

<b>No. 33b</b>	<b>Meritorious Service Award Committee</b>	<b>Bob Curry</b>
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## REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

TO: **John Boreman**, President  
 FROM: Bob Curry, Chair, Meritorious Service Award Committee  
 DATE: July 9, 2013

### **I. Motion Report** – Nothing to Report

### **II. Activity Report**

(A) Summary of accomplishments consistent with the AFS 2020 Vision: AFS Strategic Plan for 2010-2014: <http://fisheries.org/strategic-plan>.

**Goal 3: Value of Membership: AFS will serve its members and fisheries, aquaculture, and aquatic science constituencies to fulfill the mission of the Society.**

#### ***Objective 3.1: Strategy 11: Meritorious Service Award***

The AFS Meritorious Service award is presented annually to an individual for loyalty, dedication, and meritorious service to the Society throughout the years; and for exceptional commitment to the programs, objectives, and long-term goals of the Society. The call for award nominations was published in the December 2012 issue of *Fisheries*, Vol.37 No. 12. Nomination instructions were available on the AFS website at [http://fisheries.org/awards\\_call](http://fisheries.org/awards_call) - Call for Award Nominations.

Five nominations were received by the **April 1, 2013** deadline. Nomination packages and support letters were forwarded to the committee membership in May for their review and ranking. We had an excellent slate of candidates and very little difference separated the top three nominees. Dr. Ira Adelman received the most votes for the 2013 Meritorious Service Award. His contributions throughout the years and his exceptional commitment to the Society's programs, objectives, and goals are considerable and certainly worthy of this special recognition. Ira was notified of his selection in June and he has indicated that he plans to attend the annual meeting in Little Rock to receive his award.

The chair extends a hearty ***THANK YOU!*** to the 2013 Meritorious Service Award Committee members: ***Larry Olmsted, Vince Travnichak, Tina Swanson*** and ***Ron Essig*** and is truly grateful for their service to AFS and willingness to recognize fisheries professionals and their contributions to the Society.

(B) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration.

**Nothing to Report**

### **III. Financial Status**

**Not Applicable.**



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June 18, 2013

Ira R. Adelman  
144 Mississippi River Boulevard South  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dear Ira,

On behalf of the American Fisheries Society, it is my great pleasure to congratulate you on being selected to receive the 2013 Meritorious Service Award. Please accept my warmest congratulations on this great honor.

The award is presented annually to a Society member for unswerving loyalty, dedication, and meritorious service to the Society over a long period of time, and for exceptional commitment to the programs, ideals, objectives, and long-term goals of the Society. The award was first presented to Dr. Robert Hutton in 1986.

This year's selection committee (the AFS Past Presidents' Advisory Council) has chosen you in recognition of the fact that you were instrumental in developing professional certification criteria, and worked tirelessly to implement those changes, which resulted in a number of publications in Fisheries on education and training needs, academic programs, and professional certification. Also, throughout your career you have bridged the gap between academia, applied research, and on-the-ground management, as well as your tireless commitment to mentoring many students and young professionals during your own highly productive career.

Please feel free to inform your friends and colleagues about your selection for this award. The official announcement of the award will be made at the 2013 AFS Annual Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. You will also receive a complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting.

I hope you will be able to attend the annual meeting so I may present the award to you in person. The award will be presented during the plenary session, which is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2013 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Statehouse Convention Center, room D. I am also delighted to invite you to attend the following special social events:

Sunday, Sept. 8th, 7-10 p.m.

Welcome Social: TBD

Monday, Sept. 9th, 8-9 a.m.

Plenary Speakers' Breakfast: Little Rock Marriott, Riverview

Monday, Sept. 9th, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Luncheon for plenary speakers and award recipients: LR Marriott, Riverview

Tuesday, Sept. 10th, noon-1:30 p.m.

Luncheon for all award recipients, Little Rock Marriott, Riverview

At your earliest convenience, please send a digital photograph that AFS may use for publicity purposes, to Gail Goldberg, [ggoldberg@fisheries.org](mailto:ggoldberg@fisheries.org) at the AFS office along with your RSVP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Boreman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

John Boreman, Ph.D, President