

2003 NOAA Awards

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Program

National Anthem

Nancy Jackson

Office of the Deputy Under Secretary

Introduction

Zane E. Schauer

Director for Human Resources Management

Remarks

Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.,

U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

Presentation of Awards

VADM Lautenbacher

Line and Staff Office Representatives

Closing

Zane E. Schauer

2003 NOAA Administrator's Awards

Offices of the Under Secretary

Margarita Conkright Gregg, NESDIS

For leading the effort in organizing and implementing the December 3-5, 2002, U.S. Climate Change Science Program Planning Workshop for Scientists and Stakeholders.

Stephanie Harrington, OAR

For committed and dedicated efforts in the implementation of the President's new interagency management structure for federal climate and global change research.

Nancy R. Jackson

For coordinating the consolidation, including the temporary move, construction, installation, and final move into the work spaces, of ten NOAA staff offices.

Timothy R.E. Keeney

James P. Burgess III, NMFS

Neil Christerson, NOS

Dane Clark, NESDIS

James Cohen, NMFS

Maria DeCillis

Susan Kennedy, CIO

Nicolette McClurkin

Robert Stockman

Brenda C. Taylor, NWS

For broad ranging expertise and leadership in the revision of NOAA's Strategic Plan involving key internal and external stakeholders.

Janet E. Ward, CIO

Madelyn Appelbaum

For dedication and commitment to the inception and maintenance of accessNOAA, NOAA's first online employee newsletter.

Thomas L. Laughlin III

Susan Ware Harris

Elizabeth McLanahan

Elaine Denning

Ann Bryant

Ruby Johnson

For contributions to environmental conservation and policy development and excellent public service through work for the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

NOAA Finance and Administration

Mildred D. Ingels

For leadership in the development of CAMS, a system which brings NOAA into compliance with the Chief Financial Officer's Act and all applicable accounting, budget, and management standards.

William Holdsworth

For leadership in the planning and execution of the FIMA to CAMS conversion effort.

Edward J. Rockenstire

For outstanding administrative support leading to significant cost savings and improvement in contractor support to the critical NESDIS satellite tracking mission at the Fairbanks Command and Acquisition Station.

Eric Locklear

Ken Jones, OAR

Debby Kay, OAR

Charles Walker, NMFS

Tiyo Fonte, NMFS

Sylvia Stribling, NMFS

For instituting an agency-wide research and development manual that improves financial accuracy and accountability to support NOAA's environmental stewardship, assessment, and prediction missions.

Melvyn A. DesJarlais

Lynne B. Phipps

Michelle R. Morales

Teresa L. Watson

Sybil S. Custer

William D. Privott

Linda L. Jacobs

Michele A. McCoy

Margaret A. Rankin

Linda C. Stein

Jack O. Salmon, Jr.

For using the Balanced Scorecard Survey to drive performance measurement improvements, increase the motivation, education, and empowerment of employees, and improve customer satisfaction.

Katherine Day

Carol Gocke

Carolyn Herder

Cheryl Homan-Wendell

Sara Martin

Heather McCullough

Patricia Perry

Joan St. Germain

Linda Vaughn

John Welsh

For innovative and aggressive application of information technology in bringing electronic information services and resources directly to the scientists in the Commerce Boulder Laboratories.

Ruben Pedroza, Jr.

Lyvia Hernandez

Ryan B. Corpus

David J. Maw

For the design and implementation of the Web-interactive New Employee Orientation CD-ROM.

James P. Faulkner

Stephanie Jones

Necolle Mayhew-Eimas

Maria Buie-Walker

Bernadette Anderson

Ken Tiktin

For implementing a highly successful NOAA Diversity Council sponsored Survey Feedback Action process.

National Ocean Service

Paula E. Whitfield

Jonathan A. Hare

In recognition of anticipatory actions to protect public health and the environment.

Elisabeth A. Morgan

Elaine B. Vaudreuil

For excellence in developing and implementing the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program.

George M. Frank

Douglas B. Graham

Mark W. Howard

Rickey O. Johanson

Michael A. Keltz

For outstanding work in the development and implementation of the NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer.

NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations

Stephen H. Manzo

For superb leadership and staffing expertise in formulating NOAA's ship platform requirements.

