Scouts, but focused his efforts on his own Permanent Wildlife Protection Fund (PWLPF). The Fund developed an award whose recipients were chosen by the Boy Scouts. The first PWLPF medal was awarded in 1917; the Boy Scouts took over the awards program upon Hornaday's death in 1941.

The awards were revised with the support of the Dupont Company in the 1970s. The award structure was simplified and re-named in 2020.

Award Structure: There are three types of Awards. As a Conservation Advisor, you will only be focused on the youth DCS Awards that require completion of a DCS Award project. Each Award has different requirements, but each project must meet the same criteria, though complexity depends on the age of the Scouts or Venturers involved.

