

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 is eligible.

Award

The award will be presented during the February meeting.

Selection Process

1. Written nominations will be solicited and received by the end of November 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. A permanent plaque will be placed in the Headquarters office in Dover with a list of all the recipients.

Past Recipients

2006 - Jim Ruhle

2007 - Jim Gilford

2008 - Phil Ruhle

2009 - Laurie Nolan

2010 - Dennis Spitsbergen

2011- John Boreman

2012 - Jack Travelstead

2013 – Red Munden

2014 – George Darcy

2015 – Pres Pate

2016 – Lee Anderson

2017 – Howard King

2018 – Rich Seagraves

2019 – Rob O'Reilly

2020 – Warren Elliott

2021 – Steve Heins

2022 – Mark Terceiro



James A. Ruhle Cooperative Research Award Guidelines

Purpose of the Award

The James A. Ruhle Cooperative Research Award was established by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to recognize individuals or groups of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to fisheries science and management in the Mid-Atlantic region through their participation in cooperative research projects.¹ The award was established in memory of Captain James “Jimmy” Ruhle (1948-2023), a commercial fisherman, former Council member, and cooperative research pioneer.

Eligibility

- Nominees for this award must have participated in a research project that involves collaboration or cooperation among fishermen (commercial or recreational) and scientists.
- The award may be given to individuals or to groups of collaborators.
- Nominees should have demonstrated exceptional collaboration, dedication, and/or innovation in their research efforts. The award may also be given in recognition of cooperative research projects that have significantly contributed to the understanding or management of Mid-Atlantic fisheries.

Nomination and Selection Process

- The award is not an annual award and will be given only when the Executive Committee deems there to be a deserving recipient.
- Nominations can be made by any Council member or the Executive Director. SSC members and Council staff can suggest candidates for consideration through the Executive Director.
- Written nominations may be sent to the Executive Director at any time during the year. Nominations should include a description of the nominee’s achievements, qualifications, and any relevant projects.
- The Executive Director will present nominations to the Executive Committee as they are received.
- The Executive Committee will discuss each nominee’s qualifications and achievements relative to the criteria for this award and select the recipient by consensus.
- The award presentation will occur at an award ceremony in association with a Mid-Atlantic Council meeting. The recipient will receive an award trophy at the ceremony.
- Recipients will be reimbursed for travel expenses to receive the award.

¹ “Cooperative research” refers to the partnering of fishermen and scientists to collect fisheries information.