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Nominate a Conservationist for Capstick Award

DALLAS—Nominations are being accepted through Aug. 15 for a prestigious award that recognizes significant contributions to wildlife and habitat conservation, as well as sustained commitment to the heritage of hunting.

The Peter Hathaway Capstick Hunting Heritage Award is the top conservation and service award given by the Dallas Safari Club (DSC) and Dallas Ecological Foundation.

The Capstick Award is named for the well-known American author whose defense of hunting and conservation made him a household name. Capstick's widow, Fiona Claire, remains a DSC life member and is involved in award presentations. Recipients are selected based on their involvement in education, hunting, conservation organizations, humanitarian causes, research, permanent endowments and/or charitable giving. Criteria are summarized as follows:

“The objective of this award is to bring honor and recognition to an individual, organization or group whose achievements reveal a sustained and significant contribution to the conservation of wildlife and its habitat. Additionally, the winner will have shown long-term commitment to our hunting heritage by pursuing that goal for the benefit of future generations.”

Nominations can be made via mail or e-mail. Send to Dallas Safari Club, 6390 LBJ Freeway, Suite 108, Dallas, TX 75240-6414, USA, or info@biggame.org.

“Hunting and conservation are inseparable, so if you're an avid hunter, you probably know a conservationist who is deserving of this recognition. They're the men, women, clubs and organizations whose efforts are making our world a richer, more diverse place,” said Ben Carter, DSC executive director.

In 2010, the Capstick Award was presented to Hubert Thummler of Mexico City. Thummler, active in many international conservation issues, is credited with facilitating vital changes in Mexico's model of conservation. Hunted wildlife once was owned by the government but now is owned by landowners. This system, which gives wildlife real value in a developing nation, has spawned new private interest in conservation and has led to vastly improved protection and management of big game species across the country.

Previous recipients include Harry Tennison of Fort Worth, Texas; the late Baron Bertrand des Clers of France; President Theodore Roosevelt (posthumously); Dr. Ian Player of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa; and Boone and Crockett Club.

For more information, visit www.biggame.org.

About Dallas Safari Club (DSC)

Desert bighorns on an unbroken landscape, stalking Cape buffalo in heavy brush, students discovering conservation. DSC works to guarantee a future for all these and much more. An independent organization since 1982, DSC has become an international leader in conserving wildlife and wilderness lands, educating youth and the general public, and promoting and protecting the rights and interests of hunters worldwide. Get involved at www.biggame.org.