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Texas Conservation Hall of Fame Honors Dan Friedkin in 2023

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is thrilled to announce that Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman Emeritus T. Dan Friedkin will be inducted into the Texas Conservation Hall of Fame in 2023.

Chairman Emeritus Friedkin is an avid outdoorsman and dedicated conservationist active both in Texas and internationally. He served on the TPW Commission from 2005 to 2018, including serving as chairman from 2011 to 2013 and again from 2015 to 2018. He championed TPWF's acquisition of the 17,351-acre Powderhorn Ranch on Matagorda Bay, which has since been donated to TPWD and is now a wildlife management area and future state park. He was also instrumental in the success of the \$100 million Keeping it Wild Campaign. These are just two examples of the Chairman Emeritus' lasting conservation impact. We hope you will join us in 2023 to celebrate all that he has done for our wild things and wild places.

When Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation's Board of Trustees made

the difficult decision not to hold Hall of Fame in 2021, we had hoped to celebrate together in 2022. TPWF leadership has since decided that Hall of Fame will continue its hiatus in 2022. We have very much missed gathering in person to celebrate the people and organizations who are keeping Texas wild. Rest assured, we will be making up for lost time when we gather in 2023 to honor Chairman Emeritus Friedkin.

In addition to celebrating conservation, the Texas Conservation Hall of Fame benefits Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Funds raised by the event allow TPWF to pursue transformational projects like the acquisition of Powderhorn Ranch, the construction of the Game Warden Training Center, the creation of Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, and the restoration of tens of thousands of acres of grassland habitat for quail, monarch butterflies, and other species. For more information on supporting TPWF, please contact Susan Houston at shouston@tpwf.org or 214-720-1478. ♡

“Dan’s love of the outdoors runs deep and wide inside of him. As the TPW Commission Chairman, he coupled a passion for expanding recreational opportunities for hunters, shooters, anglers, boaters, park enthusiasts and others along with an insatiable curiosity in and energy around strengthening the science behind the management of our fish and game. His strong entrepreneurial streak, his relentless quest for continuous improvement, his ability to look into the future and anticipate the road ahead, his capacity for bringing the best out of others around him as well as his spirit of generosity and fairness were wonderful hallmarks of his leadership and service on the Commission. The Department, and our state, remain deeply enriched by his continued service as a Chairman Emeritus.”

- CARTER SMITH