

In Memory of James D. Range

On Jan. 20, 2009, the sportfishing industry and conservation community lost a dear friend and leader—Jim Range. In title, Jim was a Senior Legislative Policy Advisor for Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, a Washington, D.C., law firm. In reality, Jim Range was much more. He was the consummate advocate for hunters and anglers. Jim's creativity and passion for securing our nation's natural resources are woven into almost every legislative and executive action in support of fish and wildlife taken over the last 30 years.

"In 2003 the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) awarded Jim Range our highest honor for his lifelong dedication to the sportfishing industry," said ASA President and CEO Mike Nussman. "Jim was a leader in the truest sense of the word. No one was immune from the passion and genuine sincerity he brought to bear on efforts to safeguard our great outdoors. I've personally witnessed skeptics become true

believers because Jim truly loved being outdoors. He fished and hunted throughout this country with a passion for the sport and a respect for the resources that was unparalleled."

"Jim was perhaps most proud of The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, the organization he founded in 2004," said ASA Vice President Gordon Robertson. "Over the past 30 years, using his considerable political acumen, Jim did more to help secure our fish and wildlife resources and hunters' and anglers' access to those resources than anyone I know."

Jim made it his life's mission to ensure that our outdoors was preserved for everyone to enjoy and he let nothing stand in his way. He will be greatly missed.

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Jim Range, consummate angler and hunter, stands proudly with his two daughters, Allison, left, and Kimberly, during the 2003 National Fishing and Boating Week Capitol Hill reception where he received ASA's highest honor for his lifelong dedication to the sportfishing industry and the entire sportfishing community.