

Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Award of Professional Achievement

(Initiated 1985; Revised 2014-11-07)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for members of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society to recognize the significant contributions of a colleague.

Description: The Award of Professional Achievement is the Chapter's highest professional honor, recognizing practicing wildlife professionals in Maine who have distinguished themselves through a sustained record of professional contributions and career achievements. This award is presented to no more than one recipient each year and is not always presented every year.

Criteria:

- Current or past member of The Wildlife Society (National, Northeast Section, Maine Chapter) is preferred but may be waived at discretion of the Awards Committee and Executive Board.
- Demonstrated long-term commitment to the resource and profession that exceeds the usual expectations of performance and responsibility in their position(s).
- Accomplishments that exemplify a level of excellence and productivity that has resulted in advances in knowledge, or lasting benefits to wildlife conservation, wildlife management, research or administration, habitat protection, or public education.
- Has maintained ethical and scientific standards that are in keeping with The Wildlife Society's Code of Ethics.

Examples:

- Conduct of long-term research or management programs that have significantly advanced knowledge, understanding, conservation, and management of a species or group of species.
- Successful habitat protection efforts on a statewide or larger scale
- Long-term public education efforts that have significantly benefited wildlife conservation or habitat management.
- Key involvement with regulatory or policy decision-making that has far reaching benefits for wildlife conservation or habitat management and protection.

Required Nomination Materials:

- Due by January 15 each year
- Completed nomination form. Form is available at: <http://wildlife.org/maine-chapter/awards/>
- Current CV or resume
- Clear and concise statement from the nominator justifying the nomination and addressing the award criteria
- Three letters of endorsement from professional peers, at least one of whom is a Maine Chapter member, that address the award criteria
- Other supporting documents as appropriate

Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Award of Meritorious Service

(Initiated 1999; Revised 2014-11-07)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for members of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society to recognize a Chapter member who has made noteworthy contributions.

Description: The Award of Meritorious Service recognizes contributions of a Chapter member that have resulted in direct or indirect benefit to wildlife resources in Maine. Contributions may have occurred during a specific period of time, or been achieved over a sustained period of time. This award is presented to no more than two recipients each year.

Criteria:

- Member of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society and active at the Chapter or Section level
- Recognized by peers as an exemplary professional in natural resource conservation
- Achievements reflect well on the wildlife profession
- Achievements exceed the “average” expectations of performance and responsibility

Examples:

- Outstanding service to the Chapter
- Consistent, long-term, high-quality, professional work
- Key volunteer efforts with a conservation organization
- Excellence in outreach and education through public presentations or landowner contacts, related to a specific topic or on an ongoing basis
- Development or implementation of new techniques or programs
- Conduct of a research project or manuscript with significant findings
- Planning and coordination of an important state, regional, or national conference

Required Nomination Materials:

- Due by January 15 each year
- Completed nomination form. Form is available at: <http://wildlife.org/maine-chapter/awards/>
- Current CV or resume
- Clear and concise statement from the nominator justifying the nomination and addressing the award criteria
- One letter of endorsement from the nominee’s supervisor or a Chapter member with knowledge of the nominee’s achievements that address the award criteria
- Other supporting documents as appropriate

Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Award of Student Recognition

(Approved 2014-11-07; Initiated 2015)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for members of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society to recognize currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students in wildlife or a related field at a Maine college or university who have demonstrated leadership and shown a strong commitment to and passion for the environment and natural resources.

Description: The Student Recognition Award recognizes accomplishments that indicate the development of a promising career. This award is presented to no more than one undergraduate and one graduate student each year.

Criteria:

- Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in wildlife, natural resources, or environmental science in Maine
- Active in a student-led natural resources organization such as a Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- Demonstrated leadership abilities and professionalism
- Demonstrated field work skills
- Actively encourages peers to participate in academic and extra-curricular activities

Required Nomination Materials:

- Due by January 15 each year
- Completed nomination form. Form is available at: <http://wildlife.org/maine-chapter/awards/>
- Current resume
- Clear and concise statement from the nominator justifying the nomination and addressing the award criteria
- One letter of endorsement from the nominee's academic advisor or a Chapter member with knowledge of the nominee's achievements that addresses the award criteria
- Other supporting documents as appropriate

Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Award of Recognition

(Initiated 1980; Revised 2014-11-07)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for members of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society to recognize individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, or industries in Maine who have made noteworthy contributions to wildlife management or conservation, or to education of the public about wildlife.

Description: The Award of Recognition acknowledges excellent work being done by non-professionals, often volunteers, who contribute their time and talents to enhance conservation of Maine's natural resources. This award is presented to no more than two recipients each year.

Criteria:

- Documented contributions to wildlife management, conservation or education.
- Private, non-profit, natural resource organizations, such as Maine Audubon and The Nature Conservancy, and their employees are eligible for nomination.
- Members of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society, wildlife professionals, and state or federal natural resource agencies and their employees are not eligible, but reasonable exceptions may be considered by the Awards Committee and Executive Board for contributions that are unrelated to the nominee's professional responsibilities or exceed usual expectations of performance.

Examples:

- Nonprofit conservation organizations and their chapters
- Land trusts
- Sportsmen and sportswomen
- Nature, bird, or garden clubs
- Private businesses or industries
- Wildlife rehabilitators and wildlife sanctuaries
- Individuals who contribute time, funds, services, or expertise to further wildlife conservation or habitat protection, mostly on a volunteer basis
- Educators with a focus on wildlife biology, ecology, habitat, or conservation

Required Nomination Materials:

- Due by January 15 each year
- Completed nomination form. Form is available at: <http://wildlife.org/maine-chapter/awards/>
- Current CV or resume (if appropriate)
- Clear and concise statement from the nominator justifying the nomination and addressing the award criteria
- Letters of endorsement are not required but may be submitted to support the nomination
- Other supporting documents as appropriate

Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Certificate of Appreciation

(Initiated 2006; Revised 2014-11-07)

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for members of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society to recognize contributions of members of the Maine Chapter to the leadership, support, and work of the Chapter.

Description: The Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to those who have taken leadership roles or who have made noteworthy contributions to the work of the Chapter. Any number of certificates can be awarded each year, and they can be presented at any official Chapter meeting.

Criteria:

- Member of the Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- Documented contributions to the Chapter

Examples:

- Service as an officer or committee chair
- Writing a position paper
- Researching an issue
- Testifying on behalf of the Chapter
- Staffing a Chapter booth at a public event
- Organizing meetings, professional development activities, or conferences of the Chapter

Required Nomination Materials:

- Due by February 1 each year
- Letter of nomination that includes:
 - Nominee's full name, current position, address, phone number, and email
 - Justification for the nomination