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## **NOAA FISHERIES HONORS PLYMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER DAVID GOULD AS ENVIRONMENTAL HERO**

NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will present its Environmental Hero Award to David Gould of Carver, Massachusetts on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11AM as part of the dedication event for the Jenny Grist Mill fish ladder project in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

This award recognizes his outstanding efforts to promote municipal environmental stewardship and habitat restoration in support of the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program.

Gould began working for the Town of Plymouth in 2001 as the natural resources officer and is currently the environmental manager and the acting director of public works. During his tenure, he has completed or initiated close to a dozen large-scale projects intended to restore anadromous fish and reduce public safety threats posed by old and failing dam structures. Among Gould's successes are two dam removals, three completed fish ladder projects, and current activities to remove two more dams.

Established in 1996, the Environmental Hero award is presented to individuals and organizations that volunteer their time and energy to help NOAA carry out its mission.

"NOAA and the nation are fortunate to have such dedicated people volunteer so much of their time," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Ph. D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "They set a perfect example for others to follow in their communities. America needs many more Environmental Heroes like Mr. Gould."

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Dave Gould lives in Carver, Massachusetts with his wife Amy and has two children Ryan, 3 and Sarah 6 months. Dave said “The environment is very important, but his family is the best part of each and every day!”

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, is celebrating 200 years of science and service to the nation. From the establishment of the Survey of the Coast in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather Bureau and the Commission of Fish and Fisheries in the 1870’s, much of America’s scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation’s coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 60 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

The Community-based Restoration Program (CRP), a financial and technical assistance program within the NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation, promotes strong partnerships at the national, regional and local level to fund grassroots, community-based activities. The NOAA-funded projects provide strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components that offer educational and social benefits for people and their communities in addition to long-term ecological benefits for fishery resources.

On the web:

NOAA: <http://www.noaa.gov>

CRP: <http://www.nmfs.gov/habitat/restoration>