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**ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT BARHAM HONORED
BY CCA LOUISIANA**

Office of State Parks Assistant Secretary Robert Barham was honored February 26, 2016, with the CCA Louisiana Board of Directors Award at the organization's opening conference banquet in Baton Rouge. This award is a rare honor given by CCA and recognizes individuals with extraordinary service to Louisiana. Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, who recently appointed Barham to the position of Assistant Secretary, was on hand to address CCA Louisiana members as the keynote speaker.

Barham's recognition covered his activities during his tenure as the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. Camp Mattens, member of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Council and 2016 CCA Louisiana Hall of Fame Inductee, cited the accomplishments by the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries under Barham's leadership, including a prolific artificial reef program, the creation of the marine fish tagging and creel programs, advocating the management of several fish species, and his effort during the aftermath of the Gulf Oil Disaster in 2010.

In his introduction to Barham, Mattens said that Barham "...was recognized by his peers and by stakeholder groups from all sectors as a visionary leader and an outstanding guardian of Louisiana's fish and wildlife resources."



(left to right) CCA National Board of Directors Member and CCA Louisiana Chairman of the Board Robert Bush, Office of State Parks Assistant Secretary Robert Barham, 2016 CCA Louisiana Hall of Fame Inductee Camp Mattens, and CCA Louisiana President George Huye.

CCA Louisiana is comprised of chapters located throughout Louisiana, all dedicated to the conservation of the state's marine resources. More information about the organization can be found at CCALouisiana.com.

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Robert Barham, who also served two terms as a state senator and two terms as a state representative, served for eight years as the Secretary of Wildlife & Fisheries prior to his appointment with the Office of State Parks. For more information about Louisiana State Parks visit LaStateParks.com, or follow Louisiana State Parks on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaStateParks) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/LouisianaStateParks).

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