



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 in marine or freshwater environments. 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. Anyone familiar with the nominee is able to submit a nomination, and they 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

Submit questions and nominations to leah@conservationcollaborations.com



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Timeline:

June 1 - July 31	Nomination submission period
August 1	Deadline to submit nomination
August 1 - 15	Award Committee review and selection
Sept @ Annual Meeting	Award recipients announced