



ASSOCIATION *of*
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

GARY TAYLOR AWARD

Gary Taylor was an ardent crusader for the role that state's play in the management of America's fish and wildlife resources and for fish, wildlife and natural resource laws and policies that have a significant influence or effect on states' management of their public trust resources. Throughout his career – working for a state fish and wildlife agency, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (for over 22 years), and other nongovernmental conservation organizations – Gary was dedicated to protecting, defending and preserving the authority of the state fish and wildlife agencies and supporting their agency missions by working on federal policies and laws that facilitate the implementation of science-based conservation on the ground in concert with their partners and constituents.

Purpose of Award:

To recognize an individual for outstanding achievement in the field of public conservation policy, specifically related to state fish and wildlife agency jurisdiction over fish and wildlife management.

Nominations:

The nominated individual should be a current or former state fish and wildlife agency employee or commissioner, or an employee of a nongovernmental conservation organization (e.g., Contributing Member organization) who stridently defends state(s) authority and/or work in public policy related to state fish and agency management of fish and wildlife. The nominee should have a deep understanding of the issues surrounding state fish and wildlife agency management of fish and wildlife resources and has contributed significantly to maintaining and improving fish and wildlife conservation policies and laws with a similar passion, pursuit, and dedication as the award's namesake.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

1. Demonstrated commitment to the mission of state fish and wildlife agencies.
2. Understanding of the role that state fish and wildlife agencies play in fish and wildlife management.
3. Applicability of the nominee's work, history, or accomplishment that contribute constructively to the public policy issues facing state fish and wildlife agencies.

Judging:

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

Award:

Recipients of the Gary Taylor Memorial Award will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet held during AFWA's Fall Annual 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 nominee
3. Description of how the nominee's work or accomplishments relates to defending state(s) fish and wildlife authority and/or work in public conservation policy to the benefit of the states' management of America's fish and wildlife resources. Please provide a brief narrative (pictures and/or video if available).

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