

CITATION
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

ESTYN R. MEADE

In recognition of his dedication to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mission of conserving our Nation's fish and wildlife.

Mr. Meade has been a national leader in conceiving and implementing innovative approaches to conserve aquatic and wildlife habitats. The Service plays a key advisory and regulatory role to federal agencies relative to development projects that are critical to our economy but that may adversely impact fish and wildlife. Mr. Meade's expertise in the Conservation Planning Assistance arena has been demonstrated at multiple field offices, and at the Pacific Regional Office; he is also a sought-after advisor to Headquarters policy-makers. He has been at the forefront of the development, revision, and implementation of national policies related to mitigation and energy projects, especially those related to licensing of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission facilities. Mr. Meade has worked closely with FWS Field Offices throughout the Pacific Northwest on numerous Federal Energy Regulatory Commission projects to ensure consistent, coordinated approaches were taken to conserve and enhance aquatic resources, including salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey, and serves as a national expert on these issues. He has been instrumental in working with project proponents, other agencies, and NGOs in negotiating reasonable solutions to long term hydropower issues, including the complicated processes of removing Washington's Elwha and Little White Salmon River dams to restore anadromous fish populations. For his excellence and outstanding contributions, Estyn Meade is granted the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior.