2005 Awards Competition Summary
Prepared by Chuck Schlueter, Awards Chairperson

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“The Association shall conduct an annual awards program to promote craft improvement through competition and to give appropriate recognition to the efforts of member agencies in conservation education, information and public relations programs, and on the recommendations of member agencies, to honor individuals and organizations who have distinguished themselves in those fields.”
## Awards Program History

**Number of Entries by year, plus 2004 Gain/Decline**

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Category: Education

2005 Place Winners
1 – Arizona Game and Fish
2 – New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept
3 – Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

2004 Place Winners
1 – Nebraska Game and Fish Commission
2 – New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept
3 – Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept

2003 Place Winners
1 – Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
2 – Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game
3 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife
2 – Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
3 – Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

2001 Place Winners
1 – New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation
2 – Arizona Game and Fish
3 – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Category Chairperson: Marion Larsen, Massachusetts

Judges: Unknown.

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Category: Posters

2005 Place Winners
1 – Minnesota Dept Natural Resources
2 – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
3 – Arizona Game and Fish Dept.

2004 Place Winners
1 – New Hampshire Fish & Game
2 – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries
3 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

2003 Place Winners
1 – Georgia Natural Resources
2 – Idaho Fish and Game
3 – Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources
2001 Place Winners
1 – Kentucky Dept. Fish and Wildlife

Category Chairperson:
Kim Nix, Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

Judges:

Billy Pope works for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as the Art Director for Outdoor Alabama Magazine and Television. He previously worked for 10 years as an Art Director for the United States Air Force Services Marketing Department where he was responsible for the creative development and implementation of regional, national and worldwide advertising campaigns.

Darryl Gates has been vice president of communications for the Alabama Rural Electric Association and editor of Alabama Living, the association’s 375,000-circulation monthly magazine, since 1983. Before joining the association, he was city editor of the (Montgomery) Alabama Journal and a reporter and columnist for the Montgomery Advertiser. He began his career as editor of The (Millbrook) Community Press. He holds a B.A. degree in Communications from Auburn University at Montgomery, and has done graduate study in business administration and recreation resources management.

Elishia Ballentine is a Public Information Specialist with the Alabama Forestry Commission, where she is editor of Alabama’s TREASURED Forests magazine. She began using desktop publishing to design and create layout of publications and print ads in 1985. Previously, she served as Director of Public Relations and Marketing at a hospital for over 10 years, with experience in the development and promotion of special events and community awareness campaigns through multi-media outlets. She has a B.S. in Business Administration from Auburn University at Montgomery.

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Category: One Time Publication, 1- to 3-Color

2005 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife Conservation
3 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources

2004 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife Conservation
3 – Arizona Game and Fish Dept

2003 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
2 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
3 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
Special – Oregon State Marine Board

2001 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – California Dept. Fish and Game
3 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

Category Chairperson:
Melinda Carl, Delaware Dept. Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Judges:

Katy O’Connell is the education coordinator for the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve. Katy serves on the Green Eggs and Sand project team, helping to coordinate a national award winning curriculum about horseshoe crabs, migratory shorebirds, and natural resource management challenges. She has developed environmental education products and programs for audiences from preschoolers to professionals. At the national level, Katy serves on numerous steering boards, driving ocean and estuarine literacy forward.

Melanie Rapp is the community relations coordinator for the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Melanie is responsible for the development of outreach and education materials, including brochures and directories, print and broadcast ads, and other communications tools. She is serving as the project manager of a major air quality outreach project.

Chris Polo has been with the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control since 1992, when she was hired as the first in-house graphic designer who did everything on a computer. During her tenure, she has taken the division's publications unit from paste-ups and paper mechanicals to a full-service in-house design and production shop, producing everything from full-color brochures to waysides, interactive web pages and billboards. She currently serves as chief of Creative Services for Delaware State Parks, overseeing publications, exhibits and marketing.

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### Category: One Time Publication, 4-Color Other

- **2005 Place Winners**
  1. New Hampshire Fish and Game
  2. Arkansas Game and Fish
  3. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

- **2004 Place Winners**
  1. Nebraska Game & Parks
  2. Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.
  3. Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources

- **2003 Place Winners**
  1. Texas Parks and Wildlife
  2. Alabama Dept. Conservation
  3. Texas Parks and Wildlife

- **Special** – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries

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Judy Stokes, New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.

