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VOICE OF BLACK BEARS WINS MEDIA AWARD ***Selection marks back-to-back recognition for Cod Rock founders***

Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna is pleased to announce that the 2006 recipient of the Joe Concannon Hockey East Media Award is Dan Hannigan of Cod Rock Media Productions.

Hannigan, who is entering his 12th year as play-by-play broadcaster for the UMaine men's ice hockey team, is a three-time winner of the Maine Sportscaster of the Year award, and has been recognized by the Maine Associated Press and the Maine Association of Broadcasters for his television and radio work many times over the past decade. In addition to his role at Maine's WZON, the Bears' flagship station, Hannigan was instrumental in the creation of Inside Hockey East, a monthly television show which aired for the past two years on NESN. The show was produced by Cod Rock Media, a company founded jointly in 2003 by Hannigan and last year's winner of the Joe Concannon Hockey East Media Award, Eric Frede.

Hannigan, a 1988 graduate of Dartmouth College, has routinely gone above and beyond the call of duty to travel the country to broadcast Maine hockey games, including doing many games solo. His dedication has been even more apparent the past few seasons, driving nearly three hours each way from his home in southern Maine to broadcast Black Bear home games at the UMaine campus in Orono. Throughout, Hannigan has consistently practiced his craft with a high degree of professionalism, winning over not only his peers, but Maine hockey fans as well.

In March of 2003, Hannigan served as emcee for the annual Hockey East banquet to kick off the festivities of the championship weekend. His company, Cod Rock Media, has also provided highlight videos for the Hockey East banquet the last several years. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Kittery Point, Maine.

The Hockey East Media Award was officially renamed in June of 2001 to honor Joe Concannon, a long-time Boston Globe staff writer and the recipient of the 1998 Media Award. Each season, the league's sports information directors forward a list of nominees for consideration. A committee representing the league's administrators, coaches and SIDs vote to name the recipient of the award. Each recipient has demonstrated a superior body of work in covering and promoting Hockey East over an extended period.

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