

ELIGIBILITY

The awards program is open to individuals, organizations, and state and local government agencies and their employees. Individuals, organizations and agencies cannot nominate themselves; they must be nominated by others. Candidates can receive an award in a category only once. For a list of previous winners, please visit <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/programs/ocrm/jones-noaa-awards.html>. Federal employees and officials are not eligible for the Walter B. Jones Memorial Awards.

PREPARING YOUR ENTRY

There is no Entry Fee for nominations.

Please type or print your entry and include the following information:

1. *Your name, address, telephone number and email address;*
2. *Nominating category;*
3. *Nominee's name, address, telephone and email information; and*
4. *A brief description of the nominee's qualifications and/or accomplishments (not to exceed two pages).*

Please select only one category per nomination. Incomplete nominations will be disqualified.

You have the option to include documentation and samples of work that reflect the nominee's efforts and achievements (such as media coverage, awards, letters of recognition, etc.). Video tapes cannot be accepted. Nomination entries, including documentation and samples of work, cannot be returned.

Letters of support for the nomination are welcome but must not be included with the entry.

DEADLINE

Nominations are due no later than February 15, 2012.

Please send or deliver nominations to:

Jones Awards
NOAA/NOS/OCRM (N/ORM7)
1305 East-West Highway, Room 10650
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
ATTN: Patmarie S. Nedelka

Winners will be notified in the Spring, 2012.

For additional information on the awards, you may contact:

Patmarie S. Nedelka

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E: jonesnoaa.awards@noaa.gov

Or visit

<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/programs/ocrm/jones-noaa-awards.html>.

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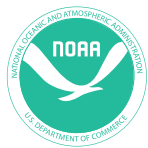
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ABOUT THE AWARDS

Innovation, resourcefulness, leadership and a commitment to balancing the human use of America's coastal and ocean resources with the needs of the resources themselves - these are the hallmarks of the Walter B. Jones Memorial Awards.

The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972 created a unique and voluntary partnership of federal and state governments to provide a balance between land and water uses and resource conservation along America's 95,000 miles of coastlines, including the Great Lakes. In 1990, as part of the reauthorization of the CZMA, the late Congressman Walter B. Jones provided NOAA with the authority to honor the people and organizations of America for their dedication and outstanding contributions in helping the nation maintain healthy coastal and ocean resources and balance the needs of these resources with human use.

At that time, Congressman Jones identified three award categories as particularly important—excellence in local government, excellence in coastal and marine graduate study, and coastal steward of the year.



Walter B. Jones Memorial Awards:

Coastal Steward of the Year - honors an individual who has exemplified strong, sustained leadership in finding a balance between the human uses of the coast and ocean and the needs of that environment.

Judging Criteria:

- *Effectiveness in enhancing a balance between responsible use of coastal resources and the preservation of these resources;*
- *Effectiveness in advancing the goals of the CZMA;*
- *The use of innovative approaches, techniques, or programs;*
- *Ability to generate public support for addressing coastal issues through education, legislation, or other means; and*
- *Duration of work.*

Excellence in Coastal and Marine Graduate Study - recognizes graduate students whose academic study promises to contribute materially to the development of new or improved approaches to coastal or ocean management. Up to ten winners may be selected in 2012.

Judging Criteria:

- *Overall benefit of graduate study to advancing the goals of the CZMA;*
- *Use of innovative approaches;*
- *Technical soundness of study; and*
- *Transferability of the study's results to coastal and ocean management practices.*

Excellence in Local Government - given to local governments that have inspired positive change in the field of coastal management by developing or implementing principles embodied by the CZMA. Up to five winners may be selected in 2012.

Judging Criteria:

- *Effectiveness in advancing the goals of the CZMA at a local level;*
- *Effectiveness in increasing public awareness of coastal issues;*
- *Use of innovative approaches, techniques, and/or programs to advance the goals of the CZMA; and*
- *Ability of the agency/program to serve as a model for other local government efforts.*

