

TEXAS CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY



AWARD RECIPIENTS



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- 2025 Most Active Student Subunit – UTSA
 Fisheries Research – Carmen Montaña (SFASU)
 Fisheries Education – Todd Sink (TAMU)
 Fisheries Student – Anastasia Umstott (SFASU)
 Fisheries Administration – San Antonio River Authority Aquatic Biology Team: Adrian Reyna, Austin Davis, Caille Marshall, Garrett Tucker, Mitch Magruder and Sara Thompson
 Fisheries Management – Travis Tidwell (TPWD)
 Fisheries Support – Diana Isabel (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Coastal Fisheries Division (TPWD)
 Lifetime Achievement – Michele Nations (Retired)
- 2024 Fisheries Culture - Paul Cason (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Kevin Conway (TAMU)
 Fisheries Education – Steven Bardin (Texas Pro-Lake)
 Fisheries Student – Chase Nimee (SFASU)
 Special Recognition – Ivonne Blandon (TPWD)
- 2023 Fisheries Administration – Robin Riechers (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Marsha Williams (UTT)
 Fisheries Management – San Angelo Inland Fisheries (TPWD), Lynn Wright, Charles Cruz, John Ingle, and Blake Thornton
 Fisheries Research – Joshua Perkin (TAMU)
 Fisheries Technical Support – Jarrett Burnett (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Hayden Roberts (TAMU)
 Fisheries Student – Noah Santee (TAMU)
 Special Recognition- Robert Wienecke (TPWD)
 Distinguished Service Award - Ray Mathews (Retired Fisheries Biologist)
- 2022 Fisheries Management – Dusty McDonald (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Joshua Perkin (TAMU)
 Fisheries Research – Clint Robertson (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Lindsey Elkins (TAMU)
 Fisheries Student – Garrett Stampert (TAMU)
 Special Recognition – Annette Sudyka (TPWD)

- 2021 Fisheries Management – Greg Binion (TPWD)
Fisheries Student – Christa Edwards (TXSTATE)
Special Recognition – Charles Cruz (TPWD)
Special Recognition – Ken Kurzawski (TPWD)
Special Recognition – Monica McGarrity (TPWD)
- 2020 Fisheries Administration – Craig Bonds (TPWD)
Fisheries Education – Dr. Delbert Gatlin (TAMU)
Fisheries Education – Dr. Bart Durham (LCU)
Fisheries Management – John Findeisen (TPWD)
Fisheries Research – Nathan G. Smith (TPWD)
Fisheries Technical Support – Doug Knabe (SARA)
Fisheries Student – Kole Kubicek (TAMU)
Fisheries Student – Vaclav Alex Sotola (TXSTATE)
Special Recognition – Steve Bardin (TX Pro Lake Management)
Special Recognition – Nicole Carpenter (volunteer – TPWD)
Special Recognition – Todd Engeling (TPWD)

- Special Recognition – Tim Birdsong (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Stephen Curtis (TPWD) & Stephanie Parker (George)
 Special Recognition – Possum Kingdom Hatchery Team (TPWD)-Neil Pugliese, Ryan Rogers, Courtney Thompson, Bob Kaspar, Brandy Thompson, and Shane Griffin
- 2019 Fisheries Administration – Tom Lang (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Michael Matthews (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Cody Craig (TXSTATE)
 Fisheries Student – Stephanie George (TAMU)
 Special Recognition – Stephan Magnelia (TPWD)
- 2018 Fisheries Administration – Spencer Dumont (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Alice Best (TPWD) and
 Fisheries Management - Niki Ragan-Harbison (TPWD)
 Fisheries Technical Support –Carl Vignali (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Luke Bower (TAMU)
 Special Recognition – Dakus Geeslin (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Mike Morgan (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Paul Fleming (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Sarah Robertson (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – TPWD Inland Fisheries Hurricane Harvey Rescue Team: John Findeisen, Michael Mayo, Bill Johnson, Jeffrey Bowling, Ray Lenderman, Joe Moorhead, and Shawn Malone
 Special Recognition - TPWD Inland Fisheries Watershed Conservation Program: Megan Bean, Preston Bean, Beth Bendik, Tom Heger, Melissa Parker, and Ryan McGillicuddy
- 2017 Fisheries Administration – Tom Lang (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Donovan Patterson (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Dr. Matthew Chumchal (TCU)
 Fisheries Management – John Tibbs (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Dr. Timothy Bonner (TXSTATE)
 Fisheries Technical Support –TPWD Inland Fisheries Data Analysis and Data Administration Group (DAAG) – Chris Cummings, Sarah Haas, Danny Lewis, John Taylor & Jimmy White
 Fisheries Student – Matthew Acre (TTU)
 Special Recognition – Abe Moore (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Randi Wayland (Texas Freshwater Fisheries Hall of Fame)
 Special Recognition – Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation
 Special Recognition – Sportsman’s Club of Fort Worth
- 2016 Fisheries Administration – Carl Kittel (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Dr. Frances Gelwick (TAMU)
 Fisheries Management – John Moczygemba (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Dr. Timothy Grabowski (USGS TCFWRU – TTU)
 Fisheries Research (Honorable Mention) – Gerald Kurten (TPWD)
 Fisheries Technical Support – Ramiro Medrano (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Harlan Nichols (TXSTATE)
 Fisheries Student (Honorable Mention) – Greg Cummings (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student (Honorable Mention) – Dave Ruppel (TXSTATE)

