



2016

## Visionary Award

## Nomination Form

The Gulf of Maine Visionary Award is presented annually to an individual or organization within each of the five Gulf of Maine jurisdictions of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. These awards recognize innovation, creativity, and commitment to marine protection by businesses, environmental organizations, or individuals who are making a difference to the health of the Gulf of Maine.

### Nomination instructions

1. Individuals or organizations may make nominations. Self-nominations are not accepted.
2. The nominee must be a resident of (or an organization / company based in) Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, or Nova Scotia. The nominee's contributions must have occurred in the Gulf of Maine watershed.
3. Visionary Award nominees may be paid professionals or volunteers.
4. Nominations must be made on this nomination form. Nominations with missing information will not be considered. Please provide all information on this form. Attachments will not be accepted.
5. Nominations must be emailed to [jleblanc@gulfofmaine.org](mailto:jleblanc@gulfofmaine.org) by the close of business on **March 31, 2016**. Please rename the nomination form with \_LastNameofNominee added to the end of the file name.



**Questions?** Please contact Council Coordinator Joan LeBlanc at [jleblanc@gulfofmaine.org](mailto:jleblanc@gulfofmaine.org).

To view a list of past award winners, please visit: <http://www.gulfofmaine.org/2/gomc-home/awards/>

### Nominee information (REQUIRED)

Name (as it would appear on the award plaque if selected): Matthew Abbott

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and to allow for sustainable resource use by existing and future generations*

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Brief background on why the individual/organization is being nominated (REQUIRED):

Matt has an BPhil from Renaissance College, UNB. This programme has very competitive entrance requirements and is an interdisciplinary programme specifically planned to educate the leaders of tomorrow. In Matt Abbott's case, the programme certainly fulfilled its mandate.

Matt is the Fundy Baykeeper. This is associated with the international Baykeeper programme and is connected with the Conservation Council of New Brunswick. Matt is well known all along the Bay of Fundy, working with various coastal communities and the fishery associations.

Matt is a team player. He is a member of the Marine Resource Committee and has played a key role in their work on marine debris. He is also heading up the working group on Marine Protected Areas.

Matt has:

- Long collaborative relationship with coastal Fisheries
- Long term collaborative work on national stage to challenge legal and illegal pesticide use on Salmon farms
- Produced report on impacts to Bay of Fundy From Energy East and Tanker traffic and regularly commented publicly on these matters
- Conducted outreach and education work especially regarding the Musquash Marine Protected Area
- Involvement with SOS (Support Ocean Science) This group formed to support and promote the science necessary for good decision making in the marine environment.

Matt has also been involved with Save Passamaquoddy Bay, a group concerned about impacts of LNG development in the Bay.

This nomination has the support of the members of the groups mentioned above and many, many members of the community. Matt has been recognized by the Town of St Andrews as volunteer of the year.

Summary that will be read during the awards ceremony if nominee is selected. This text will also be used in media releases (not to exceed 2,000 characters, including spaces and punctuation - REQUIRED):

I understand from Heather Breeze, Dept of Fisheries and Oceans Halifax that I can submit this section later. I would like to add comments from the many people that support this nomination.

Name and contact information of person making the nomination (REQUIRED):

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