

# Charles H. Lyles Award Recipient 2007

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

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<i>Charles H. Lyles</i>	1984
<i>Theodore B. Ford</i>	1985
<i>J.Y. Christmas</i>	1986
<i>John Breaux</i>	1987
<i>John Ray Nelson</i>	1988
<i>I.B. "Buck" Byrd</i>	1989
<i>Hugh A. Swingle</i>	1990
<i>John A. Mehos</i>	1991
<i>J. Burton Angelle</i>	1992
<i>Louis A. Villanova</i>	1993
<i>Theodore H. Shepard</i>	1994
<i>Edwin A. Joyce, Jr.</i>	1995
<i>Tommy D. Candies</i>	1996
<i>Walter M. Tatum</i>	1997
<i>Thomas L. Heffernan</i>	1998
<i>Trent Lott</i>	1999
<i>James M. Barkuloo</i>	2000
<i>Walter W. Fondren, III</i>	2001
<i>Jerald K. Waller</i>	2002
<i>Andrew J. Kemmerer</i>	2003
<i>Hal R. Osborn</i>	2004
<i>Leroy Kiffe</i>	2005
<i>Robert P. Jones</i>	2006

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*Wayne E. Swingle*

## Wayne E. Swingle

The Commission takes great pleasure in announcing that Mr. Wayne E. Swingle has been selected as the 2007 *Charles H. Lyles Award* recipient. He and his wife, Billie, live in Brandon, Florida. They have two sons, Wayne, Jr. and Scott.

Mr. Swingle began his interaction with the marine environment when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country for two years, until he was honorably discharged in 1957. He then enrolled at Auburn University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1961, followed by his Master of Science degree in 1964. While at Auburn, he was a member of the honor society's Phi Kappa Phi, as well as the fraternity Gamma Sigma Delta.

He began his career in marine fisheries management as a research biologist with the Marine Resources Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in 1969. He quickly rose through the ranks and became the Chief Marine Biologist with the Division in 1972 and then was promoted to the Director of the Marine Resources Division in 1975. In 1977 he changed from state management issues to the federal perspective, when he was appointed as Executive Director of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, a position he still holds.

Throughout his career, Mr. Swingle has served on numerous boards, committees, task forces and other marine fisheries advisory bodies including a member of the GSMFC Technical Coordinating Committee, Menhaden Advisory Committee, TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee, Chairman of the GSMFC TCC Anadromous Fish Subcommittee, a member of the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Advisory Board, Alabama Coastal Area Board, Governors Committee on Outer Continental Shelf Development, and a member of the MARFIN Program Management Board. He is also a certified fisheries scientist by the American Fisheries Society and a member of the World Mariculture Society.

Mr. Swingle's dedication and commitment to the management of the fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico has led to the improvement of these resources. It is with great pleasure that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission presents this year's *Charles H. Lyles Award* to such a deserving recipient.

