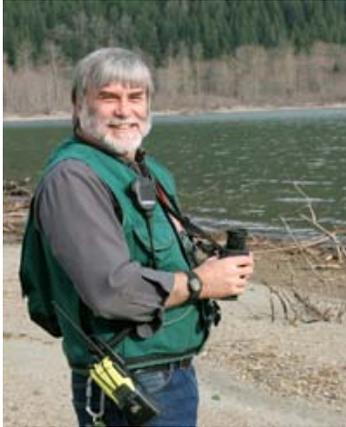


Two biologists in the Pacific Region honored with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Recovery Champion Awards

Recovery Champion Dr. Dwayne Paige:



Dr. Paige has shown a profound level of dedication to protecting bull trout and other species covered by the Cedar River HCP. Since the plan was approved in 2000, Paige has played an active role in the conservation and research measures that focus on bull trout. Stream surveys in 2007 have documented dramatic increases in the number of bull trout redds in the upper Cedar River Watershed. In 1997, surveyors counted 41 redds. The number of redds recorded annually by Seattle City biologists from 2000 to 2007 has ranged from 236 to 587 redds per year. Paige's unique combination of scientific skills, strong work ethic, vision, caring for the natural world and leadership make him an excellent Endangered Species Recovery Champion.

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Recovery Champion Jack Jeffrey:



In Hawaii, Jeffrey's dedicated hard work and leadership as part of Hakalau NWR's restoration team have resulted in the planting of hundreds of thousands of native koa trees, tens of thousands of native understory plants and threatened and endangered plants of various species, the removal of invasive plants and feral ungulates, the documentation and monitoring of these efforts, and increased public awareness of this restoration success. These efforts are successful because of the partnerships Jeffrey established during his 35 years of dedication to the protection and preservation of Hawaii's endemic birds and their habitats.

Throughout his career, Jeffrey has shared the incredible story of habitat restoration and endangered species recovery efforts at Hakalau Forest NWR through public lectures, guided interpretive hikes and walks, training others in bird surveying techniques, writing articles and books and through his amazing photographs of Hawaiian fauna and flora.

In August 2002, Jeffrey was awarded the Sierra Club's prestigious Ansel Adams award for his work photographing Hawaii's indigenous fauna and flora which furthers the conservation cause. You can see his work at: <http://www.jackjeffreypphoto.com>

Jack has also co-authored two books on Hawaii's birds and his photographs have been featured in such publications as National Geographic, Audubon Magazine, National Wildlife, Smithsonian, Natural History, Life, Time, and Newsweek, Birding, Wild Bird, Hana Hou! and Hawaii!, as well as in numerous textbooks, calendars and postcards. **Photo by:** USFWS Jim Krause