

## Janice Plante Award of Excellence

### Guidelines for the Award

The *Janice Plante Award of Excellence*, first awarded to Janice herself in April 2015, was established by the New England Council (NEFMC) to annually honor an individual who has produced exceptional work “to further the effectiveness of the fishery management process in New England.” In particular, the Council seeks to pay special tribute to those who have displayed outstanding commitment and contributions of time and energy in service to the Council fishery management system.

The Council will use the following process for the award:

1. Nominations for the Janice Plante Award will be made by voting Council members and the Executive Director, prior to March 1 each year, and provided to the NEFMC’s Executive Committee for consideration.
2. The Executive Committee will, either by consensus or a majority vote of its members, select the awardee based on the criteria described in the above two paragraphs.
3. Nominees will be individuals. Current Council members are not eligible for the award, nor will it be awarded to past Council members as recognition of their Council service. NEFMC staff and NOAA employees are not eligible.
4. Nominators should justify, in writing, the long-term distinguished service of the nominee, relative to the criteria in this document. No nominations will carry over.
5. The Executive Committee should view the Janice Plante Award as a special honor and therefore make and review nominations with care.
6. The recipient’s identity will remain confidential until announced during the award presentation.
7. Recipients may be reimbursed for travel expenses to receive the award.