

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **ALBERTA TO HONOR EXTRAORDINARY FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONISTS**

To recognize the outstanding efforts of Albertans to conserve provincial fish and wildlife resources, David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, has issued a call for nominations for the esteemed Order of the Bighorn.

"Some Albertans give so much to make Alberta a better place for fish and wildlife and ask nothing in return and donate countless hours of their time and their own resources," said Coutts. "As we head into the next 100 years as a province, that commitment becomes more important than ever."

The Order of the Bighorn awards ceremony takes place every two years and will be held next on March 3, 2006 in Edmonton. Deserving individuals or organizations become Members of the Order, and join the illustrious ranks of conservationists whose efforts have enriched the lives of Albertans.

**Nominations must be received by November 30, 2005.** A committee that includes Members of the Order of the Bighorn will review recommendations to choose those who have made significant contributions to fish and wildlife conservation in Alberta.

**Nomination forms are available online at <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/oba/index.html>,**

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