

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name of Nominee: Michael Masser

Current position: Professor and Extension Fisheries Specialist; Interim Associate Department Head for Extension, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University.

Number of years in this position: 10

Number of years at Texas A&M University:

Degrees Held: Ph.D.(Wildlife & Fisheries), Texas A&M University, 1986
M.S., (Biology & Education), Incarnate World College, San Antonio, 1973
B.S., (Geography & Zoology), University of Texas, Austin, 1970

Employment History: Professor and Extension Fisheries Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, 1998- Present
Interim Associate Department Head/Program Leader for Extension, 2006-Present.
Extension Fisheries Specialist - Professor (1998), AL Cooperative Extension System, Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures, Auburn University, 1989-1998
State Specialist for Aquaculture, Cooperative Extension Program, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY, 1986-1989
Graduate Research Assistant, Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, 1985-1986.

Honors and Awards: Vice Chancellor's Awards in Excellence. TAMU 2006.; USDA, Certificate of Appreciation. For outstanding service and contributions as a charter member of the joint CSREES/USDA-NOAA Sea Grant National Aquaculture Extension Steering Committee 2004-2006; Academic Keys Who's Who in Agriculture Higher Education (WWAHE) 2005; Who's Who in Professionals and Executives 2005; Team Award for Superior Service – Texas Cooperative Extension 2003; Academic Keys Who's Who in Agriculture Higher Education (WWAHE) 2003; NACAA Achievement Award - National Association of County Agricultural Agents and Alabama Association of County Agricultural Agents, 1996; Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Pi Chapter, 1996.

Membership in Professional and Honorary Societies: President of the TAMU Chapter of AFS, Alabama Chapter of AFS, United States Aquaculture Society, World Aquaculture Society, and Texas Aquatic Plant Management Society.

List of Articles and books published within the last five years:

Gandy, R.L., T.M.Samocho, **M.P. Masser**, J.M. Fox, AM.S. Ali, D.M. Gatlin, and M. Speed. 2007. The effect of unilateral eyestalk ablation and diet on the reproductive performance of wild-caught *Farfantepenaeus aztecus* (Ives, 1891) using a closed recirculating maturation system. *Aquaculture Research*. 38 (6), pp 580-587.

Masser, M.P. and A. Schonrock. 2007. An Internet Survey of Private Pond Owners and Managers in Texas. Tenth National Extension Wildlife and Fisheries Conference. Big Sky, MT. (*In press*).

Rakocy, J., **M. P. Masser**, and T. M. Losordo,. 2006. Recirculating Aquaculture Tank Production Systems: Aquaponics - Integrating Fish and Plant Culture. SRAC No. 454 (revised). 16 pp.

Masser, M.P., T.R. Murphy, and J.L. Shelton. 2006. Aquatic Weed Management: Herbicides. Southern Regional Aquaculture Center. No. 361 (revised). July 5pp.

Masser, M.P. P. Woods, and G.M. Clary. 2005. Texas Catfish Production in Ponds. E-342. Texas Cooperative Extension. 29pp.

Masser, M.P. 2005. Alligator Aquaculture. Pages 217-225. *in* A.M. Kelly and J. Silverstein, editors. *Aquaculture in the 21st Century*. American Fisheries Society, Symposium 46, Bethesda, Maryland.

Masser, M.P. 2005. Rio Grande Districts Aquatic Vegetation Management Newsletter. November.

Masser, M.P. 2005. BASS 102: Managing Private Impoundments for Better Fishing. Texas Cooperative Extension. 83 pp. (developed, contributed, compiled and published)