



Jim Robbins Sr.

"I'm really honored to received this award," Robbins said. "One of the reasons I'm honored is just thinking about the people who have received this in the past and it's a great list of really wonderful people. To be included in that category is a really humbling honor. I really appreciate it."

Abby Holman Public Service Award

Kanoti, who served as MFS water resource forester, received the Abby Holman Public Service Award for his outstanding work with private landowners to improve fish passage and stream connectivity. In June, he began a new job as forest manager for the University of Maine.

One of the best examples has been Keith's work with the SFI Implementation Committee, said Gordon Gamble, who chairs the committee. Kanoti was integral to the development of the Fisheries Improvement Network, which brings together landowners, state fisheries biologists and others to improve habitat, stream crossings and stream connectivity. As the father of "Stream Smart Training," Keith's efforts and expertise

are recognized throughout the natural resource and environmental communities.

"He has taken a strong program and made it stronger," said Gamble, Wagner

Forest Management.

"Keith has been a champion for practical

and innovative solutions

to water quality issues

in stream crossings and road construction."

Winners of the Holman award, named for MFPC's former executive director, must demonstrate a level of passion, loyalty, and dedication to the industry, to good government and a robust economy.

"It's not always easy, but in Maine we find a way to sit down together and get stuff done. The forest industry keeps going and the fish keep swimming. So I thank you for this," Kanoti said, holding up his award. "It's a tremendous honor."



Keith Kanoti

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