



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Working towards healthy, self-sustaining populations of all Atlantic coast fish species, or successful restoration
well in progress by the year 2015*

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Dr. William Hogarth Receives Prestigious David H. Hart Award



New Castle, NH – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission presented Dr. William Hogarth, NOAA’s Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, its highest annual award, the David H. Hart Award, at the Commission’s 63rd Annual Meeting in New Castle, New Hampshire.

Dr. Hogarth has been in the forefront of interstate fisheries management on the Atlantic coast for the past 15 years. He served as State Director for the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries for eight years, bringing innovative approaches for developing, managing and monitoring the state’s fisheries resources while ensuring their protection for future generations. In particular, he promoted state legislation enhancing management of coastal fisheries through revisions to the licensing system, improved fisheries data collection, and the establishment of a restructured governing board and new species advisory

committees.

As ASMFC Chair, Dr. Hogarth led the Commission through the establishment of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, and the creation of the ISFMP Charter. Under his leadership, the Commission moved forward with important measures to protect and conserve weakfish.

As Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, he has emphasized teambuilding and partnerships. He has worked tirelessly to improve relations between stakeholders and managers by fostering open communications between fishing constituents and his agency, and promoting cooperative state/federal management efforts. He has a keen ability to resolve fisheries issues, willingly involving managers, stakeholders and the public when making critical decisions. He is an avid supporter of the states, vigorously promoting state/federal partnerships. A steadfast advocate for sustainable fisheries management, Dr. Hogarth has earned the respect of all those involved in living marine resource management.

The Commission instituted the “Captain David H. Hart Award” in 1991 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of marine fisheries on the Atlantic coast. The award is named for the Commission’s oldest and longest serving member, a Governor’s Appointee from New Jersey who was dedicated to the advancement and protection of marine fishery resources.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and anadromous species.

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