

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 are eligible.

Award

The award will be presented during the December meeting.

Selection Process

1. Written nominations will be solicited and received by the end of September 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 (or plaques). A permanent plaque will be placed at Headquarters.

Past Recipients

2006 - James A. Ruhle, Sr.

2007 - Dr. James H. Gilford

2008 - Philip Ruhle, Sr.

Statement of Work for Cooperative Agreement NA05NMF4410052

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is applying for supplemental funding for two sources of funds totaling \$266,344. The first source relates to **Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) stipends**. The Mid-Atlantic Council's SSC has 15 members, 12 of whom are eligible for payment of stipends. The \$63,347 increase in funding to support our SSC operations will be used to provide direct compensation to eligible SSC members for an additional 108 days of SSC Committee meetings. The 108 additional meeting days (12 eligible members times nine [9] meeting days) include: a two-day meeting of the SSC in May 2009 to address Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures (ACL/AMs), scientific uncertainty and management uncertainty matters; another two-day meeting in May 2009 to address specifications for the squid and mackerel fisheries and to provide advice for *Illex* and *Loligo* squids, and surfclam and ocean quahog specifications. There will also be a two-day SSC meeting in July 2009 to deal with specifications for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish as well as a three-day workshop to be held in the fall of 2009 to develop options for the Council's Omnibus Amendment for ACLs and AMs. The estimated travel cost to support all members of the SSC, as well as compensation for the SSC members, staff travel costs, meeting space rental, and the cost of proceedings for these three additional SSC meetings and one SSC workshop is \$63,347.

The second source of funding relates to the development by 2011 of annual catch limits and accountability measures (**ACLs and AMs**) for all Council managed stocks (14 such stocks). This funding (\$202,997) will be used to support two special one-day meetings of the Council (one in July 2009 and one in October 2009) to continue to develop options and preferred alternatives associated with the Council's Omnibus Amendment for Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures. This is a single Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment that will establish for each of our seven plans and the thirteen species governed by these plans, the appropriate annual catch limits and accountability measures to be used to ensure that the fishery stocks are rebuilt to their maximum sustainable yield and that overfishing does not occur in these stocks. The estimated costs for these meetings are \$56,000.

In addition to the costs to support these two special Council meetings the remaining money of approximately \$147,000 will be used to fund two contracts. One contract would fund modeling and simulation work that would incorporate various factors affecting stock size (e.g., stock dynamics, fishery dynamics, management programs) to aid in the development and evaluation of control rules to account for scientific uncertainty and management uncertainty. The control rules likely will have a variety of forms and could be based on a number of approaches and incorporate both quantitative and qualitative factors.