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## Call for Nominations for First Annual Award of Excellence

Arlington, VA - The Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP), a state and federal partnership for marine fisheries data collection and data management, will be present the first Annual Award of Excellence at the Fall Coordinating Council in St. Augustine, FL in November 2015. Anyone associated with the activities of the ACCSP is encouraged to nominate worthy candidates. A “worthy candidate” is an individual or individual(s) from a program partner agency that has (have) managed the implementation of a successful Atlantic coast fisheries-dependent data project.

A successful project should:

- Focus on data collection modules such as catch and effort, biological, bycatch/species interaction.
- Demonstrate an impact with broad applications, including multi-partner or regional impacts (e.g., stock assessments).
- Exhibit improvements in data quality, quantity, and timeliness.
- Illustrate highly significant contributions to fisheries-dependent data collection on the Atlantic coast.

Please note that candidates nominated but not selected will be carried forward and therefore do not need to be re-nominated. Selection will be based on specific accomplishments and other information included in the letter of nomination. Letters of endorsement are not necessary. Selection of the recipient will be by the Awards Committee. Nominations should be sent to Ann McElhatton, Program Manager with ACCSP, at [info@accsp.org](mailto:info@accsp.org). Although email is preferred, you may also submit nominations via fax at 703.842-0741 or U.S. mail to ACCSP, 1050 N. Highland St. Suite 200A-N, Arlington, VA 22201. All nominations must be received no later than Friday, July 17, 2015.

For more information on any of these projects please contact Ann McElhatton, Program Manager with ACCSP, at [info@accsp.org](mailto:info@accsp.org) or 703.842.0780.

### **About ACCSP**

ACCSP is a cooperative state-federal program to design, implement, and conduct marine fisheries statistics data collection programs and to integrate those data into a single data management system that will meet the needs of fishery managers, scientists, and fishermen. It is composed of representatives from natural resource management agencies coastwide, including the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the three Atlantic fishery management councils, the 15 Atlantic states, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, the D.C. Fisheries and Wildlife Division, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. For further information please visit [www.accsp.org](http://www.accsp.org).