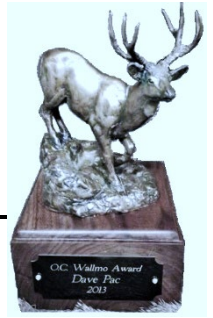




Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency's Mule Deer Working Group - Wallmo Award Nomination Form



An Award for Contributions to Knowledge and Improved Management
of Black-tailed and Mule Deer

The family of the late Dr. O.C. "Charlie" Wallmo has provided for a biennial award, known as the "Wallmo Award." The Wallmo Award is presented to individuals in recognition of outstanding contributions to knowledge and improved management of black-tailed and mule deer. The award consists of a bronze mule deer sculptured by Charlie Wallmo's son, Joe. B. Wallmo, and is presented in conjunction with the biennial Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop sanctioned by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The next award will be presented at this year's Workshop in British Columbia, June 16-19, 2025.

O. C. "Charlie" Wallmo

Background: Charles Wallmo 1919-1982. O. C. "Charlie" Wallmo was born in Iowa in 1919 and studied forestry and wildlife at the University of Wisconsin and University of Montana before completing his Bachelor's degree at Utah State University in 1947. He returned to the UW for his Masters Degree and then to Texas A&M University for a Ph.D. Through his work in Texas, Arizona, Alaska and the Rocky Mountains, Dr. Wallmo pioneered research that resulted in many of the fundamental and foundational concepts in wildlife management. He conducted the first comprehensive study of the ecology of scaled quail early in his career. He was also one of the first to use free-ranging tame deer as research tools to elucidate diet, behavior, and metabolism of mule deer. Charlie was sought-after for his knowledge of mule deer nutrition and the effects of habitat manipulations on deer population dynamics. His work in the central Rockies showed the benefits of small forest clearcuts to deer nutrition and early work on deer survey methodology formed the basis for improved management of deer populations. His efforts in Southeast Alaska demonstrated the value of overstory cover for black-tailed deer during winter. Charlie published more than 50 significant publications and his edited tome "Mule and Black-tailed Deer of North America" still serves as the primary source of basic information about that species. Even though he was known for his dedication to science and the scientific process, his legacy is not volumes of esoteric scientific publications or reams of data analysis, but important contributions to the body of knowledge wildlife managers used for decades as the foundation for improved management. Many of his former graduate students have become known for their work with cervids across North America.

Nominations will be accepted through April 1, 2025 and should include:

1. A nomination letter that highlights contributions to mule and black-tailed deer research, management, conservation or policy. (Please input nomination letter on pages 2 and 3 of this form.)
2. A resume of the nominee which may include academic accomplishments, work history, publications and professional presentations.
3. Supporting letters from at least two other individuals familiar with the contributions of the nominee. (Each letter should be 2 pages or less.)

Please email nomination form, resume and supporting letters to: Justin Shannon, Wallmo Award Chair, at justinshannon@utah.gov. Additional information may be obtained from Justin Shannon: Cell (435) 820-6018.

Nominating Person: _____ Email: _____
Nominating Person Affiliation: _____

Award Nominee Info:

Person being nominated: _____
Title/Position: _____
Email: _____
Phone number: _____

Nomination Letter:

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