

Aquatic Invasive Species Awards

Award Categories:

- A. Western AIS Leader: This award shall be given to a professional individual/agency/organization that is leading the West on AIS issues. Individuals who have gone above and beyond advancing AIS prevention, early detection, management education or coordination forward in addressing Western AIS issues.
- B. Best in the West: No more than 4 awards shall be given to individuals who exhibit outstanding contributions to AIS management in their commitment to management. Awarded to individuals who exhibit dedication, passion and commitment to addressing AIS issues. Outstanding interactions with the public, innovative and creative ways to address AIS issues, leadership that helps protect western waters, and doing more with less. These individuals make AIS operations the best they can be working on watercraft inspection, early detection, laboratory tasks, management and outreach.

Nomination Process:

Nominations for both categories will require submission of a description of the individual's or entities' dedication, passion and commitment to AIS issues that help protect the West from aquatic invasive species. Nominees do not have to be members of the WRP. Limit nomination to no more than 1 page.

Anyone familiar with the nominee is able to submit a nomination, and are not required to be a WRP voting member.

Nomination packages should include:

- Indication of award category
- Description of nominee, **no more than 1 page**
- High quality photo of nominee

Timeline:

- June 1 - August 15: Nomination submission period
- August 15: Deadline to submit nomination
- August 15-30: Award Committee review and selection
- Sept/Oct@ Annual Meeting: Award recipients announced