

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
2015 Law Enforcement of the Year Award

Nominee's Information:

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gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org.

1. Describe the nominee's current responsibilities.
2. Describe the nominee's significant contribution(s) to fisheries enforcement.
3. Describe specific qualities that make the nominee deserving of this award.

I hereby affirm that the information submitted herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that if any of the information provided is found to be inaccurate or untruthful, this nomination shall be removed from consideration for this award.

Nominator's Signature: Capt. Chad Hebert 29945 Date: 1-14-16

Chad Hebert 29945

Sgt. Nicholas Guillory has been employed with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division since 2008. Sgt. Guillory is assigned to the Statewide Strike Force and resides in Youngsville Louisiana. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2011 because of his dedication and commitment to the job. Sgt. Guillory's function of work is to provide the enforcement patrol component in support of major programs for fish, game, wildlife, ecosystems and boating safety regulations for the protection and sustainability of wildlife/fisheries resources and public safety. He also serves as coordinator for enforcement operational/patrol within an assigned statewide specialized enforcement unit. Sgt. Guillory patrols private and public lands and water to investigate and conduct law enforcement activities designed to impact natural resource conservation, protection, and management objectives.

Sgt. Guillory has been working federal fisheries enforcement since he began his career. He has become knowledgeable in laws pertaining to Federal Fisheries and his peers look to him for advice and direction. Sgt. Guillory spends many hours patrolling in the Gulf of Mexico and his case production reflects that effort. He has made numerous shark finning cases, closed season snapper cases, over the limit cases, just to name a few. In 2015, Sgt. Guillory recorded 444 hours of patrol enforcing Federal fish regulations in the Gulf of Mexico resulting in 29 citations. Sgt. Guillory is assigned one of the larger vessels in the fleet, a 37ft. Boston Whaler powered by triple 300 outboards. He takes great pride in this vessel by maintaining both mechanically and cosmetically to be sure the vessel is presentable to the public and ready for service.

Sgt. Guillory excels in outreach by communicating and educating the public. He always is willing to take the time to talk to and inform anyone about the job, laws, or "where the fish are biting." Other division personnel have Sgt. Guillory's personal phone number and contact him directly when they have a problem or a question they cannot answer. He has developed a great working relationship with personnel outside of the enforcement division. Sgt. Guillory is dependable and is always willing to go the extra mile to get the job done. Anytime there is an assignment that is not "easy" or will be difficult, he is the first one to volunteer.

In 2013, Sgt. Guillory was given the honor of being chosen as the Statewide Strike Force agent of the year where he was recognized at the annual Louisiana Wildlife Agents Association convention.

Sgt. Guillory was recognized for his actions which saved the lives of eight people fishing along the Louisiana Coast. Sgt. Guillory was called out in inclement weather to search for a vessel that overturned. He spotted a person in waist deep mud waving for help. He pulled the individual into his vessel and then noticed two other individuals in a vessel that was taking on water. Sgt. Guillory was able to get those two individuals into his vessel also. Knowing these individuals were not original ones calling for help, Sgt. Guillory went back into the Gulf of Mexico to search. He traveled about one mile west and discovered two more vessels in need of help. One of the vessels was completely underwater and the other one was beached. Sgt. Guillory was able to get two individuals from the sunken boat into his vessel and then get the sunken vessel up enough to bail the water out and get it floating again. Three people were on the beach and were able to get into Sgt. Guillory's vessel. Sgt. Guillory was able to pull the beached vessel off and get it back underway. In total, Sgt. Guillory was able to rescue eight people and recover three vessels safely. (See attached news release)

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A Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agent rescued eight people from the Gulf of Mexico on Sept. 6 in Vermilion Parish.

Sgt. Nicholas Guillory received a call from dispatch around 1 p.m. on Sept. 6 of a vessel that recently launched at Rollover Landing near Pecan Island taking on water. He made contact with the vessel occupants who said they travelled south in Rollover Bayou and were in the Gulf of Mexico when a storm kicked up producing high seas and lots of wind.

Sgt. Guillory was able to get to the location where Rollover Bayou met the Gulf of Mexico in the pouring rain when he spotted one individual in the mud up to his waist. He was able to pull him from the mud and get him in his boat.

Sgt. Guillory then noticed two other individuals in a vessel that was taking on water and managed to get those two in his boat. He also towed their boat safely back to the inside part of the canal and out of the rough seas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Knowing that the three individuals he brought safely to the inside waters were not the original people that needed help, Sgt. Guillory went back into the Gulf of Mexico. He traveled about a mile west and found two more vessels in trouble. One of the vessels was completely beached and the other was completely under water.

Sgt. Guillory was able to grab two of the individuals from the sunken vessel and put them in his vessel. The three people from the beached vessel were on the beach.

Sgt. Guillory then hooked his vessel up to the beached vessel and was able to pull the vessel back into the water. The vessel started up and he put two of the people on land in that vessel. Sgt. Guillory then towed the sunken vessel to a position to get enough water out so that it could float enough to be towed to inside waters. The last person on shore got in Sgt. Guillory's vessel.

In total Sgt. Guillory was able to rescue eight people and recover three vessels safely and get them back to the boat launch in Rollover Bayou.

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