

Amendment to the Bylaws of the
Idaho Chapter, The Wildlife Society:
Professional Wildlifer Award

The Idaho Chapter of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society shall regularly consider, and when deemed appropriate, will select professionally employed wildlife biologists who have made an outstanding and substantial contribution to the wildlife resources of Idaho.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the award is (1) to demonstrate to those who make outstanding contributions that his or her professional peers recognize and appreciate their contributions, (2) to aid the members of the chapter in a continuous evaluation of what constitutes a significant contribution in the wildlife field, and (3) to aid the public in understanding what is significant in the arena of wildlife management in Idaho.

PROCEDURE

1. The Idaho Chapter Award will be known as the Professional Wildlifer Award.
2. Recipient(s) of the award must be a professionally employed wildlife biologist who has made an outstanding contribution to wildlife resources in the State of Idaho.
3. Awards may be shared if the accomplishment is the work of more than one biologist.
4. The work which qualifies an individual for the award must have been performed in Idaho. However, the recipient(s) need not reside in Idaho.
5. Recipients are not required to be members of the Idaho Chapter or The Wildlife Society.
6. It will not be mandatory to present an award each year.
7. Nominations for the Professional Wildlifer Award will be solicited from the Idaho Chapter's general membership by circulating a nomination form in the Summer Newsletter.
8. No later than April 1st of each year, the Executive Board will establish an awards committee consisting of a chairman and two members representing a cross section of professional wildlife biologists in Idaho.
9. The awards committee will be responsible for soliciting nominations, screening nominations and recommending all highly deserving individuals to the Executive Board by October 1st. The chairman of the awards committee will participate with the Executive Board in the selection of the recipient(s). The decision regarding selection will be made by December 1st.

10. The award committee will purchase the items to be awarded and have them appropriately engraved. Funds shall be provided by the Chapter treasurer, after approval of the Executive Board, unless the board waives this review procedure.
11. The award will consist of a distinctive wall plaque that reflects wildlife and the State of Idaho. The plaque will be reproduced identically for all recipients. The same award will be given each year and will be presented at the annual meeting by the Chapter president.
12. Annually, the awards committee will prepare an appropriate news release advising the news media of the purpose of the award, the name of the recipient(s) and the contribution which qualified the individual(s) for the award.

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