



ASSOCIATION of
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

CRITERIA FOR THE SETH GORDON AWARD

Frequency of Award: Presented to one individual each year at the Association's annual meeting if a qualified recipient is available and selected by the Awards Committee.

Type of Award: Steuben glass owl on a wooden base containing a brass plate inscription:

THE SETH GORDON AWARD
PRESENTED TO _____
BY THE ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
(Year)
(and about 14 words of specific data starting with "FOR")

Selection Process: Nominations are submitted by Association members and the recipient is selected by the current Awards Committee.

Selection Deadline: June 25, 2010.

Purpose of Award: The first aim of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in establishing the Seth Gordon Award was to bestow a richly deserved honor upon Seth Gordon for his five decades of service to the Association and to the cause of wildlife conservation. He is the epitome of the enlightened, able and progressive natural resources administrator who sees beyond the limits of one state to the international need and works accordingly — and effectively.

The second aim is to establish a continuing annual recognition in other individuals of the qualities so well represented by the original recipient. We visualize that the Seth Gordon Award will be conferred on administrators who have worked steadfastly and effectively for the best use of North American natural resources and the public trust therein.

Criteria for Selection of Nominees:

- I. **NON-POLITICAL** — The nominee's essential contributions shall have been in the professional field as opposed to partisan political activities.
- II. **PUBLIC AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR** — The nominee's primary background leading to award consideration should be through work with a governmental agency (or agencies) affiliated with AFWA and not primarily through private organizations.
- III. **ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS** — The nominee shall have provided outstanding assistance, service or support to the Association and its objectives.
- IV. **PROLONGED SERVICE** — The nominee shall have made diverse and valuable contributions to conservation objectives over a period of at least twenty (20) years. Consideration for the award will be weighed for sustained effort and accomplishments as

opposed to one or more major accomplishments. The nominee may be in a retired status but must be living at time of nomination.

- V. ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALITIES — Other qualities desirable in a nominee include:
- (1) Continuing interest in natural resource problems and projects and/or the Association.
 - (2) Long-time interest in Association programs and enhancement of its purposes.
 - (3) Outstanding leadership in provincial, state, commonwealth or federal administrative positions — or a combination of any of these.
 - (4) Unusual record of related additional natural resources activities at local, state, provincial or national level.

Criteria Changes: After adoption by the Executive Committee, these criteria can be changed only by the Executive Committee at least one year (12 months) prior to the selection of any nominee by the Awards Committee.