

Announcement of the NMFS (National Marine Fisheries Service) best paper awards

The National Marine Fisheries Service best scientific paper awards for 2006 were awarded to the following authors:

**Butler, John, Melissa Neuman,
Deanna Pinkard, Rikk Kvitek,
and Guy Cochrane**

The use of multibeam sonar mapping techniques to refine population estimates of the endangered white abalone (*Haliotis sorenseni*)

Fishery Bulletin 104:521–532

Maloney, Nancy E.

Sablefish, *Anaplopoma fimbria*, populations on Gulf of Alaska seamounts

Marine Fisheries Review 66(3):1–12