



## 2016 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARDS DINNER

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### Award Recipients and Speakers

#### **Dr. Lee M. Talbot**, *Legacy Award*

As one of the original authors of the Endangered Species Act, Lee Talbot has been a committed advocate for endangered species and the preservation of biodiversity for over 60 years. Currently serving as a senior environmental advisor to World Bank and U.N. organizations and a professor of environmental science and policy at George Mason University, he was cited as "an acknowledged leader in the shaping of national and international environmental policies and principles" when receiving the highest award of the American Institute for Biological Sciences. He has advised on environmental issues in 134 countries and conducted over 150 exploration and research expeditions to remote or unknown areas on five continents, usually with his wife Marty Talbot. In addition he is author of over 300 scientific, technical and popular publications. His former positions have included, among others, Chief Scientist and Foreign Affairs Director of the President's Council on Environmental Quality for Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter, head of Environmental Sciences for the Smithsonian Institution and Director-General of International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

#### **Jeff Corwin**, *Spirit of Defenders Science Award*

Wildlife biologist Jeff Corwin is an Emmy-Award winning television host and popular author. His shows include Animal Planet's *Jeff Corwin Experience*; Disney's *Going Wild with Jeff Corwin*; Discovery Networks' *Investigation Earth*; NBC's *Jeff Corwin Unleashed*; and the Travel Channel's *Into Alaska* and *Into the American West*. He is the author of *100 Heartbeats: The Race to Save Earth's Most Endangered Species* and *Living on the Edge: Amazing Relationships in the Natural World*. Corwin is also the founder of the EcoZone, an interactive museum and environmental education center in Norwell, Massachusetts.

#### **Donald Barry**, *Spirit of Defenders Public Service Award*

Donald Barry has been a tireless advocate for the preservation of wildlife and public lands for over 40 years, having helped to draft key implementing regulations for the Endangered Species Act and having been involved in every major amendment or reauthorization of the ESA ever since. He spent 19 years at the Interior Department, serving as the Chief Counsel for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and as the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, overseeing the programs and policies of the National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service. After leaving public service, Don worked for 19 years in senior leadership positions within the non-profit conservation community, including Defenders of Wildlife, World Wildlife Fund and the Environmental Defense Fund.

#### **Rose Orr**, *Spirit of Defenders Citizen Advocacy Award*

Rose is the President and Founder of the Wilburforce Foundation, a private, philanthropic foundation that funds environmental conservation in the Western U.S. and Western Canada. In 2010, she founded the Greenfire Group, which built the Greenfire Campus in Ballard, a Seattle suburb. Greenfire, where the Wilburforce Foundation offices are now located, reflects Rose's values and priorities of resource conservation, habitat restoration, urban agriculture and community.

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