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**Missouri State Employee Award of Distinction**

The Missouri Department of Conservation Electrofishing and  
Equipment Safety Committee

Category: Safety

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These individuals along with Jake Allman, Rich Meade, Phil Pitts, and Kyle Winders are being acknowledged for the exemplary work they accomplished on the Electrofishing and Equipment Safety Committee. This multi-discipline committee drafted, revised, and updated a body of work that has become a national model for other states to follow. Electrofishing is an important method of sampling fish populations. The manual features safety as a top priority and provides links to additional resources for the user to build knowledge.

This document is structured in a way that it can be continually revised and updated with the most current information.

There have been numerous improvements in electrofishing equipment and safety considerations, these improvements and recommendations have been incorporated into this document and include control units, new research, and the collective experience of Department staff. The result is a set of guidelines that effectively builds on past recommendations to continue to improve the safety and the standardization of the Department of Conservations electrofishing equipment and the knowledge of its staff.