



## **STEPHEN KELLERT AWARD**

Stephen Kellert explored the links between people and nature – advancing connections between humans and the natural world. This award recognizes the importance of connecting all people – from diverse cultural, ethnic, and philosophical backgrounds – to the natural world to enhance the public's appreciation for conservation, and nature-based health and well-being.

### **Purpose of Award:**

To recognize a distinguished individual, group, or agency effort for outstanding service in advancing connection between humans and the natural world to all peoples.

### **Nominations:**

The nominated individual, group, or agency must be a state, provincial or federal agency associated with the Association or an affiliate or contributing member organization.

### **Nominations will be evaluated on:**

Quality and effectiveness of connecting people with nature in a broad, diverse, and inclusive manner, which may include internal organizational commitments to a broad and diverse agency workforce and/or external efforts to connect with new constituents. Evaluation criteria will be based on:

1. Magnitude of the benefits (financial, political, actual)
2. Duration of benefits (immediate, long-term or anticipated)
3. Geographic breadth (local, national, international)

### **Judging:**

The winner will be selected by the Association's Awards Committee.

### **Award:**

Recipients of the Stephen Kellert Award will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet held at AFWA's Annual Fall Meeting.

## **Application:**

Please include the following items in your nomination packet:

1. Name, address, email and telephone number of nominator.
2. Name, address, email and telephone number of nominated agency and team leader/group effort.
3. Description of diverse and inclusive relevancy actions to connect people to nature and increase state fish and wildlife effectiveness. Please provide a brief narrative (pictures and/or video if available).
4. Description of outcomes as a result of nominees work (please provide a brief narrative).

## **Direct Questions & Annual Award Nominations to:**

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\*Accepting electronic nominations only. Please submit nominations to [pallen@fishwildlife.org](mailto:pallen@fishwildlife.org)

**Deadline to Submit Nominations: July 1, 2026**