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  - Sharing the Gardens
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
  - An Afternoon at Tide Swamp
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.
  - Battleship Texas Interpretive Brochure
  - Big Country Angler's Guide
Category: One Time Publication, 4-Color Books/Reports

2005 Place Winners
1 – Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
2 – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
3 – Arizona Game and Fish Dept.

2004 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept
2 – National Wild Turkey Federation
3 – Arkansas Game and Fish

2003 Place Winners
1 – Arkansas Game and Fish
2 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
3 – Idaho Dept. Fish and Game

2002 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
3 – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries

Category Chairperson:
Judy Stokes, New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.

Judges:
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**Category Chairperson:**
Judy Stokes, New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.

**Judges:**
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- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources
- Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources
- Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
- Ohio Division of Wildlife
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Aquatic Invaders Can Spoil American Waters
- Andrews Recreation Guide
- Big Pine Trail Guide
- Stocking Your Farm Pond For Success
- Repairing the Impaired: Two Iowa Success Stories
- Recruitment Brochure
- Promotional for Pheasant Forever National Convention
- Swatara Creek Water Trail Guide
- 30 Years of Coastal Fisheries Division Research
- Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge Brochure
- Tax Contribution Brochure

### Category: 1- to 3-Color Newsletter

**2005 Place Winners**
1 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Wyoming Game and Fish

**2004 Place Winners**
1 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
2 – Mississippi Dept. Wildlife, Fish & Parks

**2003 Place Winners**
1 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
2 – New York Dept. Environmental Conservation
3 – Georgia Dept. Natural Resources

**2002 Place Winners**
1 – Colorado Division of Wildlife
2 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
3 – Georgia Dept. Natural Resources
Category Chairperson:
Warren Mischke, Wyoming Game and Fish Dept.

Judges:
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1- Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
3 – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

2004 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Arkansas Game and Fish
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation

2003 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Arkanss Game and Fish Commission
3 – New Mexico Dept. Game and Fish
Special – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife
Category Chairperson:
Lee Ratcliffe, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Judges:
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- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
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- New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Ohio Division of Wildlife
- Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

Category: Web Sites

2005 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Maryland Dept. Natural Resources
3 – Missouri Dept. Conservation

2004 Place Winners
1 – Arizona Game and Fish Dept.
2 – North Caroling Wildlife Resources
3 – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

2003 Place Winners
1 – Nebraska Game and Parks
2 – Arkansas Game and Fish
3 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources
2 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
3 – Nevada Division of Wildlife
2001 Place Winners
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Arkansas Game and Fish
3 – National Wild Turkey Federation

Category Chairperson:
Liza Poinier, New Hampshire Fish and Game

Judges:

Rachel Brittin is Public Affairs Director for the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, where she works to raise the visibility of the Association and its members through publications, the Web site, and outreach to the media. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, camping, soccer, painting, and surfing the Web.

Ellie Horwitz is the Chief of Information and Education for the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife, where, for over 20 years, she has managed their publications, outreach and education programs. She is an avid net surfer and curls up with her laptop the way other folks curl up with a good book.

Bob Miles is the Chief of Public Information for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. His responsibilities include managing the Department’s Web site, magazine, television show, media services, and a customer service counter. Miles has been with the agency for more than 20 years.

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Ohio Division of Wildlife
Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
Wonderful West Virginia Magazine

Category: Print News

2005 Place Winners
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife Conservation

2004 Place Winners
1 – Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
2 – Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.
3 – New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept.
2003 Place Winners
1 – Florida Fish and Wildlife
2 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
3 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
Special – Arkansas Game and Fish

2002 Place Winners
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife
2 – Pennsylvania Game Commission
3 – Missouri Dept. Conservation

2001 Place Winners
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
3 – Missouri Dept. Conservation

Category Chairperson:
Micah Holmes, Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation

Judges:
Brian Hendricks
Chad Love
Dave Smith

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Category: Media Campaigns

2005 Place Winners
1 – Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation
2 – Minnesota Dept of Natural Resources
3 – Arizona Game and Fish Dept

