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Orvis Announces 2017 Nominees 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 will be announced during the [2017 Orvis Guide Rendezvous](#) in Missoula, Montana, on April 28.

Here are the nominees for 2017:

2017 Freshwater Fly-Fishing Guide of the Year Nominees

[Doc Thompson, based in Northern New Mexico](#)

[Rob Fightmaster, based in Maryville, Tennessee](#)

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

2017 Saltwater Fly-Fishing Guide of the Year Nominees

[Capt. Jason Sullivan, based in Everglades National Park, Florida](#)

[Capt. Kechu Marin, based in Ambergris Cay, Belize](#)

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

2017 Wingshooting Guide of the Year Nominees

[Brandon Boedecker, based in Geysers, Montana](#)

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

[Randy Matis, based in Elgin, Arizona](#)

2017 Fly-Fishing Lodge of the Year Nominees

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

[Hawk Lake Lodge in Kenora, Ontario](#)

[Wollaston Lake Lodge in northern Saskatchewan](#)

2017 Wingshooting Lodge of the Year Nominees

[Flying B Ranch in Kamiah, Idaho](#)

[Southwind Plantation in Attapulcus, Georgia](#)

[Joshua Creek Ranch in Boerne, Texas](#)

2017 Outfitter of the Year Nominees

[Lopstick Lodge and Outfitters of Pittsburg, New Hampshire](#)

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

[WorldCast Anglers of Jackson, Wyoming](#)

2017 International Destination of the Year Nominees

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

[Magic Waters Patagonia Lodge, Coyhaique, Chile](#)

[Salvelinus Fishing Adventures, Pyrenees, Spain](#)

2017 Fly Shop of the Year Nominees

[Angler's Covey, Colorado Springs, Colorado](#)

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

[The Backpackers Shop, Sheffield Village, Ohio](#)

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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.

