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Mr. Ted Turner
Turner Enterprises, Inc.
133 Luckie Street, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Ted,

On behalf of the American Fisheries Society, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Turner Enterprise Biodiversity and Turner Endangered Species Fund have been selected to receive the 2012 President's Fishery Conservation Award, AFS-nonmember Category. I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on this great honor.

The award recognizes singular accomplishments or long-term contributions that advance aquatic resource conservation at a regional or local level. This year's selection committee (the AFS Past Presidents' Advisory Council) has chosen your program to recognize an outstanding professional, interdisciplinary staff for their direct land and water management on properties in Montana and New Mexico, with streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes. And to recognize your work to initiate habitat protection and improvement efforts in cooperation with state and federal agencies to conserve and restore native and Threatened and Endangered aquatic species.

Please feel free to inform your colleagues about your selection for this award. The official announcement of the award will be made at the 2012 AFS Annual Meeting in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

I hope you or your representative will be able to attend the annual meeting so I may present the award to you in person. The award will be presented during the plenary session, which is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2012 from 8 a.m. to noon in the RiverCentre, Ballroom A. I am also delighted to invite you to attend the following special social events:

Sunday, August 19, 7-10 p.m. Welcome Social: Crowne Plaza, Great River room

Monday, August 20th, 7-8a.m. Plenary Speakers' Breakfast: RiverCentre, room 2

Monday, August 20th, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Luncheon for plenary speakers and award recipients: RiverCentre, Room 2

Tuesday, August 21st, noon-1:30 p.m. Luncheon for all award recipients, RiverCentre, room 2

At your earliest convenience, please submit a digital photograph that AFS may use for publicity purposes, to Gail Goldberg, ggoldberg@fisheries.org at the AFS office along with your RSVP.

Sincerely,

William L. Fisher
President, American Fisheries Society

CC: Mr. Russ Miller and Mr. Mike Phillips

