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Sportsmen recognize legislators for their conservation work

Cheyenne, Wyoming – On a cold and blistery February day Wyoming Wildlife Federation (WWF) and Bowhunters of Wyoming (BOW) hosted a Legislative Breakfast in the capitol city of Cheyenne. The breakfast provided time for our membership to communicate and interact with legislators currently serving in the 61st legislative session. “The opportunity to have conversations with those who serve this great state is an honor,” says Jeff Capron, Bowhunters of Wyoming President-Elect.

Wildlife, recreation, and habitat are a core part of our mission as sportsmen groups. We strive to maintain and enhance the health and availability of these important values and the legislative process is one of the ways in which these values become elevated and protected. Legislators who vote and support the values that we hold dear deserve to be recognized for their meaningful contribution. WWF and BOW presented conservation awards to two legislators for their valuable work and service – Senator Leland Christensen and Senator John Schiffer.

Senator Leland Christensen was chosen for his leadership on the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resource Committee, his sponsorship of the Grand Teton National Park transfer of state lands, his support for the right to hunt, fish and trap, and for his staunch support of protecting our waters from aquatic invasive species (AIS). “Our organization fully supports funding to prevent AIS from entering Wyoming’s waterways. AIS would cause great devastation to the native fisheries and to sport fishing, not to mention the many more millions the state would need to spend dealing with an infestation. Prevention is key,” said Joy Bannon, Interim Executive Director of WWF.

Senator John Schiffer has taken strong leadership positions on issues affecting Wyoming’s sporting heritage over his 19 years of service in the legislature. Senator Schiffer was chosen for our conservation award because of his long track record supporting the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Fund and continually supporting the large projects bill related to the Trust Fund. Additionally, Senator Schiffer helped increase penalties for game and fish violations and in general has a solid record for backing sportsmen and conservation issues.

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