U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOAA FORM 56-63 (Rev 02-21)	NOAA COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD									
For use of this form see <u>NOAA Corps Directives, Chapter 12</u> , and the instructions on Page 3 of this form. The proponent agency is the NOAA Corps Commissioned Personnel Center.										
1. AWARDEE INFORMATION										
a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL:		b. GRADE:	c. BRANCH OF S	ERVICE:	d. ORGANIZATION:					
e. RECOMMENDED AWARD:	f. PERIOD OF AWARD:			g. PREVIC	US AWARDS: (During this	period)				
	From: MEMO OF LA	To: TENESS REQUIRED	ATTACHED							
2. CONTEXT (Provide a brief summary of situation of		(>120 DAYS FROM END OF PERIOD)								
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3. JUSTIFICATION (Cite specific examples of qualifying service or action, including impacts to NOAA.)										
4. PROPOSED CITATION (Limit 280 characters)										
5. RECOMMENDER										
a. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE: b. If "C	her" Selected, Specify:				c. RECOMMENDER LINE OFFICE					
d. NAME AND SIGNATURE:	e. TITL	E/POSITION:			f. GRADE:	g. DATE:				

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6. PRIMARY INTERMEDIAT	E AUTHORITY (Required):								
a. RECOMMENDATION:	ODISAPPROVAL	b. COMMENTS (Req	equired for disapproval or downgrade)						
UPGRADE TO:									
ODOWN GRADE TO:									
c. NAME AND SIGNATURE		d. TITLE/POSITION		e. GRADE	f. DATE				
7. SECONDARY INTERMED	DIATE AUTHORITY (Optional):	1		1	1				
a. RECOMMENDATION:	ODISAPPROVAL	b. COMMENTS (Req	quired for disapproval or downgrade)						
UPGRADE TO:									
ODOWN GRADE TO:									
C. NAME AND SIGNATURE		d. TITLE/POSITION		e. GRADE	f. DATE				
8. UNIFORM AND AWARDS BOARD AUTHORITY (Required):									
a. RECOMMENDATION:	ODISAPPROVAL	b. COMMENTS (Required for disapproval or downgrade)							
UPGRADE TO:									
ODOWN GRADE TO:									
c. NAME AND SIGNATURE		d. TITLE/POSITION		e. GRADE	f. DATE				
9. APPROVAL AUTHORITY	(Required):			1	1				
a. DECISION: APPROVAL UPGRADE TO: DOWN GRADE TO:	DISAPPROVAL	b. COMMENTS							
c. NAME AND SIGNATURE		d. TITLE/POSITION		e. GRADE	f. DATE				
INSTRUCTIONS									
 Section 1 a-d: Self-explanatory. e: Choose award; indicate whether Service (e.g. end of tour, retirement, etc.) or specific achievement. f: Enter period of award; indicate if memorandum of lateness is required/attached. g: List previous awards earned during this period. 			Sections 5-7 Recommendation and signatory information of the recommender (required), primary intermediate authority (required), and secondary intermediate authority (optional but recommended; include Line Office Liaison officer if no other NOAA Corps Officer in submission chain)n Comments required for disapproval or downgrade recommendations, recommended for others.						
Section 2 Provide brief context for the achievement including situation, billet responsibilities, etc.			Section 8 Signatory information of Uniform and Awards Board authority (usually the Chair of the UAB). Indicates recommendation of the UAB.						
 Cite examples of how the Utilize bullet lists with control 	tion of the accomplishment(s): e awardee meets the requirements for the ncise descriptions and measurable outco areer awards, narrative write-ups may be	mes.	Section 9 Final decision and approval, and signatory information of approval authority.						

- It is not necessary to fill the entire block with text.

Section 4

Provide suggested citation text for award certificate. Should concisely summarize the achievement and be suitable for reading aloud during presentation of award.

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Review the NOAA Corps How-To: Awards document.
- Does nomination and justification fulfill the requirements of the NOAA Corps Directives?
 - O Refer to the NOAA Corps Directives, Chapter 12 for award criteria.
- Does the justification contain quantifiable actions or metrics?
 - O Ensure justification matches award criteria.
 - O Clearly state accomplishments, metrics, impacts.
 - O Minimize unsubstantiated results or flowery rhetoric.
- Are all signature blocks complete and signed?
 - O Recommender is usually the supervisor, but need not be.
 - O Primary Intermediate Authority is usually the next-level supervisor or other senior official.
 - Secondary Intermediate Authority strongly encouraged for high-level awards. Include Line Office Liaison officer if no other NOAA Corps officer included in the submission chain.
 - O There should usually be at least one senior NOAA Corps officer in among the signatories
- □ Is the period of performance accurate?

- O Must be in the past, or terminating within 2 months of submission (end of tour awards)
- If the period of performance ended more than 120 days prior to submission, ensure that the submission is accompanied by a lateness memo (see How-To document).

Have all approval/disapproval/recommendation boxes been checked by the submission chain?

Submit final, signed recommendation by email to <u>noaacorps.uab@noaa.gov</u>.