

NFHP at the American Fisheries Society Meeting

Stanley A. Moberly Award for Outstanding Contributions in Fish Habitat Conservation

Rising Star Award for Outstanding Early-Career Contributions in Fish Habitat Conservation

AFS-NFHP Film Festival

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Title – NFHP/AFS/NOAA Fisheries Partnership to Implement New Fish Habitat Conservation Awards

Desired outcomes/key messages – The NFHP Board will be updated on two new awards. First, at the Society level, AFS has approved the new “Stan Moberly Award for Outstanding Contributions in Fish Habitat Conservation.” The award partnership proposes to give the first award to Stan. A second award, to be presented by the AFS Fish Habitat Section, will recognize young professionals and students for an outstanding early career. Both awards were developed and now will be implemented in association with AFS and NOAA Fisheries.

Background – National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) representative Ryan Roberts, American Fisheries Society Fish Habitat Section (AFS-FHS) officers (President Tom Lang, President-elect Kimberly Dibble, Past-President Tom Bigford), and NOAA Fisheries staff collaborated throughout 2018 to review their existing suite of awards for outstanding achievement related to fish habitat conservation. The new awards fill needs to recognize successful fish habitat efforts from freshwater to the oceans for a lengthy career (the more prestigious Society-level award) and early achievements (the young professional or student award to be presented by the AFS FHS).

The awards were approved by the AFS Governing Board on January 30, 2019, reflecting the support of NFHP and NOAA Fisheries. The first Moberly Award will be presented at the joint meeting of AFS and The Wildlife Society in Reno, Nevada on September 29 to October 3, 2019 (see <https://fisheries.org/events/149th-annual-meeting-in-reno-nevada-with-the-wildlife-society/>). The award honors individuals and groups who achieved significant success in a fish habitat career related to research, policy, management, education, project implementation, communications and outreach, or some other endeavor. The international award covers freshwater, coastal, and marine habitats. The award replaces and expands upon the NFHP Jim Range Award and will be added to the existing AFS honors (see <https://fisheries.org/about/awards-recognition/>). NFHP and AFS will coordinate with NOAA Fisheries and its biennial Nancy Foster Habitat Conservation Award for coastal and marine achievements (see <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/dr-nancy-foster-habitat-conservation-award>).

In addition to the Moberly Award for career achievement, NFHP will join the AFS Fish Habitat Section and NOAA Fisheries on a second new award for outstanding achievements by students and young professionals. The latter award will also be presented at the Reno meeting but will be a Section award, not a Society-level award like the Moberly.

The administrative procedures being developed for both awards will be designed to streamline the application process, share non-winning nominations, and increase awareness of the awards, award winners, their achievements, and fish habitat conservation. The first Moberly Award will be presented to Stan in Reno so the nomination process for 2019 will be limited to the early career award; nominations will be solicited in April 2019.

Background

- ▶ Developed in partnership with AFS, NFHP, and NOAA Fisheries
- ▶ Honors outstanding contributions in fish habitat conservation at two levels (lifetime achievement, early career)
 - ▶ Stanley A. Moberly Award (AFS-level)
 - ▶ Rising Star Award (FHS-level)
- ▶ Awards approved by AFS Governing Board (January 2019), reviewed by NFHP Board (March 2019)
- ▶ Presented at the AFS-TWS Joint Annual Conference in Reno, NV (October 2019)

Stanley A. Moberly Award



Background

- ▶ AFS society-level annual award, presented at plenary
- ▶ Honors an individual who has achieved significant success in a fish habitat career related to research, policy, management, education, project implementation, or communication and outreach
- ▶ Fills gap in recognizing outstanding fish habitat accomplishments in the United States and internationally
- ▶ Replaces and expands upon the NFHP Jim Range Award
- ▶ Freshwater, coastal, and marine habitats
- ▶ Coordinating with NOAA Fisheries and its biennial Nancy Foster Habitat Conservation Award (coastal/marine)

Stanley A. Moberly Award



Nomination & Selection

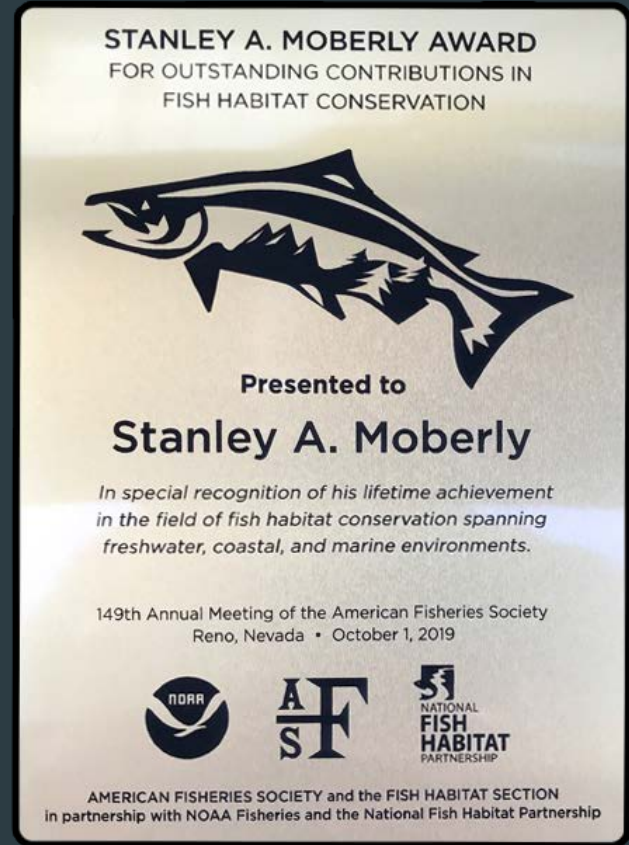
- ▶ Currently developing formal nomination process - Spring 2020
- ▶ Selection Committee
 - ▶ AFS FHS Past-President (Chair)
 - ▶ NFHP Board Member or Representative
 - ▶ NOAA Fisheries Representative
 - ▶ AFS FHS Executive Committee Member
 - ▶ AFS FHS General Member
- ▶ 2019 Recipient: Stanley Moberly
- ▶ Award: Functional art, tailored to recipient



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Rising Star Award



Background

- ▶ Fish Habitat Section-level annual award presented at FHS business meeting
- ▶ Recognizes the outstanding early-career contributions of students and early professionals in the field of fish habitat conservation
- ▶ Projects related to fish habitat research, policy, management, education, project implementation, and communication or outreach
- ▶ Freshwater, coastal, and marine habitats
- ▶ No existing award that overlaps with the Rising Star Award

Rising Star Award



Nomination & Selection

- ▶ Request for Nominations - Spring 2019
 - ▶ Nominee within 10 years of terminal degree
 - ▶ Letter of support including information on main habitat project, roles, project partners, success rates, contribution to mission of AFS, NFHP, and NOAA, etc.
 - ▶ Curriculum Vitae of nominee
- ▶ Selection Committee
 - ▶ AFS FHS Past-President (Chair)
 - ▶ NFHP Board Member or Representative
 - ▶ NOAA Fisheries Representative
 - ▶ AFS FHS Executive Committee Member
 - ▶ AFS FHS General Member
- ▶ 2019 Recipient: Rebecca Krogman
- ▶ AFS Plaque with \$250 donation to Fish Habitat Partnership of recipients' choice