

Awards Given by the South Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society

On July 23, 2008, the Executive Board of the SC Chapter of The Wildlife Society voted to award deserving persons in three categories: Professional Wildlife Management Award, Lifetime Achievement Award and Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award. The criteria for selecting recipients for these awards are listed below. The first two awards are designed to recognize wildlife professionals for special individual or group achievements and the third is to recognize achievements by an undergraduate student.

Criteria for Award Recipients:

Professional Wildlife Management Award - This award is to recognize professional individuals or groups for a particularly important contribution or achievement in wildlife management. Recipients should have direct responsibility for promoting and delivering wildlife management on the land. Typically, these individuals are referred to as “wildlife manager or manager” and they regularly practice the science and art of wildlife management on the land. Recipients should have professional training in wildlife management and be a chapter, sectional, or national member of The Wildlife Society. Previous winners are:

2003 - Dave Baumann
2004 - Buddy Baker
2005 - Joe Hamilton
2007 - Ben Miller
2008 - Billy Dukes
2009 - Laurel Moore Barnhill
2010 - Deanna Ruth
2011 - Charles Ruth
2013 – Jamie Rader
2014 – Cory Drennan
2017 – Dr. James Rickie Davis
2018 – Michael Prevost
2019 – Christy Hand
2020 – Jay Butfiloski

Lifetime Achievement Award - This award recognizes an individual for his/her accomplishments in wildlife biology and management over their lifetime. These accomplishments may have been made in management, education, research, administration, or in a combination of activities that over a lifetime have noticeably advanced the field of wildlife biology and management and enhanced wildlife conservation in South Carolina. Recipients of this award should be current or past members of The Wildlife Society at the state, sectional, or national level. Previous winners are:

2003 – Fred Kinard
2004 – Bill Mahan and John Cely
2005 – Dr. James Earl Kennamer
2007 – Tom Murphy
2008 – Bob Perry
2009 – Dr. Greg Yarrow
2010 – Dan Connelley
2011 – Mark Bara
2013 – Tim Ivey
2014 – Phil Wilkinson
2015 – Derrell Shipes and Kenny Williams
2017 – Paul E. Johns and William Gerald Moore
2018 – Robert Gooding
2019 – Nicole Chadwick
2020 – Mark Purcell

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award – This award is presented to an undergraduate student pursuing a degree from a 2- or 4-year degree program in wildlife management or wildlife biology in the State. To be considered for this award the student has to be nominated by a member of the Chapter. The Chapter’s Awards Committee will review the nominations and determine the recipient. The recipient will be recognized at the Chapter’s meeting. The recipient will receive a plaque and a check for \$100.

2014 – Alix Pedraza
2015 – Carley Cofield
2017 – Charles “Will” Gallman
2018 – Paige McMahan
2019 – Kassie Burkett
2020 – Erin McDaniel