



ASSOCIATION *of*
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

MARKJ. REEFF MEMORIAL AWARD

Mark Reeff served as AFWA's Resource Director before he lost his life to a long-term illness on 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 intimidated by his relative youth when working in "high places." This award in his honor recognizes young professionals who willingly accept more difficult challenges, and inspire others to do the same.

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 should be an early career professional and employed by a member (or affiliate) agency.

Nominees may come from any agency level, but nominations from more junior levels, not yet in the spotlight, are encouraged and in keeping with the spirit of the award.

Nominations will be evaluated based on:

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

Judging:

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

Award:

Recipient of the Mark J. Reef 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. 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):
4. Accomplishments may be in any area of resources conservation work: biological, extension, administrative, etc.
5. 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).

Direct Questions & Annual Award Nominations to:

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

Deadline to Submit Nominations: July 1, 2026