**DRAFT NOMINATION FORM - INSTRUCTIONS**

This form may be filled out by either a nominee who knows the applicant well, or by the applicant himself. Most questions have 2 parts: 1) a subjective ranking from 0-10 which should represent the relative status of the applicant among all other conservationists known to the person nominating, and 2) a brief explanation to justify that ranking (e.g. measurable items, examples, importance to conservation). The criteria are designed to cover a wide range of conservation activities.

Not all criteria are intended, or need, to be ranked for each application. Please rate each topic as honestly as possible based upon your experience with the applicant and that topic. The subjective ranking and the explanations will be used by judges to select finalists. Additional information may be requested of finalists later in the selection process.

The ACE Steering Committee has selected judges with a wide range of expertise and geographical interests. It is likely that judges will already be aware of the applicants to some degree. This nomination form is an opportunity to highlight the achievements that best represent the applicant’s career in conservation and any achievements that may not be reflected by the usual scientific benchmarks.

While all conservationists and individuals working in the scientific field deserve our gratitude, ACE is looking for those few individuals that stand out. That have a story of unwavering will, commitment and determination to overcome obstacles to achieve results. That have have surmounted overwhelming odds, to move the needle; where their actions, research, scientific discovery and political force and navigation has led them to the summit, which changed the course (for the better)  for a keystone landscape or species protection.

Evaluations: Scientists with numerous important publications can be just as highly rated as a conservationist who has helped create three protected areas.   Likewise, working with local people is just as important as working at the national or international level for species or landscape protection. This award can recognize local people working on local problems or internationally recognized individuals working on the international scale. The wide diversity of conservation experience, education and scientific qualifications of our judging panel will give each and every candidate and their work the opportunity to be equally evaluated. Please note that the we have broad categories for criteria to encourage potential applicants to apply knowing they can score very high in one category, but perhaps leaving one or several other blank.

**Award for conservation excellence NOMINATION FORM**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:**
First Name       Last Name

Nominee email:       Country Code       Area Code       Phone

Nominee Website:

Nominee Address:
Street Address:       City:       State/Province       Postal/Zip Code       Country

**NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING APPLICATION (NOMINEE):**
 First Name       Last Name

Nominator email:

Nominator Phone Number: Country Code       Area Code       Phone
Nominator Address:
Street Address:       City:       State/Province       Postal/Zip Code       Country

DESCRIBE IN ONE PARAGRAPH THE APPLICANT’S FIELD OF EXPERTISE AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF WORK.

     APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF YEARS NOMINEE HAS WORKED IN THIS FIELD

**CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS**

      Protection of species or biotic communities (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Protection of land/marine/aquatic area and habitat (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Effective contributions to governmental policies/regulations (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Effective resistance to activities harmful to species/ecosystems (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Other conservation achievements, please list. (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

**SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

       Peer-reviewed journal articles (RANK 0-10)

 Brief explanation of ranking, approximate number of articles written.

       Non-reviewed articles (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, approximate number of articles written.

      Books written (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, number of books written.

      Books edited (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, number of books edited.

      Book chapters written (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, number of book chapters written.

      Other scientific achievements, ie. Awards, Honors. (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

**EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT**

Mentorship. (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, Number of years nominee has mentored students, staff, volunteers etc.

      Passing on the torch of conservation. (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, Approximate number of persons mentored

      Publications used in educational settings (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, number of relevant publications

      Is nominee and/or their work widely recognized and cited by colleagues (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Other educational achievements (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

**OUTREACH ACHIEVEMENTS**

      Popular articles (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, approximate number of articles

      Popular films or videos (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking, approximate number of films or videos

      Wide appeal: audiences include both hunters and non-hunters, both rural and urban (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Depth of appeal: imparts deeper understanding of wildlife and ecology (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Name recognition: is applicant or their work recognized widely by the public (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Other outreach achievements (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

**OTHER PEER SUPPORT AND APPROVAL**

      Letters of recommendation (**3 required:** at least one from a person with academic standing

      (ie. PhD or Masters. (Rank each letter 0-10)

      Important offices or positions held in the applicant’s field (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

**LOCAL SUPPORT AND APPROVAL**

      Record of human community enrichment (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Record of human community-based conservation (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Name recognition: is applicant or their work recognized widely at a local level (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

**BROAD EXPERTISE** rather than single species expert

      Concern with large scale ecosystem processes (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Involved in habitat conservation/restoration (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Record of multiple projects/activities related to same ecosystem or biotic community

 (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Contributions to natural history/ecology (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Contributions to conservation (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

      Contributions to sustainable use policy (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

 **IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNITION**.

      Not already a high-profile public figure, ACE will be a meaningful contribution to the applicant’s public and personal life. (RANK 0-10)

Brief explanation of ranking.

**FINAL ESSAY:**

The applicant, or nominee, should write a paragraph or two explaining why this award; from Cabela’s, Bass Pro Shops, and The Banovich Wildscapes Foundation, would be important and meaningful to them and to their work in conservation.