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**2016 MARK J. REEFF MEMORIAL AWARD**

**Purpose of Award:**

To recognize distinguished young wildlife management professionals for their outstanding service in the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and for overcoming challenges through creative, determined initiatives of the nominee's own device, producing benefits beyond the immediate area of mandate of the nominating agency.

**Nominations:**

The nominee must be 35 years of age or younger and employed by a member (or affiliate) agency.

**Judging:**

The winner will be selected by judges appointed annually by the chair of the Association's Awards Committee.

**Award:**

The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet held during AFWA's Annual Meeting in September. The winner will receive an engraved plaque.

**Criteria:**

Mark Reeff served as AFWA's Resource Director before he lost his life to a long-term illness in 1997 at the age of 40. The hallmark of Mark's career was to take a good idea and pursue it with dedication and persistence, not cowed by his relative youth when work in "high places." This award in his honor recognizes young professionals who willingly accept more difficult challenges, and inspire others to do the same.

Nominees may come from any agency level, but nominations are encouraged for individual not yet in the spotlight from more junior levels.

Nominations will be evaluated based on:

1. Quality and effectiveness of the nominee's work.
2. Complexity and difficulty of the nominee's accomplishments.
3. The level of benefit (immediate, long-term or anticipated) accruing to the nominee's agency work.

**Application:**

Please include the following items in your nomination package:

1. Name, address and telephone number of nominator.
2. Name, address and telephone number of the nominee.
3. Description of the nominee's problem-solving abilities and accomplishments, including any challenges the person overcame through initiatives of their own device (please provide a brief narrative, and pictures and/or video if applicable):
  - a. Accomplishments may be in any area of resources conservation work: biological, extension, administrative, etc.
4. Description of the benefits resulting from the nominee's work to the resource, the agency and the agency's constituencies (please provide a brief narrative).

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**Deadline to Submit Nominations:**

**July 1, 2016**