Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Awards

Name: The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Excellence Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals who have made a noteworthy contribution to the department's mission, vision, and community norms.

Eligibility: All individuals having an affiliation with the department by appointment (this includes all faculty, fixed-term employees, research associates, staff, and on-call and temporary employees) or student status (all FW graduate students and undergraduate majors – through FW and LBS) are eligible for nomination. Previous awardees are eligible for nomination. The Department Chair is not eligible for consideration.

Criteria: The award recognizes noteworthy contributions in any area related to the department's mission, vision and values, including but not limited to teaching; outreach; research; culture, access, and belonging; mentoring; academic support; leadership; service (to the department, college, university, professional societies and/or public).

Nominations: Call for nominations will open in mid-December by the FW Awards Committee. Any individual affiliated with FW can nominate an individual using the electronic nomination form (linked below). Nominations are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 12.

Selection: Noteworthy contributions can either be a sustained body of work or single significant effort. Contribution(s) must to be **linked** to one or more aspects of the mission, vision, or community norms of the department. For example, just saying someone has a great publication record or excellent SIRS scores is not sufficient. Consideration will be given to appointment and assignment, taking into account noteworthy efforts outside of a nominee's assignment.

The FW Awards Committee will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Chair who will make the final determination.

Award: Depending on the number of nominations, at least three awards will be given each year. Announcement of awardees will take place in March. Awardees will be recognized by inclusion of their name on a community plaque that will be displayed in the department. Awardees will receive a certificate, with a short paragraph noting their contribution(s) which could be used for nominations for other awards. At the discretion of the chair and the availability of funds, awardees may also receive a coupon for the MSU Dairy Store.

Submit your nominations here: Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Excellence Award Nomination Form – Fill out this Microsoft form

Information collected for nomination submission: nominator's name, nominator's email, nominee's name, nominee's email, nominee's department affiliation, summary of nominee's primary responsibilities in FW *(500 characters or less)*, and a brief statement on why the nominee should be considered for the award, describing in detail how the nominee has contributed to the mission, vision, and/or values of the department. Consider areas such as teaching; outreach; research; culture, access, and belonging; mentoring; academic support; leadership; service (to the department, college, university, professional societies and/or public). *(response is restricted to 4000 characters or less).*