

Awards Criteria

Bill Young Award of Excellence in Integrated Resource Management

(Joint Award)

Overview & Criteria

The Bill Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Resource Management—sponsored jointly by the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABC FP) and the Association of Professional Biology (APB)—is intended to promote cooperation between forest, fish and wildlife management as well as foster leadership in integrated resource management.

Persons considering making a nomination for this award should refer to the caliber of past recipients to get an idea of the potential qualifications for this award but recognize that each nomination is unique.

Nominees must have made great achievements in integrated fisheries/forestry or wildlife/forestry management. An important specific project or life work may be honoured as well as a management, academic or research contribution. The award is generally given to individuals or associations that have demonstrated a significant ability to bring different perspectives and professional expertise together to meet resource management objectives on a local or regional scale.

This award was created in 1985.

Eligibility

Recipients may be individuals or associations. The nominee must be a BC resident and the work must have been carried out in BC. Deceased persons may be nominated posthumously.

Nominations

Nominations will be solicited September 1 of each year by the APB and the ABCFP from all interested parties. Nominations can be submitted to the president of either the APB or the ABCFP from any of their members.

Each nomination must be submitted to the association by the stated deadline. Late nominations will not be considered. Nominations are normally accepted up to mid-November of each year. Members will be notified of the exact deadline via the association's magazine, electronic newsletter and website.

The nomination package must reflect the calibre of the award and the person or association being nominated. To be considered for nomination the package must be submitted in its entirety and must include all of the following:

- A one-page statement of nomination outlining the reason(s) for the nomination. Refer to the overview and criteria section above to ensure the individual meets the standard for this award.
- Letters of nomination from at least five members in good standing from either association.
- A complete resume or biographical sketch of the nominee, including the following items which are applicable:
 - summary of relevant education, employment and training
 - professional responsibilities and achievements
 - previous awards and honours
 - service to either association
 - other significant contributions

Nominators are accountable for the quality and accuracy of information contained in the nomination submission.

Selection Process

There will be a committee of three persons comprised of one standing representative from each of the APB and ABCFP, as well as the president of whichever association is presenting the award at its annual general meeting that year. If there is more than one nomination in any given year, only one award will be given.

Presentation

The award will usually be presented each year at the APB's or the ABCFP's annual general meeting. In even years, for example 2010, the award is presented by the APB at its spring 2011 annual meeting. In odd years, for example 2011, the award is presented by the ABCFP at its spring 2012 annual meeting.