



Nomination Procedures for Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award

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The Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game award is given annually, or when appropriate, to individuals and organizations whose actions significantly and positively impact any of North Carolina's small game populations (Northern bobwhite, ruffed grouse, squirrel, or rabbit). The award serves to recognize efforts in habitat management, education, research, the Hunting Heritage Program, or other meaningful contributions. In some cases, small game populations may benefit significantly from efforts focused on non-game or other species with similar habitat requirements.

The award is named in honor of Lawrence G. Diedrick of Rocky Mount, who served as a Wildlife Commissioner from 1993-2001. Commissioner Diedrick promoted efforts to address declining populations of bobwhites, and other species dependent on early successional habitat. Subsequent to his death in September 2002, a group of Commissioner Diedrick's friends made memorial contributions to the Wildlife Endowment Fund to support an annual small game award in his honor. The Wildlife Commission created this prestigious award in 2003.

Nominations can be made in two categories: Individual and Organization. Nominations can be submitted by e-mail (preferred) to Melinda.Huebner@ncwildlife.org or by mail to: N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Wildlife Management Division, c/o Diedrick Small Game Award, 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1722.

The following information is required for a nomination:

- Name of person or organization being nominated: Provide contact information for nominee (address, telephone, e-mail)
- Name of person making the nomination: Provide your contact information (address, telephone, email)
- A written narrative (2 pages maximum) of why the nominee should receive the award. At minimum, the narrative should address the following points:
 - Methods the nominee has used to further conservation of small game species
 - Commitment, effort, and longevity of the nominee's efforts
 - Accomplishments and results of the nominee's efforts
 - How the nominee's efforts impact small game populations at the local, regional, or state-wide scale
 - The long-lasting benefit to small game populations which will result from the nominee's efforts.

The Wildlife Commission will accept nominations annually, March 1 - May 1. Current agency employees are ineligible. Nominations will be forwarded to the Wildlife Resources Commission's Small Game Committee no later than July 1. Nominations will be discussed and voted on at the July or August Small Game Committee meeting. Awards will be presented at the Commission's business meeting in October.

If you have questions or comments regarding the Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award contact the Division of Wildlife Management at 919-707-0050.