RADM Nicholas A. Prah

For leadership and initiative in improving and modernizing NOAA's fleet of fisheries, oceanographic, and hydrographic survey ships.

Alexander K. Rotteveel

Michael J. Merek

Glen A. Franke

CDR Brian K. Taggart

LCDR Mark P. Moran

LT Geoffrey S. Sandorf

LT Philip G. Hal

LT Carl E. Newman

LT Adam D. Dunbar

LTJG Bradley H. Fritzler

LTJG Nancy L. Ash

LTJG Kristie J. Twining

For the Twin Otter crew's high level of mission accomplishments and unparalleled safety to NOAA, government and university customers.

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Christian Meinig

In recognition of leadership and engineering development accomplishments as exemplified by the successful deployment of the New Millennium Observatory Network interactive seafloor sampling system.

Christopher W. Fairall

For advancing the science and engineering of air-sea interaction measurements and producing vastly improved parameterizations that have now been widely adopted in global climate and weather models.

Darryl Kuniyuki

Leslie Pajo

For conceiving, installing, operating and maintaining a state-of-the-art instrument control, data collection, and data transfer system linking a remote location on a volcano to the Internet via microwave and fiber optics.

Robert L. Molinari

For leadership in scientific research and for promoting international and national coordination of ocean observations.

National Weather Service

Clinton E. Wallace

For professional achievement in the design and development of the AWC Infrastructure Reconfiguration (AIR) program, which resulted in an immediate positive impact on forecast operations.

David W. Sharp

For exceptional innovation and leadership in applying scientific research results to the provision of hazardous weather information to the citizens of east-central Florida.

Bruce A. Sherbon

For technical development and leadership in the operational implementation of a new and innovative policy and training aid for the National Weather Service Upper Air Program.

Robert S. Davis

For outstanding leadership and public service in improving NOAA's National Weather Service's flash flood program.

Scott A. Mentzer

For major achievements in strengthening the relationship between the National Weather Service and volunteer amateur radio (ham) operators involved in hazardous weather communications throughout the U.S.

Lawrence L. Lehmann

For demonstrating outstanding initiative and leadership as the NOAA Weather Radio Voice Improvement Program manager in fielding a world-class, text-to-speech voicing system for NOAA Weather Radio.

Dennis D. Hull

For public service and the implementation of NOAA Weather Radio information systems in southeast Washington and northeast Oregon.

Stephan B. Smith

For extraordinary commitment as the National Weather Service Diversity Program Coordinator/Manager.

Tyndall Traversa

Jeffrey E. Carr

Victoria L. Alexander

For the design, development and implementation of the NWS Cost Management Program—an innovative financial and program management information system that is helping to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of NWS programs.

Bruce J. Giza

William A. Johnson

Doran S. Platt III

Marlene S. Quade

For demonstrating outstanding initiative, ingenuity, and leadership in acquiring and fielding a highly complex and technically advanced Strategic Backup weather communications capability for NWS and the Nation.

Lynn P. Maximuk

Alan A. Rezek

For leading corporate culture change by sharing a new vision for the delivery of valuable weather information to NOAA's partners and customers, resulting in national implementation of the Interactive Forecast Preparation System.

Armando L. Garza

Marco A. Bohórquez

Douglas D. Streu

Teresa K. DeLand

For significant improvement of aviation services provided to pilots nationwide.

Office of the Chief Information Officer

Greg Bass, NMAO
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Don Scavia, NOS
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Carla Steinborn
Robert Swisher, NFA

For teamwork and dedication, under tight time constraints, to the development of information quality guidelines covering all of the information disseminated by NOAA.

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service

David M. Anderson
For success in promoting the use and visibility of NOAA's pre-instrumental climate information and excellence in NOAA research.

Richard M. Barazotto
For developing an innovative approach which led to NOAA's full participation in Japan's Advanced Land Observing Satellite (ALOS) program, at no cost to NOAA, and with a cost benefit to NOAA of at least \$4,000,000.

Charles S. Bryant
Paul T. Pegnato, NFA
In recognition of skill, effectiveness and success in mitigating obstacles and keeping the NOAA Satellite Operational Facility (NSOF) on schedule, resulting in the on-time award of the Construction Management Contract.

