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DISTINGUISHED MOOSE BIOLOGIST AWARD

An award was established by the North American Moose Conference and Workshop in 1981 to honor, and bring to the public's attention, the outstanding contribution of a particular individual, individuals and/or organizations to moose management. Nominations are made to the Distinguished Moose Biologist Committee by anyone. The Committee passes on the suitability of nominees, and if an award is appropriate, it's presented at the next Conference/Workshop.

In 1985 the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award was presented to Ralph W. Ritcey. Ralph is one of the pioneers in moose research and management. His career spans over three decades in British Columbia, and his contributions are in the form of publications, activities in the North American Moose Conference and Workshop, provincial moose management and the many young budding biologists that Ralph has shaped through the years.

Holders of the DISTINGUISHED MOOSE BIOLOGIST AWARD are:

 $\underline{1981}$ Patrick D. Karns, Minnesota Division of Fish and Wildlife and

Al Elsey, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

- 1982 Dr. A. (Tony) B. Bubenik, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (retired),
- 1983 Dr. Alfred W. Franzmann, Alaska Division of Fish and Game
- 1984 Edmund Telfer, Canadian Wildlife Service

In 1974, prior to establishment of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award, the group recognized the pioneering moose research of the late Laurits (Larry Krefting, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with an individual award.



