Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards

2023 Application Form: Fisheries

What are the Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards?

Now in its 11th year, the Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards recognize individuals and organizations finding new solutions to the challenges facing seafood. The competition has two categories – one for aquaculture and one for wild-capture fisheries. There are separate applications for each. **This is the application form for wild-capture fisheries.**

What’s an aquaculture innovation?

Examples include fisheries improvement projects (FIPs); initiatives that provide small-scale fishers access to new markets; technology that reduces fisheries bycatch or minimizes the environmental impact of fishing gear or occurrence of derelict gear; technology (such as satellite and vessel monitoring) to help authorities prevent illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing; initiatives that address worker safety and wellbeing aboard fishing vessels; technology that promotes more sustainable fisheries supply chains; and initiatives that incorporate the impacts of climate change into sustainable fisheries management.

Is the competition sponsored?

The 11th annual Responsible Seafood Innovation Awards are sponsored by the **U.S. Soybean Export Council**.

Who is eligible to apply?

Both individuals and companies performing activities related to aquaculture and wild-capture fisheries may submit applications. Third parties may also submit an application on behalf of an individual or company.

How do I apply?

To apply, fill out this application form in its entirety and email it to GSA’s Steven Hedlund at [steven.hedlund@aquaculturealliance.org](mailto:steven.hedlund@aquaculturealliance.org). Visuals of the innovation, including photographs, illustrations and videos, are strongly encouraged to be included with the application. **Applications are being accepted through June 30, 2023.**

How are the finalists determined? What’s the timeline?

In the first round of judging, seven judges narrow the list of applicants for each of the two categories (aquaculture and wild-capture fisheries) to nine by Aug 5. The judges are GSA’s Dan Lee and George Chamberlain and current and former GSA Standards Oversight Committee (SOC) members Patrick Blow of Marks & Spencer, Alejandro Buschmann of i-mar Research and the Development Center of Coastal Resources and Environments, Lukas Manomaitis of the U.S. Soybean Export Council, Dawn Purchase of the Marine Conservation Society and Michael Tlusty of the University of Massachusetts-Boston. In the second round of judging, the 12-member SOC selects three finalists for each of the two categories by Aug. 15. The six finalists (three for each category) will then be invited to attend the Responsible Seafood Summit in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, and present their innovations during a reception on Tuesday, Oct. 3. The two winners will be announced at that time.

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| Are visuals included with the application? |  |
| Is the applicant able to present at the event in Saint John on Oct. 3? |  |

**Summarize the innovation (100 words max):**

**Describe the specific problem or area of concern that this innovation addresses (100 words max):**

**Describe the innovative solution to this problem (200 words max):**

**How does this innovative solution exceed standard industry practices (100 words max)?**

**Describe your success or outcomes (100 words max):**

**What is the potential scope for the application of this innovation to the wider industry (100 words max)?**