

Congratulations



2014 Governor's Conservation Achievement Award Winners!

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Jean Beasley (Topsail Island)

Beasley's work on behalf of sea turtle conservation has reshaped North Carolina coastal policy.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Robert Curry (Raleigh)

The chief of Inland Fisheries for the Wildlife Commission has a passion for conservation and education.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Bryan Perry (Zebulon)

Wild turkeys might by Perry's conservation focus, but inspiring new generations of hunters isn't far behind.

LAND CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Jamin Simmons (Fairfield)

From supporting red wolf restoration to carbon sequestration programs, the Mattamuskeet area farmer embraces innovation.

WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Roger Dick (Albemarle)

The Uwharrie region banker is an eloquent defender of rivers, lakes, and public access.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Shaefny Grays (Morrisville)

Associate director of the community for diversity for NCSU's College of Natural Resources, Shaefny directs a lauded mentoring program.

CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR

Joe Albea (Winterville)

From public television to working a wealth of media contacts, Joe Albea is a voice for wildlife.

YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Rachel Hopkins (Raleigh)

The young Raleigh student speaks forcefully and successfully for nongame species conservation.

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

Representative Chuck McGrady (Hendersonville)

In a difficult environment, McGrady continues to keep conservation top of mind.

MUNICIPAL CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

City of Jacksonville

Under the direction of assistant city manager Glenn Hargett, Jacksonville showcases its New River treasures.

WILDLIFE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

John R. Spruill (Hampstead)

Jack Spruill is a fighter for eastern North Carolina wildlife, farms, and wild lands.

**Register now for the North Carolina Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting and Awards Gala
September 6, 2014, Research Triangle Park
www.ncwf.org or (919) 833-1923**

HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Stony Rushing (Wingate)

Rushing recognized an underserved group of hunters, and stepped up to solve the problem.

NCWF CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Habitat and Wildlife Keepers (Matthews)

The group's work around the Matthews community has turned the town green.

NCWF AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR

North Carolina Hunters for the Hungry

It takes hundreds of volunteer hours to process and donate thousands of pounds of venison for needy families statewide.

NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

Dr. Christopher Moorman (Raleigh)

When it comes to the science behind wildlife-friendly forestry, Moorman leads the pack.

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

North Carolina Quality Deer Management Association

For NCQDMA, a passion for hunting is matched with a passion for conservation.

BUSINESS CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

The Webb Farm (Ellerbe)

Bill Webb has turned North Carolina's quail hunting heritage into a family farm success story.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Master Officer Robert Newsome (Marion)

For 14 years the McDowell County officer has merged law enforcement with public outreach.

MARINE FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Sgt. Carter Witten (Havelock)

Based in Havelock, Witten has led special enforcement projects throughout eastern North Carolina.

NORTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Fred Stanback (Salisbury)

One of North Carolina's leading philanthropists, Stanback quietly supports land and wildlife conservation efforts that benefit every North Carolinian.