- Fisheries Student (Honorable Mention) – Eric Tsakiris (TAMU)
 Special Recognition – Greg Conley (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Dr. Jennifer Pollack (TAMUCC)
 Special Recognition – Zoe Ann Stinchcomb (TPWD)
 Certificate of Appreciation – Michele Nations (TPWD)
- 2015 Fisheries Administration –
 Fisheries Culture – Deborah Wade (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Marcos de Jesus (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Dan Roelke (TAMU)
 Fisheries Research – Dan Daugherty (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research, Honorable Mention – Tim Grabowski (USGS-TTU)
 Fisheries Student – Jessica East (TTU)
 Fisheries Student, Honorable Mention – Erin Bertram (UTT)
 Fisheries Technical Support – Karim Aziz (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Jimmie Green (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – John Taylor (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Bass Brigade – Texas Brigade
- 2014 Fisheries Administration – Dave Terre (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Possum Kingdom Fish Hatchery Team (Dale Lyon, John Paret, Tom Wyatt, Ryan Rogers, and Charles McDougall) (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Brad Littrell (Bio-West)
 Fisheries Research – Warren Schlechte (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Reynaldo Patiño (TTU)
 Fisheries Student – Tony Rodgers (TAMU)
 Fisheries Technical Support – Patsy Berry (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Gary Garrett (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Fishes of Texas Team (Dean Hendrickson, Adam Cohen, Ben Labay, Doug Martin, Melissa Casarez), Texas Natural History Collections, University of Texas at Austin
 Special Recognition – Todd Driscoll (TPWD)
- 2013 Fisheries Administration – Timothy Birdsong (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Jennifer Butler (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Mark Webb (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – George Guillen (UHCL)
 Fisheries Student – Rebecca Pizano (TAMU)
 Fisheries Technical Support – Bill Hughes (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – East Texas Woods and Waters Foundation
 Special Recognition – Brenda Bowling (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Kirk Winemiller (TAMU)
 Special Recognition – Randy Rushin (Water Monitoring Solutions)
 Special Recognition – Joe Fries (San Marcos National Fish Hatchery)
 Special Recognition – Loraine Fries (TPWD)
- 2012 Fisheries Administration – Craig Bonds (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Chris Thibodeaux (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Kirk Winemiller (TAMU)
 Fisheries Student – Carmen Montana (TAMU)

- Fisheries Technical Support – Robert “Bobby” Wienecke (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Kevin Mayes (TPWD)
 Special Recognition - Seven Coves Bass Club of Willis, TX (near Conroe)
 Special Recognition-
 TTU-Dept. of Biology: Gene Wilde, Aaron Ubanczyk, & Doug Knabe
 TPWD-River Studies: Kevin Mayes, Clint Robertson, & Kevin Kolodzjcyk
 TPWD-Hatcheries: Dale Lyon, Carl Kittel, Daniel Field, & Greg Polk
- 2011 Fisheries Administration – Art Morris (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Juan Martinez (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Fran Gelwick (TAMU)
 Fisheries Management – Dan Bennett (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Kristy Kollaus (TXSTATE)
 Fisheries Student – Katie Roach (TAMU)
 Fisheries Technical Support – Danny Lewis (TPWD)
 Special Recognition in Fisheries Work – Craig Bonds (TPWD), Carl Kittel (TPWD), and
 Brian Van Zee (TPWD)
- 2010 Fisheries Administration – Michael Ray (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Hugh Glenewinkel (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Richard Ott, Jr. (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Aaron Barkoh (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Ben Labay (TXSTATE)
 Special Recognition in Fisheries Work – Mandy Scott (TPWD)
- 2009 Fisheries Administration – Phil Durocher (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Michael Masser (TAMU)
 Fisheries Management – John Moczygemba (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Ray Drenner (TCU)
 Fisheries Student – Joshua Perkin (TXSTATE)
 Technical Support – Mike Gore (TPWD)
- 2008 Fisheries Administration – Lance Robinson (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Andre M. Landry (TAMUG)
 Fisheries Research – Bart Durham (TTU)
 Fisheries Student – Preston Bean (TXSTATE)
 Honorable Mention (Fisheries Student) – Zachary Shattuck (TXSTATE)
 Technical Support – Corey Clouse (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Chad Thomas (TXSTATE)
- 2007 Fisheries Administration – Larry McKinney (TPWD)
 Fisheries Culture – Gary Garrett (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Charlie Munger (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Gary Garrett (TPWD) and Bob Edwards (UTPA)
 Fisheries Student – Chris Chizinski (TTU)
 Honorable Mention (Fisheries Student) – Brad Littrell (TXSTATE)
 Technical Support – Reynaldo Cardona (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Robert Howells (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Fred Janssen (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Craig Scofield (TPWD)

