

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Ralph W. Abele Conservation Heritage Award

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is seeking nominations for the Ralph W. Abele Conservation Heritage Award.

The Ralph W. Abele Conservation Heritage Award is the highest recognition the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission can confer on persons who distinguish themselves in the cause of conservation. The Commission established the Abele Award to recognize citizens of Pennsylvania who have made outstanding contributions to the protection, conservation, and enhancement of the aquatic resources of the Commonwealth. The award serves as a memorial to Ralph Abele for his steadfast and courageous work in protecting and conserving our natural resources.

Nomination Criteria

The Abele Award is presented to a Pennsylvanian who has dedicated his or her time and energy to the conservation of the Commonwealth's natural resources, specifically the aquatic resources, through one or more of the following accomplishments:

- Personally invested heavily in the long-term education of Pennsylvania's youth on conservation issues vital to an improved aquatic environment.
- Put at risk their person and livelihood to undertake public activities and positions on behalf of improving and protecting the aquatic resources of Pennsylvania.
- Led a regional or statewide environmental effort that has been recognized for its duration and success in protecting and enhancing the aquatic resources of Pennsylvania.
- Played a leading role in reclaiming and enhancing a significant natural water resource within the Commonwealth.
- Led an effort to pass major environmental legislation for the protection, conservation, and enhancement of the natural environment of Pennsylvania.
- Brought national recognition to Pennsylvania through personal activities, actions, and contributions to the aquatic resources.

The nomination should describe the following in a maximum of three typewritten pages.

- The name of the award.
- Names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses (if applicable) of the nominee and the person submitting the nomination.
- Brief biographical information.
- How the nominee meets the criteria for recognition.

- Specific accomplishments of the nominee.
- Past recognitions of the nominee.
- Affiliations of the nominee.
- Additional information to support the nomination.

Please do not include letters of support or other endorsements. Only the nominations (maximum of three typewritten pages) will be submitted to the review committee.

Current employees, Commissioners, and Boating Advisory Board members of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission are not eligible for this award, but they are encouraged to submit nominations.

Please submit nominations electronically (preferred) to ra-ableaward@pa.gov or via regular mail to the following address:

Abele Award
Executive Office
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
PO Box 67000
Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000