

Hello Fellow NYSAFS Chapter Members,

I would like to solicit nominations for this year's awards earlier in the year to allow all whom are interested an opportunity to nominate a peer, student, or mentor. Please read through the different award descriptions and nominate persons who you feel qualify for an award. They will be presented at the banquet at the chapter meeting held in February in Lake Placid.

New York Chapter Awards

The New York Chapter has three award classifications for recognizing our fisheries professionals:

Honorary Member Award

The Honorary Member Award is for significant involvement and accomplishments by an individual to the Chapter or official position (i.e. Guest Speakers). Nominations should include a brief biography and discussion of the significant involvement and contributions towards conservation of fisheries/aquatic resource within the Chapter. The only criterion or the award is that the nominee must be a member in good standing.

Professional Achievement Award

The Professional of the Year Award is awarded to an individual employed in a field related to fisheries and aquatic resources. Nominations for individuals should include a brief biography along with information pertaining to service, impact on the resource and other professional, and significant accomplishments. Eligible accomplishments by the nominee can be in one of the following categories: Leadership and Development, Education, Aquaculture, Management, Research and Technical Support.

- Only members in good standing can make nominations
- The recipient must be a member in good standing
- The award is based on fisheries related work in New York

Conservationist of the Year Award

The Conservationist of the Year Award is for significant involvement and accomplishments by an individual or group not employed in the fisheries or aquatic resources field (i.e. Conservation or Angler Groups). Nominations should include a brief biography and discussion of the significant involvement and contributions towards conservation of fisheries/aquatic resources. The only criterion for the award is that the award is based on fisheries/aquatic resource related work accomplished in New York. It is never too late to nominate our peers for their outstanding work related to fisheries and aquatic resources. Please take some time and think about your peers who deserve recognition.

Nominations can be emailed to me at rabbett@usgs.gov

Dave Bryson Memorial Award

The New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society established the Dave Bryson Memorial Fisheries Fund in memory of Dave Bryson, ex-chapter President and long-time member. Eligible recipients include any college-bound high school students, college student or young fisheries professional in a fisheries-related program of study or a recent college graduate that has received a degree from a fisheries-related program of study

within the past two years. The award is intended to assist the recipient in furthering their education or fisheries-related career aspirations and may be used for travel expenses, equipment purchase, or educational costs (i.e. books).

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