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2011 LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Nominee's Information:

Name: Jonathan Hall

Position/Title: Officer

Agency/Department: Marine Patrol, NC DENR, Marine Fisheries Division

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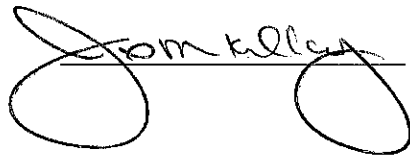
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1. Describe the nominee's current responsibilities.
2. Describe the nominee's significant contribution(s) to fisheries enforcement.
3. Describe specific qualities that make the nominee deserving of this award.

I hereby affirm that the information submitted herein 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:

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Date:

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***Law Enforcement of the Year Award
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Nominee Officer Jonathan Hall***

Current Responsibilities: Officer Jonathan Hall serves Southport, North Carolina. His duties include dealer inspections, boat patrol, polluted area patrol, endangered species patrol, issuing citation and warning authority, testifying in court, boating safety, license inspections, and making educational presentations to civic groups, schools and special events. Officer Hall works closely with the Coast Guard personnel at Station Oak Island. Officer Hall has also worked closely with the South Carolina DNR in a variety of joint operations around the state line. Officer Hall has a thorough understanding of marine fisheries rules, and he gives real time feedback when issues arise. He frequently provides innovative solutions to problems. Officer Hall provides leadership and assistance to less experienced Officers to ensure they stay on course. He responds willingly to calls and requests whether on duty or not, and represents the Marine Patrol with dignity and integrity.

Significant Contributions: Officer Hall developed several cases working a joint operation with South Carolina DNR Officer that resulted in both criminal and civil penalties for selling seafood without the proper license. During one of these joint operations, he also discovered a North Carolina licensed dealer was under-reporting their catches. Officer Hall has worked hard to develop a good relationship with the local Law Enforcement and South Carolina DNR, knowing that in a time of need, the nearest enforcement entity may be the best help. Officer Hall's area of responsibility has several snapper/grouper dealers and most of the permitted bandit vessels in the region. He has made several cases against recreational fishermen for the sale of bag limit snapper/grouper and dolphin/wahoo. Officer Hall is always looking for innovative ways to observe fishing activity; he has modified utility boxes to put a camera inside,

used web cameras, and has also spent hours in a gillie suit watching vessels unload. Officer Hall is willing to go the extra mile in anything asked of him, and he keeps an excellent attitude even when things are not going well. Officer Hall has consistently been a top performer in setting up undercover sting operations related to the "back door" sale of seafood.

Specific Qualities: Officer Hall is well-respected by his peers and supervisors. He is always willing to go above and beyond what his position requires, with a positive, can-do attitude. He has cultivated good working relationships with the area's fishing industry, but carries out his duties with the utmost professionalism when the need arises. Officer Hall received a "Safety & Heroism" award prior to joining District III. He and another Officer jumped into the ocean during rough seas to rescue two 11-year old girls who were in trouble, demonstrating an admirable selflessness in the face of near-tragedy.

He is a husband, father, volunteer and friend while not at work, and it is a testament to him that his private relationships contribute greatly to his work ethic and responsibilities. His integrity is unquestionable; his moral compass guides him to always do what is right and just both in his personal and professional life.