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**Orvis Announces 2017 Winners for the
Orvis-Endorsed Awards**

MANCHESTER, Vermont – For more than thirty years, the Orvis Company, Inc., has been recognizing excellence in providing world-class fly fishing and wingshooting experiences through its Endorsed Lodges, Outfitters and Guides program. The winners of these coveted awards were announced during the [2017 Orvis Guide Rendezvous](#) in Missoula, Montana, on April 28.

Here are the winners for 2017:

2017 Freshwater Fly-Fishing Guide of the Year

[Kip Vieth, based in Monticello, Minnesota](#)



2017 Saltwater Fly-Fishing Guide of the Year

[Capt. Lucas Bissett, based in Slidell, Louisiana](#)



2017 Wingshooting Guide of the Year

[Eric Harrison, based in Boerne, Texas](#)



2017 Fly-Fishing Lodge of the Year

[Big Hole Lodge in Wise River, Montana](#)



2017 Wingshooting Lodge of the Year
[Southwind Plantation in Attapulgus, Georgia](#)



2017 Outfitter of the Year

[The Tackle Shop Outfitters of Ennis, Montana](#)



2017 International Destination of the Year

[El Pescador, Ambergris Caye, Belize](#)



2017 Fly Shop of the Year

[Beaverkill Angler, Roscoe, New York](#)

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2017 Breaking Barriers Awards

[Jess Westbrook, The Mayfly Project](#)



2017 Lifetime Achievement Award

[Matt P. Libby, Libby Camps, Ashland, Maine](#)



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About the Orvis-Endorsed Awards

Over three decades ago, Orvis embarked on a mission to make planning a world-class fly-fishing or wingshooting experience easier for our customers. We sought out the best operations and worked alongside them to perfect their systems, their facilities, and most importantly, the associated customer experience. The result was the Orvis-Endorsed Program.

Each endorsed partner has its own character – and therein rests its strength – but all share the same high standards: exemplary service, outstanding fishing and wingshooting opportunities, respect for natural resources, and an experienced, professional staff.

Each year representatives from this remarkable network of outdoor leaders within the Orvis-endorsed family are recognized as the best of the best. At the root, these accolades represent the consolidated sentiments of the customer, as the feedback we receive about a customer experience is the ultimate arbiter of success.

This designation also speaks to an operation's environmental commitment, stewardship of their associated natural resource, and partnership with Orvis in providing the finest fly-fishing and wingshooting experience possible for the Orvis customer.

About Orvis

Founded in 1856, Orvis believes the most meaningful experiences are created by sharing the love of nature and being inspired by its endless possibilities. Orvis pioneered the mail order industry in the United States, operates more than 80 retail stores in the U.S and the U.K. and maintains a network of more than 400 dealers worldwide as a trusted source of discovery and adventure in the natural world. Orvis promises to open the door to extraordinary outdoor experiences and to protect nature by committing 5% of pretax profits each year to conservation efforts worldwide.

Learn more at www.orvis.com.
