

TAB A

**CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION OF INSTALLATIONS FOR THE CNO AND
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AWARD**

1 Introduction

1.1 Describe the mission, approximate civilian and military population (unless classified) of the installation, and total acreage of the installation.

- R) **1.2** List the total acres under the installation's natural resources management plan, followed by a description of the component acreage under the natural resources management program. (For examples, this includes improved, semi-improved, and unimproved acreage; acres of managed forests, wildlife, grazing agriculture, unique natural areas, lakes, or wetlands; miles of streams or coastline; and acres available for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.)
- A) **1.3** List significant natural features of the installation, such as geological, botanical, and archeological assets.

2 Background

- D)
A) **2.1** List all components of the integrated natural resources management plan and the dates of preparation or revision of its component parts.
- A) **2.2** List the cooperative agreements that support the integrated natural resources management plan and their dates of preparation or revision.
- R) **2.3** Describe the organization and staffing of the installation's natural resources management program.
- R) **2.4** Describe any committees or boards that influence the installation's natural resources management program.

3 Program Summary

3.1 Describe the most outstanding program features of the preceding 2 fiscal years (inclusive of the award fiscal year). Describe the objectives of the natural resources management plan and the degree of attainment of each objective during that period. (D)
(R)

4 Accomplishments. Describe the most outstanding accomplishments during the preceding 3 fiscal years (inclusive of the award fiscal year) in the following areas, as applicable: (R)

4.1 Overall Conservation Management (D)
(A)

a. Multiple-use coordination of forestry, outdoor recreation, wildlife, esthetics, and endangered species.

b. Improvements in planning, programming, and budgeting to support the conservation program.

c. Use of alternative management approaches, technologies, and staffing to enhance the conservation program.

4.1.2 Ecosystem Management (A)

Application of principles and guidelines of ecosystem management in a regional planning context, to include consideration of economic, social, and environmental factors.

4.1.3 Land Use Management (A)

a. Erosion control and other water quality protection.

- b. Water conservation.
- c. Agricultural land management, including prime and unique farmland protection and out-leasing programs.
- d. Natural resources improvements and benefits due to out-leases.
- e. Environmentally beneficial landscaping and native plant conservation.
- f. Coordination and cooperation with U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, County Agricultural Extension Service, and/or other land management agencies.

A) **4.1.4 Forest Management**

- a. Reforestation.
- b. Timber stand improvement.
- c. Use of prescribed burning.
- d. Establishment and protection of unique forest areas.
- e. Cooperative efforts with U.S. Forest Service, state forester, and similar groups or agencies.
- f. Commercial forestry program.

A) **4.1.5 Fish and Wildlife**

- a. Variety of species and habitats.
- b. Protection of Federal and State listed threatened and endangered species and their habitats.
- c. Game and non-game fish and wildlife habitat improvements
- d. Reintroductions and stockings.

e. Degree of access and use of hunting and fishing opportunities by installation personnel and the general public.

f. Improvements in permit program; fee schedule for hunting, fishing, or other opportunities; and ration of permits to general public versus DOD personnel.

g. Identification and protection of significant wildlife resources.

h. Protection and enhancement of biodiversity.

i. Coordination and cooperation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other fish and wildlife agencies.

4.1.6 Other Natural Resources (A)

- a. Camping, horseback riding, boating, bird-watching, and trails (nature, hiking and watchable wildlife).
- b. Off-road vehicle use and control.
- c. Permit program.
- d. Estimated number of users (e.g., general public and DOD personnel).
- e. Cooperation and coordination with Federal, State, and local outdoor recreation agencies.

4.1.7 Pest Management

- a. Applications of integrated pest management that support and improve the installation's natural resources management program, especially procedures that reduce required pesticide applications. (R)

R) b. Efforts to control pests and nuisance and exotic species that affect the installation's natural resources.

A) **4.1.8 Conservation Education (on and off installation)**

a. Natural resources management regulations and enforcement program.

b. Gun and water safety, woodsmanship, camping, and outdoor ethics programs.

c. Scouting, public school classes, and other group activities related to natural resources conservation.

d. Research, development and demonstration/validation activities.

A) **4.1.9 Community Relations**

a. Public awareness programs and involvement in natural resources conservation programs on and off the installation.

b. Affiliation of installation personnel with civic and private natural resources conservation organizations and academic institutions.

c. Cooperation with Federal, State, local, and private and natural resources conservation organizations and academic institutions.

d. Volunteer and partnership programs, e.g., level of participation, benefits to the installation.

4.1.10 Environmental Enhancement. How (A)
accomplishments and improvements in the natural resources management program have improved the quality of life at the installation and for surrounding communities.

4.2 Mission Enhancement. How (A)
accomplishments and improvements in the natural resources management program have enhanced the ability of the installation to carry out its military mission.

4.2.1 Natural Resources Compliance Program (A)

a. Interaction with regulators, inspectors, auditors, etc.

b. Budget data to illustrate adequate funding budgeted and received.

c. Natural resources damage assessment efforts.