



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Both government (federal, state, tribal, and local) and non-governmental organizations are eligible. Individuals and organizations may submit nominations. Self-nominations and third party nominations are acceptable. Individuals and organizations should be based in the United States and focus primarily on US resources. Individuals and organizations can represent sectors other than natural resources (air, forests, soils, water, fish, wildlife, and plants), but must demonstrate how their work has tangible impacts on natural resources conservation. Nominations may be for efforts that are ongoing or recently completed. Previous award recipients and honorable mentions may be nominated again if their work is significantly different than the work for which they were originally recognized.

CRITERIA

The Climate Adaptation Leadership Award for Natural Resources is designed to recognize efforts that demonstrate outstanding leadership for advancing the resilience of the nation's living natural resources. Projects must address one or more of the goals identified in the Strategy.

Goal 1: Conserve habitat to support healthy fish, wildlife, and plant populations and ecosystem functions;

Goal 2: Manage species and habitats to protect ecosystem functions and provide sustainable commercial, subsistence, recreational and cultural use;

Goal 3: Enhance capacity for effective management;

Goal 4: Support adaptive management through integrated observation and monitoring and use of decision support tools;

Goal 5: Increase knowledge and information on impacts and responses of fish, wildlife, and plants;

Goal 6: Increase awareness and motivation action to safeguard fish, wildlife, and plants; and

Goal 7: Reduce non-climate stressors to help fish, wildlife, plants, and ecosystems.

Nominations will be reviewed and ranked based on the following criteria:

PROACTIVE: Promotes preparation and response in ways that advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.

INNOVATIVE/TRANSFORMATIVE: Develops and/or applies innovative tools/approaches to advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.

RESULTS/EFFECTIVENESS: Employs highly effective proven strategies and/or obtains results in improving resilience of natural resources and/or resource-dependent communities to a changing climate.

REPLICATION: The effort is being replicated elsewhere or has high potential for replication (e.g. across regions, sectors, or nation-wide).

COLLABORATIVE: Demonstrates outstanding collaboration to advance the resilience of natural resources in a changing climate.