2004 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries
3 – Arizona Game & Fish Dept

2003 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries
2 – Oregon State Marine Board
3 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

2001 Place Winners
1 – National Wild Turkey Federation
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

Category Chairperson:
Marcus Kilburn – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Judges:

Keith Sutton of Alexander, Arkansas, is a full-time writer, editor, photographer, TV personality and lecturer. His articles and photographs appear regularly in a wide variety of outdoor periodicals. He has written eight books, edited a dozen and co-authored more than 20, including “Out There Fishing,” “Catfishing: Beyond the Basics,” “Hunting Arkansas,” “Fishing Arkansas,” “Birder’s Bible” and “Shooter’s Bible.” Sutton served 19 years as editor/assistant editor of the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission conservation magazine “Arkansas Wildlife.”

Joan Ellison of Little Rock is a 33-year veteran of the State Parks Division of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. She has served as the Division’s public information officer since 1987. In this role, she coordinates Arkansas State Parks’ advertising and promotional efforts in print, broadcast, and outdoor media, and the design and production of a wide variety of four-color literature that serves as the fulfillment for this advertising. In addition, Ellison coordinates the design and maintenance of the park system’s 12 Web sites including the official Web site for Arkansas State Parks.

Dr. Lee Hinson is a native of Little Rock. Upon graduation from Little Rock public schools Lee attended the University of Central Arkansas. In 1983 Lee was an honor graduate at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, earning his doctorate in dental surgery. An accomplished musician and trumpet player, he has performed with many musical groups including the Four Tops, The Temptations, the O’Jays, and the Fifth Dimension. Dr. Hinson is an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoys hunting duck and deer and fishing with his two children.

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**Category: Video News**

2005 Place Winners
1 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
Special – Montana Wildlife and Parks

2004 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
Special – Wyoming Game and Fish

2003 Place Winners
1 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources

**Category Chairperson:**
Chad Tussing, South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks

**Judges:**

**Jim Wentz:** Following a career in fish and wildlife management Jim Wentz founded Silvertip Productions in 1997. Silvertip focuses on conservation communication and training opportunities using a blend of traditional strategies and emerging technologies. Clients include resource management agencies, NGOs, related industries, and trade associations. Most Silvertip projects involve video production and advanced Internet applications.

**Jim Thompson:** Sioux Falls native Jim Thompson, Jr. is an accomplished freelance photographer and outdoor writer. His images and articles have appeared on the pages of Ducks Unlimited, Wildfowl, Dakota Country, and Dakota Outdoors magazines. He’s a pro-staff member of Avery Outdoors, Zink Calls, Ace Outdoors, and Nikon. You can listen to Jim’s weekly outdoor radio talk show every Thursday at 5:05 p.m. on AM1230/KWSN.

**Steve Szymanski:** Over 30 years in production ranging from Film to Video. Produced South Dakota Outdoor Guide for 6 years with segments ranging from Jewell Cave, Repairing Mount Rushmore to Rattlesnake Hunting. Steve was also the Production Assistant on PBS / Ken Burns "Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery." Freelance Outdoor Videographer.
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Category: Video Other

2005 Place Winners
1 – Texas Wildlife and Parks
2 – Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
3 – Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

2004 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Idaho Dept. Fish and Game
3 – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries

2003 Place Winners
1 – Idaho Dept. Fish and Game
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – Idaho Dept. Fish and Game
2 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife
3 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Special – Georgia Dept. Natural Resources

2001 Place Winners
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – National Wild Turkey Federation

Category Chairperson:
Marc Sommer, Ohio Division of Wildlife

Judges:

Jennifer Cox: I have been a corporate travel agent for 17 years with primary responsibilities that range from travel arrangements to liaison between travel companies and host agency. Most of my time revolves around customer service and bottom line cost to agency. I am also the mother of three children and a graduate of Hocking College.

Eric Postell: I am the Outdoor Education Supervisor for the Ohio Division of Wildlife. I have worked for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the past 7 years in various positions. In 2001 I completed my B.S degree from The Ohio State University in Wildlife Management. My
hobbies include hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife viewing, and spending time with my family. My wife and I have been married for 7 years and we have a 16-month-old son named Joshua.

