



ASSOCIATION *of*
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

AFWA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The AFWA Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a conservation partner, from a non-governmental organization, for long-standing national contributions to conservation, outdoor recreation, the mission of state, provincial and territorial fish and wildlife agencies, and the work of the Association. The focus on a partner organization, as opposed to a state, provincial, or territorial agency administrator, makes this award distinct from the Seth Gordon Award.

Purpose of Award:

To recognize and honor an individual, from a non-governmental organization, who has served and/or supported AFWA and helped impact the advancement of the AFWA agenda as well as to natural resource conservation in their own organization or agency.

Nominations:

The award is primarily designed to recognize an individual from a non-governmental organization for his/her distinguished service to AFWA and the field of conservation over the course of one's professional career. Nominations must be submitted by an AFWA member or contributing member organization.

CRITERIA:

- Nominations should describe the candidate's AFWA activities that demonstrate the contributions made to the advancement of the Association and conservation profession.
- Exceptional contributions with significant impact to the functioning or advancement of the AFWA agenda and the conservation profession.
- Outstanding and sustained dedication to the field in a manner consistent with the highest standards of the profession.
- Distinction as an eminent authority in some aspect of conservation practice, scholarship, research, education, or management of nationally recognized initiative.

Judging:

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

Award:

Recipient of the AFWA Lifetime Achievement 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 package:

1. Name, address and telephone number of nominator.
2. Name, address and telephone number of the nominee.
3. Name of the non-governmental organization the nominee is affiliated with.
4. Letter outlining why the nominee deserves the award.
5. Letters from at least two additional co-sponsors endorsing the nominee for this award.

Direct Questions & Annual Award Nominations to:

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*Accepting electronic nominations only. Please submit nominations to pallen@fishwildife.org

Deadline to Submit Nominations: July 1, 2026