruhle
2007 - Jim Gilford
2008 - Phil Ruhle
2009 - Laurie Nolan
2010 - Dennis Spitsbergen
2011- John Boreman
2012 - Jack Travelstead
2013 – Red Munden
2014 – George Darcy
2015 – Pres Pate

Guidelines for Award of Excellence - DRAFT

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Award of Excellence recognizes an individual's outstanding contribution to fisheries management, legislation, science, or law enforcement in the mid-Atlantic region.

Award

The award will be made on a periodic basis subject to the identification and selection of outstanding individuals.

Selection process:

Council members will send written nominations to the Executive Director at any time during the year.

The Executive Director will present nominations to the Executive Committee as they become available.

The Executive Committee will meet to discuss the nominee's achievements and select the recipient by consensus.

The award presentation will occur at an award ceremony in association with a Mid-Atlantic Council meeting.

The recipient will receive an award trophy at the ceremony and a permanent plaque will be placed in the Council office in Dover, DE with a list of all the recipients.

Past Recipients:

August, 2016 - Richard B. Robins, Jr.

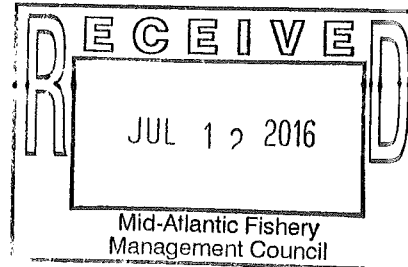


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July 5, 2016

Mr. John Bullard
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Dear John,

We have been discussing the impacts of climate change on fishery management in the Greater Atlantic Region for several years. In 2014, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) hosted the "East Coast Climate Change and Fisheries Governance Workshop." More recently, scientists from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center evaluated vulnerability of species in the region to climate changes, and the Northeast Region Coordinating Council (NRCC) agreed to organize a working group to review the issue and recommend approaches to address the management issues identified.

In recognition that we need to respond now to the effects of climate change, the Council requests joint management authority with the MAFMC for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. This request stems from a Council motion passed at our June, 2016 Council meeting:

that the Council (1) request joint management authority with the MAFMC for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass; (2) request NOAA Fisheries take necessary steps for joint management authority to be established; and (3) inform the MAFMC that rationale for this request includes: (a) shifted distribution of these species in response to climate warming and (b) the conclusion of the NEFSC 2016 Fish and Shellfish Climate Vulnerability Assessment about these shifts in distribution with climate change appearing to have enhanced these species' productivity and increased their population sizes in New England waters.

Summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass are managed by the MAFMC. Their historic importance to New England fishermen is reflected by the commercial allocations to New England states – about 25 percent for summer flounder and black sea bass, and 81 percent for the scup summer period. While commercial quotas constrain state catches, recreational catches are more reflective of recent availability. New England states have increased their share of the recreational catch in recent years. This is particularly noticeable in the case of black sea bass: barely measureable when the FMP was adopted, New England now accounts for over 28 percent of recreational catch. In the case of black sea bass and scup, the northern shifts are attributed to

climate change, while the shift in summer flounder may be due to reductions in fishing mortality, though climate change cannot be ruled out. In any case, the shifts are real and are already influencing the fishery and fishermen. Management needs to respond.

New England states are not represented on the MAFMC, and while members of our Council do serve on the management committee, they do not participate in the final decisions by the MAFMC. Joint management is necessary to ensure that New England interests are represented and considered in the management of summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The Council requests that you use the authority established in 50 CFR 600.110 to require joint management of this FMP. This request is particularly timely given amendments that are being prepared for these species; we cannot wait until the NRCC working group makes its recommendations.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this request or the Council's motion. We look forward to working with the MAFMC to manage these species.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Nies
Executive Director

cc: Dr. Chris Moore, MAFMC



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August 19, 2016

Mr. Tom Nies
New England Fishery Management Council
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Dear Tom:

In response to the request from the New England Council to the NMFS requesting joint management of Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass, the Council passed the following motion last week:

Move that in response to the NEFMC letter concerning the demersal committee that the MAFMC add 2 additional seats for a NEFMC member and request that when the NEFMC meets to consider final action for frameworks, specifications, and amendments for sea scallops, that it meet as a committee of the whole of the scallop committee.

The Council considered your request for joint management and rejected the idea noting the complexity associated with joint management and the fact that the New England states are already represented on the ASMFC Board which meets jointly twice a year with the Council to set specifications for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. In addition, the New England Council has one seat on our Demersal committee which now meets as a committee of the whole to allow for full participation by that member. However, the Council indicated that they would be willing to increase the number of New England seats on the Demersal Committee if the New England Council was willing to allow for a similar arrangement with your Scallop Committee.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D.
Executive Director

cc: Elliott, Luisi