

## Draft - Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society - Special Recognition Award

Criteria - Special Recognition Awards are intended to honor any person or group who has made an outstanding contribution within the state of Idaho to: the general areas of wildlife conservation, management, science, or conservation education; the wildlife profession; or to a specific area of endeavor, species, community, ecosystem, or region. Any person or group who has made such a noteworthy contribution within the last 3 years is eligible for nomination for a Special Recognition Award.

Nominations - Any Chapter member may submit a nomination for a Special Recognition Award to the Awards Committee. Because the Committee confers two awards (the Professional Wildlifer Award and the Special Recognition Award), nominators must specify for which award the nomination is intended. A single nominee cannot be submitted for both awards. Each nomination should include the following minimum information: (1) full name, present position, current address and telephone number of the nominee; (2) name, address, and telephone number of the nominator; (3) a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination, including the specific nature, time, and place of the outstanding accomplishments; (4) the signature of the nominator. Two or three letters in support of the nominee from other professionals will aid in committee decisions. All nominations must be received by the Committee by 1 February, or earlier as determined by the committee. The Committee may also solicit information for its files. Nominees not selected to receive the award must be re-nominated for consideration in future years.

Committee Business - All nominations should be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by the Committee according to the brief but specific statements describing the award. By 20 February the Committee shall make its decisions. The committee chair will write a two-three paragraph statement why each recommended recipient was selected, to be read at the award ceremony, as well as a short citation (10-15 words) suitable for inscribing on the award. Special Recognition Awards are normally limited to one or two per year. The committee chair will arrange for the purchase and engraving of the award.

An individual may not be nominated for a Special Recognition Award and a Professional Wildlifer Award in the same year. Should an individual be nominated for both awards by different nominators, the Committee will determine which category is most appropriate.

The Committee will be appointed by the President and should have three to five members.

Presentation of Award - The Committee Chairman, a Committee member, or the President presents each recipient with an appropriate award as part of the Chapter's annual meeting program.