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## **Commerce Secretary Don Evans, NOAA Fisheries Director Bill Hogarth Present 2002 Employees of the Year Awards**

At an awards ceremony today at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) campus in Silver Spring, Md., Secretary of Commerce Don Evans joined Dr. Bill Hogarth, director of the Commerce Department's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) in presenting 55 Employees of the Year Awards for 2002.

Secretary Evans told the assembled honorees and guests that public service is a great privilege and an important responsibility. NOAA Fisheries' charge to oversee some two million square miles of ocean, where hundreds of species are monitored and managed, provides its share of challenges and difficult decisions.

"As employees of NOAA Fisheries, you are stewards of our nation's living marine resources and their habitat," Evans said. "The many awards being made today show the breadth of our conservation and management research and activities, and the successes."

Hogarth said that rewarding employees for their contributions is one of the best ways he knows to ensure that the agency attracts and retains the best workers.

"It is often said that NOAA's greatest asset is its employees, and no place is that more true than in NOAA Fisheries. I am convinced that throughout NOAA Fisheries, we have employees whose knowledge, experience, energy, and dedication are unequalled anywhere," Hogarth said. "For many years, it has been my pleasure and privilege to be associated with many outstanding individuals and I am always looking for ways to ensure that all of you realize your full potential within a safe and appreciative work place."

The NOAA Fisheries Employee of the Year Awards provide NOAA Fisheries with an opportunity to recognize the important contributions employees make to the organization. Employees are nominated by their peers for this recognition.

"It is my pleasure to note the exceptional service and commitment exhibited in the many nominations I received. I extend to each recipient my sincerest congratulations and my heartfelt thanks for leading the way to a better NOAA Fisheries," Hogarth said.

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## **NOAA Fisheries Employees of the Year, 2002**

### **Northeast Regional Office**

Kathie Ciarametaro  
Mary Colligan  
Walter Makowski  
Susan Murphy  
Esther Young

### **Southeast Regional Office**

Kyle Baker  
Bob Hoffman  
Janet Miller  
Barbara Niswander  
Frederick Sutter

### **Southwest Regional Office**

Michelle Cozad  
Charles Glasgow  
Maria Harris  
Irma Lagomarsino  
Jonathon Mann

### **Northwest Regional Office**

Dale Bambrick  
Beverly Donnor  
Moir Hand  
Steven Landino  
Larry Swenson

### **Alaska Regional Office**

Rebecca Campbell  
Jessica Gharrett  
John Gorman  
Pamela Mason  
Stacy Masters

### **Headquarters Office**

Othel Freeman  
Guy Holt  
Bonnie Ponwith  
Daniel Torquemada  
Donna Wieting

### **Northeast Fisheries Science Center**

Bruce Collette  
Patricia Irby  
Annette Kalbach  
Steven Murawski  
Cheryl Ryder

### **Southeast Fisheries Science Center**

Enric Cortes  
Dennis Lee  
James Nance  
Rhonda O'Toole  
Elizabeth Perez

### **Southwest Fisheries Science Center**

Gaye Holder  
Steve Miller  
Frank Parrish  
Stephen Reilly  
Mary Yoklavich

### **Northwest Fisheries Science Center**

Paul Aebersold  
Celina Hedger  
R. Lynn McComas  
Phil Roni  
Mary Ruckelshaus

### **Alaska Fisheries Science Center**

James Coe  
Bridget Goertzen  
Todd Loomis  
Craig Rose  
Cynthia Sweitzer

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