Lindsay Deering has been a Wildlife Communications Specialist for the Ohio Division of Wildlife for three years. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources, specializing in Wildlife Management, from The Ohio State University in 2003. Lindsay is a member of ACI, Outdoor Writers of Ohio, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Environmental Education Council of Ohio, and other information and education partnerships. A devout Buckeye her whole life, Lindsay now resides in Grove City, Ohio with her husband, two dogs, three cats, and assorted fish and herpetofauna.

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Category: Television Series

2005 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept
2 – Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
3 – New Hampshire Fish and Game

2004 Place Winners
1 – Tennessee Wildlife Resources
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – New Hampshire Fish and Game

2003 Place Winners
1 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Missouri Dept. Conservation

2002 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
3 – Tennessee Wildlife Resources
**2001 Place Winners**
1 – Nebraska Game and Parks
2 – Tennessee Wildlife Resources
3 – Texas Parks and Wildlife

**Category Chairperson:**
Ron Messina, Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries

**Judges:**
Unknown

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**Category: Television Public Service Announcement**

**2005 Place Winners**
1 – Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation
2 – South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
3 – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries

**2002 Place Winners**
1 – Oregon State Marine Board
2 – Virginia Dept. Game & Inland Fisheries
3 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife

**2004 Place Winners**
1 – National Wild Turkey Federation
2 – Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
3 – Arizona Game and Fish Dept

**2003 Place Winners**
1 – Florida Fish and Wildlife
2 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife

**Category Chairperson:**
Scott Pengally, Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
**Judges:**

**JASON ZIEMER** is a public information officer for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Ziemer, who has been with the DNR for more than four years, does video programming production, and marketing and communications for the agency. The feature-length video news releases he produces for the agency air on television stations throughout Minnesota as well as in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin. His work has received numerous honors from state and national organizations, including ACI. Prior to joining the DNR, Jason spent six years as a television anchor and reporter for ABC, NBC and CBS network affiliates in North Dakota. He has also hosted and produced weekly public affairs programs.

**STEVE CARROLL,** a public information officer for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, is a broadcast media specialist. He is responsible for a variety of DNR media relations duties, including handling media inquiries, arranging interviews and media opportunities, pitching story ideas, and producing a weekly statewide news release packet. Prior to joining the DNR, Steve was an award-winning sports reporter/anchor for KARE-TV, a NBC affiliate in Minneapolis. Among his accomplishments, Steve created a daily outdoor/recreation segment that has since been developed into a popular 30-minute television show. He has also worked as a media relations specialist for an international news release distribution service, as a newspaper editor, and as a radio news director and announcer.

**DAN SUNDEM** is an instructor at Brown College, a nationally recognized school of broadcasting in the Twin Cities, where he teaches videography and editing. Prior to joining the faculty at Brown College, Dan worked for 10 years as a photographer/editor for the Fox affiliate in the Twin Cities. Dan primarily worked in the special projects/investigative unit, where he won six Emmy awards for his work. Dan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Minnesota in 1994.

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**Category: Radio Public Service Announcement**

### 2005 Place Winners
1 – Minnesota Dept Natural Resources  
2 – Missouri Dept of Conservation  
3 – Missouri Dept of Conservation  
Special – Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife

### 2004 Place Winners
1 – Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Game  
2 – Missouri Dept. of Conservation  
3 – Missouri Dept. of Conservation  
Special – Arkansas Game & Fish
**2003 Place Winners**
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
Special – Oregon State Marine Board

**2002 Place Winners**
1 – Kentucky Dept. Fish and Wildlife

**2001 Place Winners**
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
2 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
3 – South Carolina Dept. Natural Resources

**Category Chairperson:**
Jenny Thom, Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation

**Judges:**

Danny Diamond is the Morning Drive personality for Hot 93.7/KSPI and Mid-Day personality for 105.5/KGFY in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He’s spent 23 years in radio and has been heard during morning drive time in the states of Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. Danny was the voice of KPNC/Ponca City’s Morning Drive when the station was awarded the OAB Non-Metro Radio Station of the Year. Danny also won an award from the American Veterans Association for hosting a show aimed at veterans, also while at KPNC. A few all-time favorite radio publicity stunts include: a Morning Show broadcast from a hot tub in the winter’s snow and ice to encourage donations for the Salvation Army; winning a stock car media race challenge against fellow employees from station KNID in Enid, Oklahoma; and hosting a 34-straight-hours show while under water in “The Tank Of Terror” to raise money for the DARE program while with KPNC. Danny raised thousands of dollars and received an award from the city of Ponca City.

