

# AFS-Alaska Chapter Award Nomination Form

I/We nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Alaska Chapter's (please check only one below):

- \_\_\_ Wally Noerenberg Award (WNA)
- \_\_\_ Meritorious Service Award (MSA)
- \_\_\_ Chapter Service Award (CSA)
- \_\_\_ Almost Darwin Award (ADA)

because of the great and outstanding contribution(s) made by him/her to Alaska fisheries (WNA), the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (CSA), or because of some meritorious service (MSA) the nominee has performed in the field of Alaska fisheries, or some humorous and outrageous faux pas committed by a fisheries professional (ADA). Please summarize the outstanding points of why you feel the nominee is justified to receive the award (about one page). Although not required at the time of nomination, supporting documents (e.g. letters of support from individuals or organizations, a list of published papers, accomplishments, c.v., etc.) may be requested to help determine the nominee's qualifications for the award.

Nomination submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/contact information for colleagues willing to provide letters of support for the nominee:

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Please feel free to submit any other supportive documentation that you think will be of use to our award committees, as well as photos or video for the Almost Darwin Award.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 30 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THAT CALENDAR YEAR.**

Submit MSA, CSA, and Almost Darwin Award nominations and letters of support for nominations to Theresa Tanner, USFWS, 605 W 4th Ave., Rm G-61, Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 271-1799, [theresa\\_tanner@fws.gov](mailto:theresa_tanner@fws.gov). Submit Wally Noerenberg Award nominations and letters of support for nominations to Ken Gates, USFWS, Kenai Fish and Wildlife Field Office, 43655 K-Beach Road, Soldotna, AK 99669, (907) 260-0126, [Kenneth\\_gates@fws.gov](mailto:Kenneth_gates@fws.gov).

*Please see page 2 for additional details regarding each award.*

## **Wally Noerenberg Award (WNA)**

The WNA is the highest award given by the Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS). It is bestowed as a special honor to an individual for great and outstanding contributions to Alaska fisheries. Contributions by nominees may include: scientific research; technological development; species and habitat management; innovations in harvesting, processing, or marketing; academics and fishery education; or involvement in national and international affairs affecting Alaska fisheries. Nominees must be, or have been, Alaska residents for all or the majority of their career. Only individuals, not organizations, are eligible for the award.

The WNA Committee, comprised of three past-Presidents of the Alaska Chapter, will review all WNA nominations and submit their recommendation to the Executive Committee, which will make the final determination whether or not the award is bestowed in a given year. Please note that supporting documents are requested but NOT required at the time of nomination (i.e., prior to January 31). The WNA Committee may contact nominators to provide additional supporting materials if the original nomination packet does not provide sufficient information to determine the nominee's qualifications for the award.

## **Meritorious Service Award (MSA)**

Nominations for the MSA can be based on an outstanding contribution in any area of Alaska fisheries, including research, management, education, planning, industry, and policy development. Nominations do not have to come from AFS members, nor do nominees need to be active members. The contribution or accomplishment of the candidate must be recent and not the result of many years of effort; recognition of career-long contributions is more appropriate for the Wally Noerenberg Award. The Awards Committee will select winners based on strength of the nomination and the accomplishment.

## **Chapter Service Award (CSA)**

The CSA was established to award outstanding service to the Alaska Chapter of AFS. These candidates should have been involved in some or all of the following activities: active participation in standing or ad-hoc committees; made important contributions to advance the current objectives, long-term goals or stature of the Chapter and fisheries professionals; contributed a significant amount of time to Chapter activities; improved public awareness of the Alaska Chapter and Chapter activities; encouraged development of students as fisheries professionals through recruitment and involvement as Chapter members; and recruited fisheries professionals as Chapter members.

## **Almost Darwin Award (ADA)**

The ADA recognizes the most humorous and outrageous fisheries faux pas of any fisheries professional. The nominees must have committed the faux pas within the last calendar year. Please include a photo or video of proof along with the story.

Please contact Ken Gates (WNA) or Theresa Tanner (MSA, CSA, ADA) for more information on these awards (Kenneth\_gates@fws.gov; theresa\_tanner@fws.gov).