

# Charles H. Lyles Award Recipient 2000

## Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Past Charles H. Lyles Award Recipients

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<i>Charles H. Lyles</i>	<i>1984</i>
<i>Theodore B. Ford</i>	<i>1985</i>
<i>J.Y. Christmas</i>	<i>1986</i>
<i>John Breaux</i>	<i>1987</i>
<i>John Ray Nelson</i>	<i>1988</i>
<i>I.B. "Buck" Byrd</i>	<i>1989</i>
<i>Hugh A. Swingle</i>	<i>1990</i>
<i>John A. Mehos</i>	<i>1991</i>
<i>J. Burton Angelle</i>	<i>1992</i>
<i>Louis A. Villanova</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>Theodore H. Shepard</i>	<i>1994</i>
<i>Edwin A. Joyce, Jr.</i>	<i>1995</i>
<i>Tommy D. Candies</i>	<i>1996</i>
<i>Walter M. Tatum</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Thomas L. Heffernan</i>	<i>1998</i>
<i>Trent Lott</i>	<i>1999</i>

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Jim Barkuloo was born on July 31, 1929 in Tifton, Georgia. He is married to Ann Shaughnessy Barkuloo who is a retired registered nurse, and they have two children, Theresa Dawn Broschious who is the district manager for Goldco, Inc. in Panama City, Florida and James M. Barkuloo, Jr. who is an engineer for Naval Coastal System in Panama City, FL.

Jim began his educational career at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College in Tifton, Georgia, in 1946. From 1951-53, he attended Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama and received his Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from Florida State University in 1955. In 1967, he received his Master of Science in Zoology from Stetson University in Deland, Florida. In addition to the university work, Jim has received various certifications and attended a variety of short courses including diving instructor certification from the National Association of Underwater Instructors in 1961; seafloor engineering from Harvey-Lynch, Inc. in 1976; contracting for program and project officers from Sterling Institute in 1977; and remote sensing applications from the U.S. Geological Survey, EROS Data Center in 1978.

Jim has been active in fisheries management, both freshwater and coastal, in the Gulf of Mexico region since beginning his professional career in 1955 with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. He also worked for the Alabama Department of Conservation before joining the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1967 as staff specialist in Fishery Services. He held various positions at the USFWS Panama City Field Office throughout his career, and when Jim retired in 1990, he was supervisor of that Field Office.

Among Jim's contributions to the field of fishery biology were studies that added significantly to our knowledge of striped bass in Gulf of Mexico rivers, particularly the existence of a remnant population of Gulf-race striped bass that was discovered in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river system in the 1970s. As a member of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Anadromous Fisheries Subcommittee, Jim was instrumental in developing the Commission's striped bass fishery management plan. He also led a study on the status of Gulf sturgeon, which eventually resulted in the sturgeon being listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Jim subsequently served on the Gulf Sturgeon Recovery Team/Technical Task Force that developed the Gulf Sturgeon Recovery Plan/Fishery Management Plan. He is also lead author of a report being developed on the population status of Alabama shad. He has served on the Coral and Florida/Alabama Habitat Protection Advisory Panels for the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the Minerals Management Service's Outer Continental Shelf Technical Working Group for the Gulf of Mexico.

Jim remains active in natural resource management. He has served as Associate Director of the Florida Wildlife Federation and is currently President of the St. Andrew Bay Resource Management Association in Bay County, Florida.