

## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Annual Awards of Excellence Criteria

The Annual Awards of Excellence Program was established by the Commission at its 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Awards will be presented in four categories, and the criteria for the Annual Awards of Excellence are as follows:

*An individual or individuals who have (have) made highly significant contributions to the management and conservation of Atlantic coastal fisheries in the following areas:*

- *Scientific/Technical/Advisory*
- *Congressional/Legislative*
- *Law Enforcement*
- *Management/Policy*

*Such contributions must be for work on conservation issues of interstate, i.e. regional or Atlantic coastwide importance.*

Receipt of an Annual Award of Excellence does not preclude the recipient from receiving the David H. Hart Award at another time.

Nominations are solicited annually. A Nomination Committee reviews the candidates and selects the winners.

Candidates nominated but not selected in previous years do not need to be renominated. They will remain in the pool of nominees for three years following the year of their nomination.