

WAFWA AWARDS - 2021

None, one or more, or all of the following awards may be presented annually, as determined by the Awards and Recognition Committee, after the nomination process is completed. Ensure that all nominations include current mailing address, e-mail address (if available), and telephone number for the nominee.

Pogue-Elms Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

A WAFWA member agency may nominate an officer based on one or more of the following:

1. Contributions to fish and wildlife law enforcement.
2. Exceptional leadership, skill, or ingenuity in the performance of their duty.
3. Contributions to areas of applied technology in fish and wildlife enforcement.
4. Contributions that brought credit to their agency or the field of fish and wildlife enforcement that were unique or original.

Nominations must be for an individual (this is not a group award) and the nominee must be a natural resource officer. Nominations will not be more than three pages in length. Nominations for this **and all other awards** should be submitted electronically to Program Specialist Bonnie Ricord at bonnie.ricord@wafwa.org no later than **April 10, 2020**.

Nominations must include the following:

- Member state/province:
- Name and title of nominee:
- Name and title of person making recommendation:

**The term “officer” includes all persons who are commissioned as law enforcement officers and have the authority and duty to enforce law pertaining to fish and wildlife resources. “Officer” includes (but not limited to) work titles such as: wildlife officer; district officer; conservation officer, wildlife conservation officer, natural resource officer, and renewable resource officer.*

Outstanding WAFWA Contributor of the Year Award

This award is presented to an employee of a member agency who has made outstanding contributions to a WAFWA-sponsored project or initiative, or been deeply engaged in committee/working group activities that directly further the conservation goals and objectives of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Outstanding Citizen Wildlife Contributor of the Year Award

This award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in the realm of fish and wildlife management, protection and/or enhancement; and/or has helped advance hunting, fishing, shooting sports, or other outdoor-related recreation interests; and has done so largely on their own initiative and through dedication of their time, talents and treasure. This award is typically given for a particular project or accomplishment. Efforts that directly benefit a WAFWA-member agency program or activity will receive priority consideration by the Committee.

Federal Conservation Partner of the Year Award

This award is presented to a federal agency, an entity or unit of a federal agency, or an employee of a federal agency that has proven to be a strong WAFWA partner and done exemplary work to help advance or favorably impact a WAFWA project, program, initiative, policy position or working relationship that has been beneficial to WAFWA and its member agencies.

Professional of the Year Award

This award is presented to an employee of a member agency who has made the greatest contribution to the management, protection or enhancement of fish and wildlife resources within their respective state/province and/or the western region. Generally, a career of outstanding contributions will overshadow a single or one-time achievement/program unless that one-time achievement/program is of far reaching importance or magnitude for other WAFWA member agencies.

Commission/Board of the Year Award

This award is presented to the Commission/Board that has made a significant contribution to the management, protection or enhancement of fish and wildlife resources within the past five years. A contribution that has long-term or major impacts on resources will overshadow routine activities.

Phillip W. Schneider Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is the highest honor presented by the Association. It is presented to the individual under the following criteria:

1. Long-term commitment to fish and wildlife resources and the stewardship thereof;
2. Outstanding achievements on behalf of those resources as well as in the field of fish and wildlife management;

3. Fostering a vision for the future preservation, conservation and utilization of those resources and an ability to affect change toward that vision;
4. An affiliation of some type with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies;
5. Could, but not necessarily, be given annually with future Awards Committees recognizing the significant honor this special award holds;
6. All recipients of this award should be given a write-up on the major contributions and accomplishments of Phillip W. Schneider, so not only his name, but his achievements will be remembered.

President's Award

Only the Association President nominates and selects the recipient of this award. This award will be given to an individual or entity, including those not affiliated with a WAFWA member agency, that the President believes best exemplifies the highest ideals of innovation, leadership, stewardship and/or dedication involving fish and wildlife resources in the West.

Honorary Life Membership in the Association Award

This award is presented to a former employee of a member agency or a commission/board member who was an active participant in the affairs of the Association throughout their tenure, and whose leadership helped further the mission of the Association.

Other

Other awards may be presented depending upon the determination of the Awards and Recognition Committee upon their review of all of the nominations. Such other categories include the Special Achievement Award and the Special Recognition Award.

Criteria considered by the Awards and Recognition Committee for these other awards may include:

- Geographical area impacted
- Resource magnitude
- Long-term magnitude
- Innovative or unusual contribution