

The Chinook Awards for Conservation/Advocacy

1. The Chinook Award to a WA Trout Unlimited member

Criteria: The nominee must be a TU member, who has demonstrated leadership, participation, dedication, energy, to a conservation project or advocacy for the goals of TU.

The applicant will be judged on

- A. Leadership in the chapter or state council
- B. Conservation projects and activities
- C. Communication activities - Chapter and community
- D. Community outreach to encourage diversity, youth, and veteran activities

2. The Chinook Award to a WA Chapter or Alternative Engagement Group of Trout Unlimited

Criteria: The chapter or AEG nominated must demonstrate leadership, participation, dedication and energy to a Conservation project or advocacy for the goals of TU.

The chapter or AEG will be judged on

- A. Conservation activities and impacts
- B. Communications in the chapter, and with other organizations or agencies
- C. Member and Community engagement
- D. Fundraising
- E. Development of Volunteer Leadership

The Steelhead Awards for Special leadership/commitment to excellence.

1. The Tim Gavin “Steelhead Award” to a WA Trout unlimited member.

The Tim Gavin “Steelhead Award” is given in honor of a long-time member and dedicated volunteer of the Yakima Chapter and Washington Council of Trout Unlimited who passed in 2022. Tim set the bar at the highest level for his commitment to TU goals, long term focus, leadership, dedication, and relationships with members and the local community. His example should be our goal.

Criteria: The nominee must be a TU member dedicated to the goals of TU by his/her commitment, time and energy, long term focus, leadership, dedication, and community relationships.

The nominee will be judged on

- A. Leadership - local chapter and state council activities
- B. Dedication - extraordinary commitment to TU goals
- C. Engagement with members and community
- D. Willingness to “never give up” on goals, the one who always “shows up for everything” and is always there when you need help.
- E. Encouragement and development of leadership in others

2. The Phoenix “Steelhead Award” / to a WA Chapter or Alternative Engagement Group of Trout Unlimited

Criteria: The chapter or AEG nominated must show an effort to growth, improvement, implementation of new activities/ projects. Must show activities to diversify and encourage inclusivity.

The nominee will be judged on

- A. Implementation of “new” or renewal activities and projects
- B. Commitment to diversity and inclusivity
- C. Commitment to youth & veterans

D. Commitment to improved communications with members and community