

No. 33a	Award of Excellence Committee	Christine Moffitt
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Final Report to the Governing Board

TO: **John Boreman**, President
 FROM: Christine Moffitt, Chair Award of Excellence Committee
 DATE: 9 August 2013

I. Motion Report –

(A) Recommended Motion: *None*, but a friendly reminder to consider nominations for outstanding scientific achievements

II. Activity Report

(A) Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area in Strategic Plan.

Goal: AFS will be a global leader providing information and technical resources for the sustainability and conservation of fisheries resources

Objective 1.1. Promote fisheries conservation throughout North America and the world, at all levels of government and society, and among all levels of AFS by supporting sound science and networking opportunities.

This year the membership of *the Award of Excellence Committee* is as follows:

Christine Moffitt, Idaho, Committee Chair; Nancy A. Auer, Michigan; Mary C. Fabrizio, Virginia; Jerri Bartholomew, Oregon; Brian Small, Illinois; Steve McCormick, Massachusetts; Debra Murie, Florida; Richard J. Beamish, British Columbia.

The committee received and reviewed several impressive nomination packages for this year's award selection

The selected recipient for this year is Dr. Bonnie McCay.

In reviewing the nomination packages, the committee recognized the multiple contributions Dr. McCay has made to the science of fisheries, especially in human ecology, anthropology and at the interface of interdisciplinary science and management.

Dr. McCay is internationally recognized for her research on fisheries, and equally known for her contributions to the field of environmental anthropology. She is has been a leader in changing the process used for dealing with overfishing to emphasize the importance of the community and the role of property rights in the management process. Her contributions to academic excellence, leadership, and mentoring of new professionals are exceptional. She was instrumental in the formation of the Socioeconomics Section of AFS, and has been recognized by numerous awards and honors, including election as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and National Associate in the National Research Council, National Academy of Science. Our committee is proud to recognize her contributions, and to recognize Dr. McCay as the first woman scientist awarded the AFS Award of Excellence.