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PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY WINS WILDLIFE STEWARDSHIP AWARD

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Mollie Beattie today presented the Phillips Petroleum Company of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, with the agency's Corporate Wildlife Stewardship Award in recognition of the Company's outstanding contributions to the fish and wildlife conservation.

W. W. Allen, chairman and chief executive officer of the Phillips Petroleum Company, accepted the award during a meeting of the American Gas Association's Natural Gas Roundtable in Washington, D.C.

"I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize and honor Phillips Petroleum," Beattie said. "Through its generous support for sea turtle recovery, habitat conservation, and environmental education, Phillips has demonstrated time and time again its commitment to wildlife conservation."

"Phillips is pleased to receive this award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said Allen. "In business, we know that the best way to achieve our goals is through teamwork -- bringing together people from different parts of the organization to work on a common problem.

"The people with the Service are taking the same approach by encouraging environmental partnerships. They are bringing together diverse organizations from the public and private sectors to work on shared environmental concerns. Phillips is privileged to be one of those partners," Allen said.

Phillips supports a variety of conservation efforts and partnerships throughout the United States, including projects benefiting wetlands, waterfowl and other migratory birds, and environmental education. The corporation's financial contributions

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to these partnerships currently exceed \$1 million, and through matching support from other partners -- state wildlife agencies, conservation groups, and the Service -- this figure has grown to more than \$10 million for conservation projects nationwide.

In 1989, Phillips pledged \$625,000 over five years to state partners involved in the Playa Lakes Joint Venture, an effort under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan to preserve the playas in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas. These shallow, natural water basins provide resting and feeding grounds for nearly 3 million ducks, 750,000 geese, and 450,000 sandhill cranes.

The award also cites Phillips' contributions to the conservation of neotropical bird habitat at High Island, Texas, and the enhancement of 3,000 acres of wetlands at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge also in Texas. Last year Phillips donated four 4-wheel drive trucks to be used by recovery teams for protection efforts for endangered Mexican sea turtles.

Phillips' generous underwriting of costs associated with the distribution of the Service's award-winning environmental education video, "A Home for Pearl," has enabled more than four and one-half million elementary school children across the country to learn about wildlife habitat through the story of an injured bald eagle.

In addition to conservation and educational efforts, Phillips joined with the Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other partners to publish a handbook on how to develop effective conservation partnerships.

Beattie presented Allen a print of tundra swans provided by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Created by noted wildlife artist Robert Bateman, the print, "Wide Horizon - Tundra Swans," was the design for the Foundation's 1990 Conservation Stamp. "It is only fitting to give this beautiful print to Phillips because of the company's long association with the Foundation," said Beattie. Phillips and the Foundation have worked together on numerous projects including International Migratory Bird Day, Project WILD, Green Works, and Project WET.

Phillips Petroleum is the seventh recipient of the Corporate Wildlife Stewardship Award which was established in 1991.