Cheryl Myatt received her Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology with a minor in communications at Oklahoma State University. While at OSU, Cheryl was a member of the National Wildlife Society and actively involved with the Oklahoma State Student Wildlife Chapter. Cheryl has been in the radio industry for more than eight years and is currently sales manager at KOFM/KGWA radio stations in Enid, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters named KOFM the 2005 "Non-Metro Radio Station of the Year." In 2001, Cheryl received the Certified Radio Marketing Consultant (CRMC) certification through the Radio Advertising Bureau, and she recently received her Certified Radio Marketing Expert (CRME) certification. Only 36 other people in the United States have received this highest level of recognition awarded by the Radio Advertising Bureau. Cheryl was nominated a 2006 top 10 nationwide finalist for “Sales Manager of the Year” Radio Wayne Award from Radio Inc. Magazine.

Diana Clifton received a Bachelor of Science degree in Radio/Television/Film Sales & Management from Oklahoma State University. She has worked in OKC radio for 20 years as an Account Executive (Advertising Sales Representative). Diana has been with Citadel Communications for the past 10 years selling advertising for 6 radio stations - KATT/KYIS/KKWD/KQOB/KINB-WKY/WWLS FM-AM. Her responsibilities and talents include designing successful advertising and marketing plans for all sizes/types of businesses ranging from small, locally owned businesses to large corporations and advertising agencies. She has worked with businesses locally and across the country. Along with selling advertising, Diana develops and executes on-air and on-site promotions, writes commercial scripts, and generates creative concepts for advertisers.

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2 – Kentucky Fish and Wildlife
3 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
Special – Minnesota DNR

**2004 Place Winners**
1 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
2 – Kentucky Fish and Wildlife
3 – Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

**2003 Place Winners**
1 – Kentucky Fish and Wildlife
2 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
3 – Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

**Category Chairperson:**
Jenny Thom, Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation

**Judges:**

Ben Krech is a Production Director for XM Satellite Radio in Washington, DC. During his 5-years with the company, he has launched several original channels and organized live broadcasts around the globe, including Live 8 in London, Bonnaroo in Manchester, TN, The MTV VMA Awards in Miami, FL and the Mozart 250 in Salzburg, Austria. Ben is currently heard on XM as the voice of Major League Baseball and Starbucks “Hear Music” channel. Before arriving at XM, Ben was the production coordinator for Learfield Sports in Jefferson City, MO. While at Learfield, Ben supervised all production of 14 statewide college sports networks, including The Oklahoma Sooners, The Missouri Tigers, and the North Carolina Tar Heels. On weekends, Ben can most likely be found racing his VW at area tracks.

Dax Davis is program director of WWLS – AM/FM in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He received a Bachelors of Arts in Broadcast Journalism from Baylor University in Waco, Texas in December 1999. Dax is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys quail, duck and dove hunting.

Melissa Gandall is the Assistant News Director and Morning News Anchor at K TOK-AM 1000 in Oklahoma City. She is a 1996 graduate of Oklahoma State University. Melissa got her start in radio in Lawrence, Kansas and also worked in Kansas City before moving back to her hometown, Oklahoma City in 2000.
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- Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
  - Natural Resources Minute
- New Hampshire Fish and Game
  - Change
- New Hampshire Fish and Game
  - Adaptable

## Category: Photography

### 2005 Place Winners
1. Ohio Division of Wildlife
2. Arizona Game and Fish
3. Louisiana Dept Wildlife and Fisheries

### 2004 Place Winners
1. Illinois Dept. Natural Resources
2. Wyoming Game and Fish Dept
3. South Carolina Dept. Natural Resources

### 2003 Place Winners
1. North Carolina Wildlife Resources
2. Texas Parks and Wildlife
3. North Carolina Wildlife Resources

