

Best paper awards for 2009

The award for best publication of the year is given to authors who are employees of the National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, and whose articles are judged to be the most noteworthy of those published in *Fishery Bulletin* and *Marine Fisheries Review*. Authors from the National Marine Fisheries Service are noted in bold below.

The winners for *Fishery Bulletin*:

First prize:

Jeffrey J. Polovina, Melanie Abecassis,
Evan A. Howell, and Phoebe Woodworth

Increases in the relative abundance of mid-trophic level fishes concurrent with declines in apex predators in the subtropical North Pacific, 1996–2006.

Fish. Bull. 107:523–531.

Honorable mention:

Richard Brill, Peter Bushnell, Leonie Smith, Coley Speaks, Rumya Sundaram, Eric Stroud, and John Wang

The repulsive and feeding-deterrent effects of electro-positive metals on juvenile sandbar sharks (*Carcharhinus plumbeus*).

Fish. Bull. 107:298–307.

The winners for *Marine Fisheries Review*:

Phil Clapham and Yulia Ivashchenko.

A Whale of a Deception

This article documents the untold numbers of whales taken by the Soviet whaling industry in violation of international quotas. The article was discussed in the “News of the Week” section of the journal *Science*: “Mystery of the Missing Humpbacks Solved by Soviet Data.” *Science*, vol. 324:1132. May 29, 2009.

Mar. Fish. Rev. 71(1):44–52.