



ASSOCIATION *of*
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

SETH GORDON AWARD

AFWA's highest honor was created for and first presented to the award's namesake, Seth Gordon, in 1970 in celebration of his five decades of service to the Association and to the cause of wildlife conservation. Seth Gordon was 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.

Purpose of Award:

To recognize the lifetime achievements of natural resource administrators who have worked steadfastly and effectively for the best use of North American natural resources and the public trust therein.

Nominations:

The award is primarily designed to recognize an individual for his/her outstanding career in sustained contributions toward fish and wildlife conservation. Nominations must be submitted by an AFWA member or contributing member organization.

Nominations will be evaluated based on:

1. **NON-POLITICAL** — the nominee's essential contributions shall have been in the professional field as opposed to partisan political activities.
2. **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.
3. **ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS** — the nominee shall have provided outstanding assistance, service or support to the Association and its objectives.
4. **PROLONGED SERVICE** — the nominee shall have made diverse and valuable contributions to conservation objectives over a period of at least 20 years.

5. 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 AFWA 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.

Consideration for the award will be weighted toward 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.

Judging:

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

Award:

Recipient of the Seth Gordon 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 contributions to the legacy of fish and wildlife conservation and to the Association (please provide a brief narrative, and pictures and/or video if applicable).

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