

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NOAA FISHERIES EMPLOYEES

FROM: James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.  
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

SUBJECT: Weekly Update for Week Ending October 31, 2008

**Department of Commerce Gold and Silver Awards**

This week, the Department of Commerce announced the 2008 recipients of the Gold and Silver Medals Awards. These awards are the two highest forms of recognition that can be granted by the Secretary of Commerce. Please join with me in congratulating all the NOAA employees, and in particular the NOAA Fisheries employees, who are being honored for their superior performance and outstanding contributions to the Department. The ceremony will be held on November 18, 2008.

**Group Gold**

James Lecky (Director, PR, NMFS), David Bowsher, Jane Luxton, Mary Beth Ward, Joel La Bissonniere, Jeffrey Dillen, Pam Lawrence and Brett Grosko (NOAA GC), Jennifer Nist (DOC GC), and David Kaiser (NOS) - for exceptional legal and programmatic support in securing the first-ever Presidential exemption under the Coastal Zone Management Act (nomination submitted by Department of Commerce, Office of the General Counsel)