Special – South Carolina Natural Resources

### 2002 Place Winners
1. Texas Parks and Wildlife
2. Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
3. Illinois Dept. Natural Resources
3. Arizona Game and Fish
3. North Carolina Wildlife Resources

### 2001 Place Winners
1. Illinois Dept. Natural Resources
2. Arizona Game and Fish
3. Arizona Game and Fish

### Category Chairperson:
Judith Hosafros, Wyoming Game and Fish Dept.

### Judges:

**Kelly Etzel Douglas** worked as a photojournalist for six years at newspapers in Iowa, Missouri, and Wyoming. She freelanced for *USA Today* and several trade magazines. Kelly now edits the Wyoming Department of Transportation’s internal magazine, the *Interchange*. Douglas has degrees in journalism and art from the University of Iowa.
Rick Carpenter is the senior photographer for Wyoming Department of Transportation and continues a career spanning more than three decades. Through Professional Photographers of America, Rick earned his Photographic Craftsman, Certified Professional Photographer and Master Photographer distinctions. Rick has been honored with five Kodak Gallery awards and four Fuji Masterpiece awards. His work has been accepted for exhibit at Professional Photographers of America International Exposition of Professional Photography and exhibited at Walt Disney World Epcot Center.

Tim Christie has been a professional photographer and writer since 1981. His work has been published in *Field and Stream, Outdoor Life, Sports Afield, National Wildlife Magazine, Nature’s Best*, as well as *Wyoming Wildlife*. Christie has over 130,000 images in his file from all over North America. He has earned several awards through the Outdoor Writers Association of America. His Web site is timchristiephoto.com. Tim is also a professor of communications and photography at Northern Idaho College in Coeur D’ Alene, Idaho.

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  - Who We Are  
  - A Closer Look at Arizona Wildlife  
  - Aiming for Excellence  
  - Photos by Jeff Williams  
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
  - AGFC Wildlife Officers Counterpunch Katrina  
- Arizona Game and Fish Dept.  
- Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries  
  - A Story Told: Katrina  
  - Gander Liftoff  
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
- Ohio Division of Wildlife  
- Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation  
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission  
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission  
  - Bass on a Boat  
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- South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources  
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- Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.  
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- Wyoming Game and Fish Dept.  
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Category: Calendar
2005 Place Winners
1 – South Carolina Dept Natural Resources
2 – Wyoming Game and Fish
3 – Missouri Dept of Conservation
3 – South Carolina Dept Natural Resources

2004 Place Winners
1 – Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.
2 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife Conservation
3 – Alabama Dept. Conservation

2003 Place Winners
1 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources

Category Chairperson:
Joy Hill, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Judges:

Hayley Passaro: Graphic designer and Web developer and an honors graduate from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. Hayley is an awards-winner artist, a volunteer for the non-profit Vanishing Species Wildlife in Palmdale, FL, a digital photo restorer, and enjoys music and dance.

Karen Fulford is a graphic designer and Web developer with almost 25 years design experience. Her work has received many awards, including Best Non-Secured Card Design in an international credit card design competition.

Stephen Chancas is owner and operator of Budget Print & Signs. He has been in the printing industry for 25 years. He states that he would have been proud to have produced any of the 16 entries in this category.

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Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries 2006 Louisiana Conservationist Calendar
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources 2006 Natural Resource Calendar
Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources 2006 State Parks Calendar
Category: Regulation Publications

2005 Place Winners
1 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife
2 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife
3 – Ohio Division of Wildlife
3 – Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

2004 Place Winners
1 – Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission
2 – Nevada Dept. of Wildlife
3 – Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources

2003 Place Winners
1 – Arkansas Game and Fish
2 – West Virginia Natural Resources
3 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife

2002 Place Winners
1 – Indiana Fish and Wildlife
2 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife
3 – Indiana Fish and Wildlife
3 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife
Special – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife

2001 Place Winners
1 – New Mexico Game and Fish
2 – Oklahoma Dept. Wildlife
3 – New Jersey Fish and Wildlife

2000 Place Winners
1 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
2 – Oregon State Marine Board
3 – Nevada Division Wildlife

Category Chairperson:
Lydia Saldana, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept

Judges:

Ken Kurzawski has been employed as a fisheries biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries Division for 18 years. He received his M.S. in fisheries from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and also has done fisheries work for an electric generating company and Minnesota DNR. In his current position he coordinates freshwater fishing regulations, and manages a team that provides freshwater fishing information on the agency’s Web site, fisheries database analyses, and various regulatory permitting programs for freshwater resources.

