

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**



**Purpose of Award**

To recognize an individual who 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 South Atlantic region.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Nominee must be a living, active, full-time and paid, state or Federal fisheries law enforcement officer, U.S. Coast Guard officer, or **Federal, state or prosecutorial attorney.**
- Nominee must reside and be assigned or attached for duty in one of the four South Atlantic states.
- 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.
- Nominee's duties must be relevant to the enforcement of fisheries regulations in the South Atlantic region.

## **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 continuously portrays a contagious, 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 management of South Atlantic fisheries.

## **Guidelines**

Incontestable proof of the nominee's outstanding performance, accomplishments, actions, and character shall be required. The nomination package should 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; however, there must be sufficient documentation for a nominee to be considered. Submissions for items 1-3 below should not exceed one page per item (Times New Roman, 12-point font).

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP) will review/comment on the nominations. Each agency must submit no more than one nomination. Upon completion of the review, the LEAP will select three nominees to forward to the SAFMC Executive Director for consideration. The information on nominees shall exclude the officer's name, gender or state of residence. The Executive Director will provide the information to Council members who will then make the final determination of who merits the award at a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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**Nominee's Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Please attach any helpful supporting documentation such as police reports, sworn statements, newspaper accounts, and letters of recommendation.

I hereby affirm that the aforementioned information and supporting documentation related to the nomination of this Nominee for this award 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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