

IAN MCTAGGART-COWAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2015 – Douglas Heard



Position: Wildlife Research Biologist, British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations

Accomplishments: Mr. Heard, a former graduate student of Ian McTaggart-Cowan, has made significant contributions to wildlife biology, conservation, and education, particularly related to conservation and management of caribou, moose, grizzly bears, wolves and other large mammals. He is known for his statistical rigour, ambitious study designs, and willingness to train and mentor others.

Douglas Heard has directly contributed to conservation in many ways; even before he obtained his M.Sc. from the University of British Columbia in 1978, he helped to establish an ecological reserve on Vancouver to help protect the Vancouver Island Marmot. His impact has continued since then, through his many academic publications and technical reports, monitoring and management of big game, establishing co-management agreements with First Nations, and advising of many undergraduate and graduate students. His many contributions were also recognized in 2004, when he was named British Columbia Ministry of Environment Officer of the Year.