Van D. Crawford
For exceptional performance in the areas of environmental compliance and safety.

Stephen A. Del Greco
Timothy D. Crum, NWS
For outstanding leadership and innovation in improving the ingest, archive and access of the Weather Surveillance Radar-1988 Doppler data.

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National Marine Fisheries Service

Rodney McInnis

For exceptional leadership as Acting Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, from October 2001 to the present.

Gordon Helm, OPCA

For enabling public understanding and support for NOAA's efforts to protect and preserve our Nation's living marine resources.

Lawrence Tyminski

For establishing exemplary outsourcing best practices that significantly improve NOAA Fisheries information systems and foster outstanding customer service.

Charlotte Ambrose

For developing forestry policy and programs that protect listed Endangered Species Act Salmonids in the NOAA Fisheries Southwest Region.

Andrew Bruckner, Ph.D.

For linking high quality coral reef research with innovative policy and management approaches to preserve domestic and international coral reefs.

Michael Schiewe, Ph.D.

In recognition of substantial and significant contributions to fishery science in the Pacific Northwest.

Robert Hoffman

*For exceptional leadership in the eradication of an invasive species, *Caulerpa taxifolia*, in California coastal waters.*

Kyle Baker

Cheryl Scannell, OGC

Katherine Wang, Ph.D.

For significant contributions to the protection and recovery of the endangered Gulf of Mexico sperm whale population.

Joe Scordino

J. Brent Norberg

For unprecedented success in rescuing, rehabilitating and relocating an orphaned orca whale from Puget Sound back to its family pod.

Nancy Thompson, Ph.D.

John Merriner, Ph.D.

Michael Prager, Ph.D.

Peter Thompson, Ph.D.

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For the restoration of flows to the Carmel River for the conservation and recovery of ESA-listed south-central California coast Steelhead Trout.

Linda Jones, Ph.D.

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Marjorie Rossman

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For developing and implementing innovative research programs to assess the stock structure and status of bottlenose dolphins in the mid-Atlantic.

Diversity SPECTRUM Award

Executive Category

Martha R. Cuppy, CASC Director, NFA
Dean Gulezian, Director, Eastern Region, NWS

Specialist/Professional Category

James D. Martin, Resource Management Division, NMAO
(Posthumously)

Joseph Vitaliano, Northeast Fisheries Science Center,
NMFS

Nina L. Jackson, Office of the Chief Information Officer,
NESDIS

Gregory R. Hammer, National Climatic Data Center,
NESDIS

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Control Center, NESDIS

Sheryl M. Thomasson, MASC Facilities and Logistics
Division, NFA

Ruth C. Moore, Management and Budget Office, NOS

Supervisory/Managerial Category

Steven W. Landino, Washington State Habitat Branch,
NMFS

Nancy Huang, Information Management Division, OAR

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Michael Daniels, EASC Financial Management Division,
NFA

Donald P. Jiron, Pacific Region Administrative Manage-
ment Division, NWS

Thomas E. Kriehn, WFO-Morehead City, NC, NWS

Clerical/Administrative Support Category

Edith McHenry, NOAA General Counsel, Alaska Region,
OGC

Best Practices Award

Edwin Welles
Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service Team
NWS

*For improving communications, including team members in the
decision making process, and giving team members more ownership
of their work assignments.*

NOAA Technology Transfer Award

Steven C. Hankin, OAR

*For technology transfer enabling unprecedented, web-based,
one-stop access to distributed datasets across federal, state,
academic, commercial and non-profit organizations.*

NOAA Employees/Team Members of the Month

October

Erica Seiden, NOS
Craig Kruempel, Tetra Tech EMI

November

John W. Watson, NMFS
Bob Schwartz, OPCA

December

Andrew J. Shepherd, OAR
Raymond Mitchell, NMAO

January

Janice Long, NFA
Jim Hall, NWS

February

Nancy Jackson, DUS
Joe Neuenschwander, NESDIS

March

Jeanne Kouhestani, NMAO
Eleanor Wells, NOS

April

Mark Betsch, NWS
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Al Beeton

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