David Barr Dunham is associate publisher of Texas Monthly, having joined the magazine in 1979. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in English, Dunham previously worked for Rives, Dyke, Young and Rubicom Advertising in his hometown of Houston. A 1991 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the City of Austin, he was recently honored by the Texas Travel Industry Association in 2005 with its Tall in Texas Award.

John Jefferson has served as hunting and fishing regulations coordinator for Texas Parks and Wildlife, as well as director of information and education. After leaving TPWD, he became executive director of the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society. He is author of Hunters Guide to Texas, co-
author of *Texas Wildlife* and has been a freelance contributor of articles and photographs to regional hunting and fishing magazines. He has served on TPW Commission’s Hunting Advisory Committee, is a member of TPWD Game Warden Advisory Committee, and is past president of Texas Outdoor Writer’s Association.

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### Category: Big Ideas, Small Budget

#### 2005 Place Winner
This category was not available in 2005.

#### 2004 Place Winner
1 – Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries

#### 2003 Place Winner
1 – Idaho Fish and Game

#### 2002 Place Winners
1 – New York State Environmental Conservation
2 – New Hampshire Fish and Game
3 – New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

### Category Chairperson:
Judges:

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Category: Magazine Article, General Interest

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1 – Minnesota Dept Natural Resources
2 – Wyoming Game and Fish Dept
3 – Iowa Dept of Natural Resources

2004 Place Winners
1 – Wyoming Game and Fish
2 – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
3 – Nebraska Game & Parks

2003 Place Winners
1 – Texas Parks and Wildlife
2 – Wyoming Game and Fish

3 – New Hampshire Game and Fish

2002 Place Winners
1 – Missouri Dept. Conservation
1 – Florida Fish and Wildlife
2 – Nebraska Game and Parks
3 – South Carolina Natural Resources

2001 Place Winners
1 – Minnesota Dept. Natural Resources
1 – Wyoming Game and Fish
2 – Arkansas Game and Fish
3 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources

Category Chairperson:
Hoy Murphy, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

Judges:

Matt Turner is national media manager for the West Virginia Division of Tourism and led a team of his agency's design, public information and publications specialists in reviewing the entries. He has been with the tourism office since 1999 and previously worked in corporate public relations for more than four years. He was a state park naturalist and holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism. He also specialized in newspaper page layout in design and has taught college courses in graphics of communication.

Kevin M. Pauley is the Communications Director for West Virginia for the American Heart Association, where he is a Jack of all trades, including graphic artist and copywriter for all
publications, billboards and calendars; spokesman for securing in-kind sponsorship from media partners across the state; photographer and the host of the AHA’s monthly television show, *From the Heart*. In his spare time, Kevin keeps busy with his acting and as a board member for Kanawha Players, West Virginia’s oldest community theater group, and as a member of the “No-Pants Players,” West Virginia’s premiere live improv comedy troupe. He also hosts a new weekly radio movie review show, “The Reel Deal,” on V100 in Charleston.

**Bill Bissett** is the Director of Public Relations for his alma mater, Marshall University, where he received his master’s degree in Journalism. Previously, he was employed as Vice President of Public Relations for Charles Ryan Associates (CRA), a full service integrated marketing firm with offices in Charleston, WV and Richmond, VA. Prior to CRA, Bill also served as Director of Communications for both the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation. He currently serves as the president of the West Virginia chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

