

IN THE NEWS

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White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation

On August 26, 2004, President Bush signed an Executive Order and issued a statement announcing a White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation.



Boone and Crockett Club Member, Stephen P. Mealey, left, and Club President Bob Model pictured with Interior Secretary Gale Norton at the August 26 Press Conference.

The conference will occur within a year from the date of the announcement and “facilitate the exchange of information and advice relating to cooperative conservation.”

At the invitation of Interior Secretary Gale Norton, B&C President Bob Model and Professional Member Steve Mealey attended a press conference in Denver where the Secretary announced the Executive Order. The Boone and Crockett Club and the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP) have worked hard with the Council on Environmental Quality during the past year to advance the need and concept for the Conservation Conference. The conference and its outcome has been a long-term goal for both the Club and the AWCP.

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES BOONE AND CROCKETT AWARD AT IAFWA

Washington, DC (October 3, 2004)—In an unprecedented action, the Arizona Game and Fish Department’s Landowner Relations Program has been awarded the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies’ prestigious Boone and Crockett Award. The award is typically presented annually to an outstanding individual who seeks to encourage outdoor ethics programs, however, this year the award has been given to a team of seven individuals.

The Boone and Crockett Award is a prestigious award, sponsored by one of the

Nation’s most respected organizations, with an enviable record of contributions to resource management. The Landowner Relations Program staff of the Arizona Game and Fish Department won the award for their work with the state’s sportsman groups and private landowners.

In the last two years the program has gone from a two-person team to a small work force of seven individuals. The program effectively implements more than \$2 million annually toward a variety of land ethic programs, including “Adopt-A-Ranch” program, which is modeled after the success of the “Adopt-A-Highway” program and the Landowner Respect Program, which was created to reinforce the concepts of responsible positive sportsman behavior and ethics through education.

Qualifications for award winners require that: The award shall be given for outstanding achievement in promoting and encouraging outdoor ethics and that the recipient shall have a clearly identifiable program on outdoor ethics.

Pictured above is George Bettas, Executive Director of the Boone and Crockett Club along with Josh Avey, left, who is the Landowner Relations Program Manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.



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