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MARINE RESOURCES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES INDIAN RIVER LAGOON AWARDS FINALISTS

Marine Resources Council (MRC) has announced its annual Conservation Awards finalists, along with its first 12 Legends of the Indian River Lagoon (IRL), its new hall of fame. Award winners will be announced, and the first 12 Legends of the IRL inducted, Fri., Nov. 4, at the MRC annual Love Our Lagoon Celebration. The annual Conservation Awards finalists are:

WAVEMAKERS

Eve Samples, Executive Director, Friends of the Everglades

Gil Smart, Executive Director, VoteWater

Jim Waymer, Environmental Reporter, Florida Today

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Paul Laura, Treasurer, Marine Resources Council Board of Directors; lagoon advocate

Diane Goldberg, Port St. Lucie Florida Master Gardener and native plant advocate

Tom Perez, Vice Chair, Speak Up Titusville

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

John Maehl, Ecosystem Division Manager, Martin County, Florida

Ron Brockmeyer, Environmental Scientist, St. Johns Water Management District

Lauren Hall, Environmental Scientist, St. Johns Water Management District

ELECTED OFFICIAL

Merritt Matheson, Mayor, Stuart, Florida

Wyatt Hoover, Mayor, Melbourne Beach, Florida

Wes Morrison, Mayor, Cape Canaveral, Florida

IRL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR

South C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area Project

Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative strategic land purchases

Titusville Tree Team/Kay St. Onge

Since 1990, MRC members and volunteers have worked together to create a SEA Change: Science + Education + Action. Those interested in attending the Love Our Lagoon Celebration, knowing more about the Legends of the IRL, and those nominated for the MRC annual Conservation Awards, may visit SaveTheIRL.org or phone 321.725.7775.

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