- Special Recognition – Sandy Henry (Science Spectrum, Lubbock)
- 2006 Fisheries Education – Kevin Pope (TTU)
 Fisheries Management – Dave Terre (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Loraine Fries (TPWD)
 Technical Support – Todd Robinson (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Bruce Hysmith (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Joan Glass (TPWD)
- 2005 Fisheries Administration – Roger McCabe (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Todd Driscoll (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Bart Durham (TTU)
 Special Recognition – Jimmie Green (TPWD) and Kirk Green
 Special Recognition – The Patsy B. Hollandsworth Family Foundation
- 2004 Fisheries Culture – Lisa Griggs (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Timothy Bonner (TXSTATE)
 Fisheries Research – Dave Buckmeier (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Casey Williams (TXSTATE)
 Special Recognition – Deborah Wade (TPWD)
- 2003 Fisheries Culture – Dennis Smith (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Gene Wilde (TTU)
 Fisheries Student – Christine Burgess (TAMU)
 Special Recognition – Larry McEachron (TPWD)
- 2002 Fisheries Administration – Leroy Kleinsasser (TPWD)
 Fisheries Management – Gordon Linam (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Raymond Mathews, Jr. (TWDB), Austin Bass Club of the Deaf
- 2001 Fisheries Administration – Ken Kurzawski (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Kevin Pope (TTU)
 Fisheries Management – Brian Van Zee (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Reynaldo Patino (TTU)
 Technical Support – David DeLeon (TPWD)
 Fisheries Student – Timothy Bonner (TTU)
 Special Recognition, Management – Rhandy Helton (TPWD)
 Technical Support – Rosie Roegner (TPWD)
 Pioneering Research and Management – Walter D. Dalquest
- 2000 Fisheries Research – Gene R. Wilde (TTU)
 Best Student Presentation (1999) – Kenneth G. Ostrand (TTU)
 Special Recognition – Joe Fries (USFWS), Emily Harber (TPWD), and John
 Moczygamba (TPWD)
 team - Joe L. Hernandez and Robert W. Wienecke
 (SHSU)
- 1999 Fisheries Administration – Loraine Fries (TPWD)
 Special Recognition in Fisheries Work – Pat Hutson (TPWD)

- 1997/ Fish Culture – Tom Dorzab (TPWD)
- 1998 Fisheries Education – Robert Ditton (TAMU)
Special Recognition – Fred Janssen (TPWD), Chris Cummings (TPWD), Danny Lewis (TPWD), Dan Strickland (TPWD), Gary Graham (TPWD), and Jim Davis (TAMU)
- 1996 Fisheries Administration – Gene McCarty (TPWD)
Fisheries Education – Billy Higginbotham (TAMU)
Fisheries Management – Gary Garrett (TPWD)
Fisheries Research – Ivonne Blandon (TPWD)
Special Recognition – Reeves County Water Improvement Board
Technical Support – Jimmy Gonzales (TPWD)
Honorable Mention (Technical Support) – Eric Young (TPWD)
- 1995 Fisheries Administration – Roger McCabe (TPWD)
Fish Culture – Robert Adami (TPWD)
Fisheries Education – Bill Neill (TAMU)
Fisheries Management – Spencer Dumont (TPWD)
Fisheries Research – Maurice Muoneke (TPWD)
Special Recognition – Tom Heffernan (TPWD), Robin Riechers (TPWD), and S. Ken Johnson (TAMU)
- 1994 Fisheries Administration – Dick Luebke (TPWD)
Fish Culture – Ted Engelhardt (TPWD)
Fisheries Management – Steve Magnelia (TPWD)
Special Recognition – Bob Howells (TPWD)
- 1993 Fisheries Management – Bruce Hysmith (TPWD)
Special Recognition – Joe Martin (TPWD) and Steve Gutreuter (TPWD)
Best Presentation – Jay Rooker (UTMSI)
- 1992 Fish Culture – Camilo Chavez, Jr. (TPWD)
Fisheries Management – Ken Sellers (TPWD)
Fisheries Research – Bob Colura (TPWD)
Education – Brian Murphy (TAMU)
Special Recognition in Fisheries – Bobby Farquhar (TPWD)
Special Recognition – Andy Sansom (TPWD) and Rudy Rosen (TPWD)
- 1991 Fisheries Administration – Pat L. Hutson (TPWD)
Fish Culture – Jake Isaac, Jr. (TPWD)
Fisheries Management – Mark Webb (TPWD)
Fisheries Research – Ronnie M. Pitman (TPWD)
Special Recognition – The Wetland Habitat Alliance of Texas
- 1990 Fisheries Administration – C. Gene McCarty (TPWD)
Fish Culture – Glen A. Alexander and David L. Campbell (TPWD)
Fisheries Management – David R. Terre (TPWD)
- 1989 Fisheries Administration – Gary C. Matlock (TPWD)
Fish Culture – Robert R. Vega (TPWD)

- Fisheries Management – Joseph E. Kraai (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – Roy J. Kleinsasser and Gordon W. Linam (TPWD)
 Honorable Mention (Research) – Bob Edwards (UTPA)
- 1988 Fisheries Research – Gary P. Garrett (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Kirk Strawn (TAMU)
- 1987 Fish Culture – Kerry Graves (USFWS)
 Special Recognition – The Sportsmen's Club of Texas
- 1986 Fisheries Management – William Higginbotham (TAES)
 Fisheries Research – Robert L. Colura (TPWD)
- 1985 Fisheries Education – Donald E. Wohlschlag (UTMSI)
 Fisheries Research – Connie R. Arnold (UTMSI)
- 1984 none
- 1983 Special Recognition – Robert J. Kemp (TPWD)
- 1982 Fish Culture – Roger L. McCabe (TPWD) Fisheries
 Research – William C. Guest (TPWD) Special
 Recognition – Robert P. Hofstetter (TPWD)
- 1981 Fish Culture – Billy White (TPWD)
 Fisheries Education – Bobby Whiteside (SWTSU)
 Fisheries Management – Steve Smith (TUGC)
 Fisheries Research – Al Green (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Jim Davis (TAES)
- 1980 none
- 1979 Fish Culture – Robert Stickney (TAMU)
 Fisheries Education – Richard Noble (TAMU)
 Fisheries Management – Gary Valentine (SCS)
 Fisheries Research – Phil Durocher (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Charles Inman (TPWD)
- 1978 Fisheries Education and Research – Clark Hubbs (UT)
 Fish Culture – Pat L. Hutson (TPWD)
 Special Recognition – Edward R. Lyles (USFWS)
- 1977 Fisheries Administration – David Pritchard
 Fish Culture – Don Steinbach (TAMU)
 Fisheries Management – Edward Bonn (TPWD)
 Fisheries Research – John A. Prentice and Richard D. Clark, Jr. (TPWD)

Abbreviations:

ASU=Angelo State University
BU = Baylor University
CCSU = Corpus Christi State University
CSSC = Center for Sportfish Science and Conservation
DSHS = Department of State Health Services
KSU = Kansas State University
LCU = Lubbock Christian University
MSU = Midwestern State University
NMFS = National Marine Fisheries Service
NCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service
ODWC = Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
OSU = Oklahoma State University
OU = Oklahoma University
RU = Rice University
SARA – San Antonio River Authority
SCS = Soil Conservation Service
SEU = St. Edwards University
SHSU = Sam Houston State University
SFAU = Stephen F. Austin University
SWTSU = Southwest Texas State University
TAES = Texas Agricultural Extension Service
TAMU = Texas A&M University
TAMUC = Texas A&M - Commerce
TAMUCC = Texas A&M – Corpus Christi
TAMUG = Texas A&M – Galveston
TCFWRU = Texas Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit
TCU = Texas Christian University
TPWD = Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TSU=Tarleton State University
TTU = Texas Tech University
TUGC = Texas Utilities Generating Company
TWDB = Texas Water Development Board
TXSTATE = Texas State – San Marcos
UD = University of Dallas
UHCL = University of Houston Clear Lake
UNT = University of North Texas
USACE = US Army Corps of Engineers
USGS = US Geological Survey
USFWS = US Fish and Wildlife Service
UT = University of Texas, Austin
UTMSI = University of Texas Marine Science Institute
UTPA = University of Texas/Pan American
UTRGV = University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
UTSA = University of Texas, San Antonio
UTA = University of Texas, Arlington
UTT = University of Texas, Tyler
WTAMU = West Texas A&M University