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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## **Council Solicits Nominations for the 2007 Fishery Achievement Award**

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is seeking nominations for its annual Fishery Achievement Award (FAA). This prestigious award is intended to recognize individuals, entities, and fishermen in the Mid-Atlantic region who exhibit professionalism, diligence, and effort to protect the living marine resources through partnership, public education, and enforcement actions. Anyone can submit a nomination and any person or organization can be nominated. The Council will accept nominations for the 2007 Fishery Achievement Award through August 31, 2007. The Council will evaluate nominations received during its October 2007 Council meeting and present the award at its December 2007 meeting.

The Council posthumously recognized Nelson Beideman with its 2006 FAA. The award was presented to Nelson's widow, Terri Beideman. Mr. Beideman was recognized for his support in developing fishery conservation and management actions consistent with the best available scientific information and his untiring efforts to encourage the prosecution of fishing within legal conservation mandates. His participation with the National Marine Fisheries Service provided better dialogue among conservation, fishing, and management interests. His participation in the Council process helped secure effective management of highly migratory species. His personal efforts to encourage consistent, compatible management actions by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the New England Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans assisted greatly in creating a multi-jurisdictional conservation and management program for highly migratory species.

To receive a copy of the nomination form, visit the Council's website at: [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org). Printed copies of the nomination forms are available by contacting Kathy Collins at 302.674.2331 x 14 or at [kcollins1@mafmc.org](mailto:kcollins1@mafmc.org).