Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers



Innovation Award 2024 Application Form

The Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers (OFWIM) invites individuals and conservation agencies/organizations to apply for the OFWIM Innovation Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in the advancement of fish and wildlife information management technology or processes.

Nominated projects/applications will be evaluated for their technical accomplishment, innovation, success in meeting their stated goals, and/or success in developing and sustaining a partnership.

Eligibility for this award is open. Nominees may be individuals or agencies/organizations, but the nominee must have retained creative control over any website or technical application. This form may be used to nominate the submitter's work or that of others.

The winning individual or organization will receive a 1-year free membership to OFWIM, as well as recognition at the 2024 Conference in Missouri, and on the OFWIM website.

Send the completed nomination form (electronic submission) to:

Joe Weber, Chair, OFWIM Elections, Nominations, and Awards Committee Chief of Biodiversity Information and Conservation Tools Virginia Natural Heritage Program Department of Conservation and Recreation Joseph.Weber@dcr.virginia.gov

For additional information, please contact Joe Weber at the above e-mail address.

For more information about OFWIM, visit <u>www.ofwim.org</u>.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: August 23, 2024. The award winner will be notified at the OFWIM 2024 Conference, October 7 - 10, 2024.

1. Name of Person or Agency/Organization Submitting this Form:

Contact Person (if submitter is an agency/organization):

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

2. Name of Person or Agency/Organization Being Nominated (if different than submitter): Contact Person (if nominee is an agency/organization):

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

3. Describe the project or application, including the specific need(s) that it addresses:

4. (if applicable) Describe the partners (agencies, organizations, individuals) involved in developing and deploying the project or application and the role of each partner in the project:

5. Describe the intended audience of the project or application, and how the project or application was tailored to meet the needs of that audience:

6. Describe some of the challenges/barriers addressed during the development of the project or application and the strategies used to address these issues:

7. (if applicable) Describe the lessons learned from the partnership. How was the partnership particularly effective? How will these lessons be applied to future projects?

8. If the project or application is available online, provide the URL and any other instructions needed for accessing it:

9. How long has the project or application been in use?