

Guidance and Review Criteria for HMSC Award Competition

3. Bill Wick Marine Fisheries Award

Scientific merit (25 points): The award is specifically for research in any aspect of marine fisheries science, including fisheries ecology, seafood processing, economics, and marketing. This criterion is based upon the following:

- Creativity of the proposed research and quality of science (10 points);
- Feasibility of the research and likelihood of results (10 points);
- Benefits and broader implications of the research, including the likelihood of resulting publications (5 points).

Academic Qualifications (15 points): Academic standing and qualifications of the applicant. The track record in completing past research (as demonstrated in publications and presentations), as well as the quality of the “research team” (i.e., student and advisor) may be taken into account.

Service (5 points): Service to OSU, HMSC, the home department, the profession, and to the community will all be considered. Service includes committee service, outreach and community service, involvement in the Hatfield Student Organization, etc.

Use of HMSC Facilities: This is not an applicable consideration for the Wick Award.

Budget and Financial Need (15 points): Is the budget being used appropriately? Is there sufficient detail to evaluate it? The committee should discuss in general terms (and document, if possible) those budget elements deemed most appropriate for funding. Aside from a scoring for the candidate, budget comments should be included, for example if some budget elements are higher priority than others (the entire budget request does not have to be funded). Additional points might be granted for capability to leverage extramural or agency funds. (10 points). Financial need is a factor that may be considered. The Wick Award funds should not be used to replace existing funds; if research is already funded, the proposal should identify how the Wick award will augment the funds and improve the quality of the research. (5 points, greatest need gets greatest points)

Adherence to application procedures: Past reviewers have noted many applicants do not follow the application guidelines. The committee may choose to either assign negative points or disqualify any application that does not follow the instructions. (range: outright rejection or –5 points)