

# Conservationist of the Year

*Mr. Dick Pinney*



We are pleased and honored to present the 2008 Conservationist of the Year Award to Mr. Dick Pinney. Dick has been involved in conservation issues for over 50 years. At the tender age of 15, he was one of six state-wide students to attend the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests Lost River Conservation Camp for Teachers (he has remained a lifelong member of that organization). He served more than seven years as a Conservation Officer for the state of New Hampshire (and was the only permanent officer assigned to the seacoast for the entire seven years).

Dick is a member of and national delegate to the New Hampshire Striped Bass Advisory Committee, founding member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Salmon Unlimited, and founding member of the Great Bay Waterfowlers' Association and the New Hampshire Waterfowlers' Association. From 1985 – 1988, Dick was a member of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission where he chaired the Anadromous Fish Committee. Dick holds current memberships in the New Hampshire Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, the Delta Waterfowl Foundation, the National Rifle Association (endowment member), The Nature Conservancy, the National Wildlife Federation and the Eastern Lake Ontario Salmon and Trout Association. Dick is a Senior Active Member and Director Emeritus of the New England Outdoor Writer's Association and is the Poet Laureate for the unorganized Maine Town of Hootin' Hollow.

Dick has been the voice of the New Hampshire sportsman through his weekly Guide Lines column in the Union Leader for over 30 years and has used that voice tirelessly to support the efforts of CCA New Hampshire and others to conserve the state's natural resources.