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### ***NEFMC Names Journalist Janice Plante the First Recipient of its Annual Award for Excellence***

Mystic, CT Former *Commercial Fisheries News* (CFN) Associate Editor Janice M. Plante late yesterday received the New England Fishery Management Council's first award for excellence, which is also named in her honor. Announcing the award at its Mystic meeting, Council Chairman Terry Stockwell made the presentation to Ms. Plante "for excellence in furthering the effectiveness of the fishery management process. She has been a highly regarded contributor in significant, measureable ways as the Council strives to maximize transparency, promote stewardship, support robust science, encourage innovation, and maintain strong relationships with its partners," he added.



Mr. Stockwell went on to highlight Ms. Plante's outstanding coverage of fisheries issues in the Northeast during her 30 year career at CFN, a fisheries trade paper. In particular, he cited her commitment to accuracy and her ability to boil down the often complicated background details and wide-ranging issues frequently associated with regulatory and management problems into verbiage that her readership could understand.

In closing, Mr. Stockwell pointed out Ms. Plante's outstanding accomplishments and service to the fishing community, fisheries managers and scientists, and government agencies involved. In turn, Ms. Plante acknowledged the outstanding cooperation she received from all the parties she wrote about. As is her style, she also did not forget her former colleagues at CFN, the team of writers she worked with for many years, each one contributing to the final product.

The NEFMC, one of eight regional organizations established by federal legislation in 1976, is charged with conserving and managing fishery resources from three to 200 miles off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

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