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- Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources: Trailers Need Love, Too!
- Arizona Game and Fish Dept.: The Time to Act is Now or We Pay Forever
- Arizona Game and Fish Dept.: Class of '05
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission: Dive into Arkansas, The Water's Fine
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission: Fishing is Finite: The Few Casts We Get Are Golden
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission: Trash Talkin'
- Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources: A Changing Landscape
- Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries: Tour of Hop - The Ride of a Lifetime
- Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources: Floating Down Gunpowder Falls
- Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources: The Genesis of Conservation in Missouri
- Missouri Dept. of Conservation: Who Calls the Shots?
- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Duck Done Deliciously
- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks: The History and Art of Shotshells
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission: The History and Art of Shotshells
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission: A Time Before Lewis and Clark
- New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.: Rite of Passage
- North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission: The Newest Generation
- North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission: God's Archer
- Ohio Division of Wildlife: The Family-friendly Hunting Dog
- Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation: Dock Dogs
- Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission: Family Fishing in Erie
- Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission: Perfect for Peaceful Paddling
- South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources: Sailing with the Bad Creek Navy
- South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources: On the Way to Calais
- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks: Nature Journaling: A Recorded History of the World
- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks: A Chance at Childhood
Category: Magazine Article, Parks/Historical/Cultural

2005 Place Winners
1 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources
2 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources
3 – Montana Fish and Wildlife Dept
Special – Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept

2004 Place Winners
1 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources
2 – Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
2 – Texas Parks & Wildlife
2 – North Carolina Wildlife Resources
3 – Texas Parks & Wildlife

2003 Place Winners
1 – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Category Chairperson:
Thea Ryan Miller, South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks

Judges:
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**Category: Magazine Article, Fisheries**

**Category Chairperson**
Geoffrey Schneider, Nevada Dept of Wildlife

**Judges:**
A.D. Hopkins has spent 17 years selecting, editing and writing outdoor-related stories for newspapers and magazines including Cerca, a slick full-color magazine about the four-state region surrounding Las Vegas, Nevada; and Nevadan, the Sunday magazine of the Las Vegas Review-Journal; and continues to edit an outdoor-oriented regional travel page. He also edited outdoor books for Stephens Press, and is now special projects editor for the Review-Journal. Hopkins has been a Boy Scout leader and competitive shooter, and remains active in the National Rifle Association. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond, Virginia and a lifelong journalist.

Julie Wignall received international recognition for the design, creation and operation of The Mirage Dolphin Habitat and Aquarium in Las Vegas. With her background in marine biology, she has become known for pioneering new standards in animal husbandry, facility maintenance and educational programming. In addition, she was with The National Aquarium in Washington, D.C. where she worked on joint projects with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Zoo. She is past president of the Southwest Marina Educators Assoc. She has degrees from the University of Pacific in California and James Cook University in Townsville, Australia. Julie is currently working on a nature-based television series for PBS.

John Kimak is a retired educator and outdoor writer. He wrapped up a long career as an English teacher in 1992 and retired after 24 years as an outdoor columnist and writer for the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper in 2003. He is an avid angler and hunter who continues to be found participating in these activities throughout Nevada and the West. His passion is fishing for striped bass at Lake Mead and Lake Mohave. He is a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America. John holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers University in New Jersey and a Master of Arts degree from Northern Arizona University.

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Special – Missouri Dept of Conservation

2004 Place Winners
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2 – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
3 – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Special – Alabama Dept. Conservation

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Category Chairperson:
Kay Ellerhoff

Judges:

Lex Hames is the communications director for the Montana Wilderness Association, based in Helena. He was previously electronic communications director for Ducks Unlimited in Memphis and an award-winning videographer for North Dakota Game and Fish.

John Kuglin retired last year as The Associated Press bureau chief in Helena in charge of Montana and Wyoming operations. Kuglin worked for five daily newspapers before beginning his
AP career in 1973. He wrote outdoor columns for two of those papers. He’s a backpacker, fly fisherman, and hunts upland game birds, including turkeys.

**Bill Powell** is an attorney in Columbia, Missouri. Among his clients are the Missouri Press Association and the Outdoor Writers Association of America. He formerly wrote a regular newspaper column, mostly about the outdoors and mountaineering. He does occasional freelancing.

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Category: Izaak Walton League’s ACI Ethics Conservation Information Award
2005 Award Presented to:
Jim Low, Missouri Dept. of Conservation

National Wild Turkey Federation’s ACI Communicator of the Year Award
2005 Award Presented to:
No entries

Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation’s Water Works Wonders Outreach and Education Award
2005 Award Presented to:
No entries

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: “Pass It On” Communications Award
2005 Award Presented to:
Jason Ziemer, Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources