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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In March we held the Section meeting in coordination with the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Northwest Scientific Association, and the Northwest Lichenologists. The meeting drew nearly 300 people to Boise and all 4 groups were well represented. With four concurrent sessions the meeting was packed with topics from lichenology in coastal Washington to wind power in the west to black bear genetics in Alaska.

Dr. Bob Brown, TWS President came to Boise and spent a working lunch reviewing the changes afoot in our parent Society. Central to that discussion were the

structural changes to the Journals as well as personnel changes at Headquarters. Bob also helped us welcome the newly formed BYU-Idaho Student Chapter into the Section.

The highlight of the conference for me was working with the Idaho Chapter to bring a focused plenary to the meeting participants. The plenary was entitled: "Science, natural resource management, and the public good." Three invited speakers answered questions specifically related to the use of objective science in our varied facets of our professional jobs. Jim Caswell provided his perspective as the Administrator for the

Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation (and as you know, just after our meeting, Idaho Governor Kempthorne was nominated as the Secretary of the Interior). Chris Servheen provided his viewpoint as the interagency grizzly bear team coordinator, for which delisting has been a recent topic of discussion. Gloria Flora provided her evaluation of public land management in response to current and former political climates.

Without a doubt the audience stayed focused, intent, and fully engaged. The problem was, we ran out of time, not questions! This dialogue was effective for conference participants and set the stage for a meeting in which the activities were accomplished with a strong conservation and sustainability theme. For example, the banquet meal was comprised of locally raised organics and each table had written material around a centerpiece vase of

(plastic) invasive plants. The theme turned heads and TWS Council will be looking ahead at future meetings with the intent to practice what we preach.

We thank those of you who attended and who helped with meeting preparations. We also hope to see at the upcoming Anchorage meeting. And to let you know, we're in talks with the Alberta Chapter about a joint 2007 meeting --we'll keep you posted.



Michael Goldstein
President

NORTHWEST SECTION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

TWS Council met on March 23 and 24 in Columbus, Ohio in conjunction with the 71st North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference. We were joined by the new Director of Publications, Dr. Philippa Benson, who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the TWS team. Some highlights of Philippa's career include: 7 years with the Center for Applied Biodiversity Science at Conservation International; diverse writing, editing, and production experience with the Congressional Environmental Study Council, International City Management Association, Alcoa Corporation, and National Institutes of Health; degrees in Geology and English from Oberlin College; M.A. in Professional Writing and Information Design from Carnegie Mellon University; and, PhD from Carnegie Mellon where she completed psychological studies of literacy in science.

Philippa led discussions on the limitations of the existing TWS website, measures to improve it in the short term, and fascinating possibilities for its evolution into a major information engine for TWS members.

Council conducted a wide variety of business on behalf of the Society, including the following:

- Received a report from the Global Involvement Task Force and discussed strategies for expanding TWS membership and participation in the international arena.
- Approved a new Memorandum of Understanding between TWS and the Human-Wildlife Conflict Collaboration.
- Agreed to pursue discussions with the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation

regarding the creation of a new award for outstanding land stewardship.

- Approved interim status for new working groups including the Ethnic and Gender Diversity WG, the Human Dimensions WG, and the Invasive Species WG.
- Approved a draft charter of the Wildlife Diseases Working Group.
- Proposed bylaws changes to create new membership categories (Commercial, Agency, and Family Memberships).
- Proposed bylaws changes that would, among other things, facilitate the possible formation of a new Canadian Section.
- Agreed to study the concept of developing certification programs for wildlife technicians and wildlife enforcement personnel.
- Celebrated another year of fiscal health, with TWS realizing a net profit in 2005. Brisk sales of the new *Wildlife Techniques Manual* were a contributing factor.

The Executive Director, Dr. Michael Hutchins, and the President, Dr. Bob Brown, have participated in many Section and Chapter meetings across the nation. This involvement has been well received and effective in increasing understanding of the many improvements underway in TWS products and activities.

Looking ahead to future meetings, Council agreed that TWS should endeavor to “green” its future annual conferences, and

will ask the planning committee for the 2007 meeting (in Tucson, Arizona) to make this a conference objective. These deliberations were inspired by the outstanding example of the joint meeting of the TWS Idaho Chapter, TWS Northwest Section, Northwest Scientific Association, and Society of Lichenologists that was held 6–8 March in Boise, Idaho. Council appreciated how organizers for this meeting had given careful attention to the environmental implications and had taken many steps to minimize potential impacts of the gathering.

The TWS senior staff also shared with me their discussions on how to improve the “green score” of TWS activities and the headquarters office. Philippa Benson has made our publishing partner, Alliance Communications Group, aware of a new high-grade recycled paper that could potentially be used for our publications. Recycling is already the norm at TWS headquarters, but they are looking at other opportunities such as installation of inexpensive motion sensors that would switch lights off if nobody were using those office areas. Senior staff agrees that such thinking should be expanded to the annual conference.

Council’s next face-to-face meeting will be at the TWS Annual Conference scheduled for 23–27 September 2006 in Anchorage, Alaska. I hope that all of you are making plans to attend this meeting, and encourage your participation in the Members’ Forum and the meetings of your TWS Council.



Wini Kessler,
Northwest Section
Representative

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Awards Committee of the Northwest Section includes members from all the State and Provincial Chapters within the Section and from British Columbia. The Committee annually reviews nominees for the Arthur S. Einarsen Award and the Wildlife Administrators Award but does not necessarily recommend that the awards be presented every year. We posted requests for nominations for the 2 awards in 2 issues of the Section's newsletter, in 2 issues of the parent Society's newsletter, and on The Wildlife Society's list server. We also sent requests for nominees to all State and Provincial chapters within the Section and

requested that the announcement be included in their newsletters. We received 2 new nominations this year for the Einarsen Award and also reviewed 2 packages that carried over from previous nominations; we did not receive nomination packages for the Wildlife Administrator's Award. The Committee recommended that the Einarsen Award be presented to John (Jack) W. Connelly this year.

Lowell H. Suring, Chair, Northwest Section
TWS Awards Committee

JACK CONNELLY RECEIVES 2006 EINARSON AWARD

The Northwest Section has recognized its most distinguished members over the years through presentation of the Arthur S. Einarsen Award. We continued that tradition this year. John W. (Jack) Connelly has been selected to receive the Einarsen Award in 2006. Jack has a long history of service to The Wildlife Society. He has served the Society at the international, Section, and State level, including president of the Section and Idaho Chapter. Jack has made substantial contributions to our understanding of the ecology and management of grouse populations through his research, publications, and interactions with colleagues and graduate students.

Jack joined the Idaho Department of Fish and Game as a Regional Wildlife Biologist in 1985, and has progressed professionally to his current position as a Principal Wildlife Research Biologist—he has had a long and distinguished career. His efforts on behalf of the wildlife resource have been acknowledged with a series of accolades from his agency: Award of Merit in 1987;

Outstanding Technical/Professional Award in 1992; Special Recognition Award in 2000; Outstanding Achievement in Research Award in 2001; Special Recognition Award in 2004; and Department Image Enhancement Award in 2005. Moreover, he received a US Forest Service Technology Transfer Award in 1995, and a Special Recognition Award from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in 2005.

Jack's contributions to the wildlife profession, in general, and to our knowledge concerning greater sage-grouse, in particular, are innovative and substantial. He is an authority on grouse ecology, and has made important contributions to wildlife science in the Pacific Northwest, nationally, and internationally. Jack exemplifies the quality of an individual deserving the Einarsen Award.

Lowell H. Suring, Chair, Northwest Section
TWS Awards Committee

Additional background on Jack Connelly

Dr. Connelly joined the Idaho Department of Fish and Game as a Regional Wildlife Biologist in 1985, and has progressed professionally to his current position as a Principal Wildlife Research Biologist. He is regarded as an expert on the ecology of upland game birds and their habitats, especially Sage Grouse. Indeed, that agency has acknowledged his contributions to Idaho with a number of awards for excellence in research and management, and his ability to communicate that essential information to both professionals and the public. Dr. Connelly has an impeccable record of peer-reviewed publications that have made substantial contributions to the literature on upland birds, waterfowl, and other wildlife. His first publication was in 1978 and since then he has amassed >35 articles in respected journals, including *The Journal of Wildlife Management* and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. Moreover, he has published an additional 21 papers in symposia and books, including a series of popular articles on wildlife. He recently took the lead on the important management report "Analysis of studies used to develop

herbaceous guidelines for sage-grouse," for which he also received an award this year from the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. He is a recognized authority on harvest management of wildlife.

Dr. Connelly has provided important contributions to graduate student research, although that is not a primary responsibility of his position. He also is an affiliate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Idaho State University (ISU), where he has an office so he can interact with and contribute to developing the careers of young biologists. Dr. Connelly is widely known and appreciated for his ability to mentor field biologists. He is helping ISU develop new strengths in applied ecology to meet the needs of Idaho.

Dr. Connelly is an avid sportsman and has been recognized for his ethical behavior while afield. He is regarded as the quintessential wildlife professional.

Terry Bower
Idaho State University

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society annually makes up to \$2,000 in grants available to support student travel to the Section's Annual Meeting. Students presenting papers or posters at the meeting and officers of student chapters receive priority for grants. This year the Committee members included Mike Goldstein, Marion Cherry, and Lowell Suring. We posted announcements of the availability of the grants in 2 Section newsletters, in 2 issues of the parent Society's newsletter, and on The Wildlife Society's list server. We sent announcements to all chapters in the Section and requested them to post them in their newsletters. We also sent announcements to Universities with wildlife

programs and student chapters of TWS in the Section. We received and approved one application for a travel grant of \$1,000 this year.

Darce Kay Holcomb, President of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (Falk Huettmann faculty advisor) received the grant and presented the following poster at the annual meeting:

Holcomb, Darce K., Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775; and Kimberlee Beckmen, Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of

Fish and Game, 1300 College Rd.,
Fairbanks, AK 99701-1599.

A SURVEY OF LUNGWORM INFESTATION IN DALL SHEEP (*OVIS DALLI*) AND MOOSE (*ALCES ALCES*) IN ALASKA.

Lungworms (small, white nematodes that belong to the family Protostrongylidae) are prevalent in Dall and bighorn sheep, as well as in goats, antelope, deer, caribou, and muskox. Verminous pneumonia is a serious disease that is caused by these lungworms and has had a major impact on several animals across North America and has also resulted in death in Dall sheep in Alaska. During infection, animals may appear healthy. Severe infections may produce symptoms such as difficulty breathing and coughing. Animals that are under environmental stress may be especially vulnerable to verminous pneumonia due to a weaker immune system. We

hypothesized that there would be no difference in the mean larvae per gram of feces (LPG) between different sexes, ages, and locations. To test our hypothesis, we tested 49 Dall sheep and 59 moose from various locations in Alaska collected from 2002 and 2004 using the Baermann Technique to separate lungworm larvae from the feces. We then examined and counted the larvae under a microscope. All but one of the Dall sheep samples were positive for lungworm, while all the moose tested negative. We found no significant differences of LPG between Dall sheep from different locations and sex and also found no correlation between age and LPG, although our sample sizes were low in many of the areas tested. We suggest further testing using larger sample sizes from each location.

Lowell H. Suring, Chair Student Travel
Grant Committee

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENT THANKS

As a president of TWS UAF AK Student Chapter, I was fortunate to receive a travel grant in order to attend the 2006 NW Section Annual Meeting in Boise, ID this past March. Our secretary, Jeff Wells, also attended the conference on a separate support grant provided by UAF.

Boise was beautiful and it was a balmy 50 degrees, much warmer than Fairbanks. On the first night of the conference, I presented a poster on lungworms in Dall sheep, and Jeff presented his poster on the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society and studying wildlife at UAF. During this time we met several students, faculty, and wildlife professionals. Rita Dixon Vice, President, Idaho Chapter the Wildlife Society, was very accommodating and had her never ending supply of tape to hold up the posters which seemed to never want to stay on the wall for

very long. We also met with several members of Idaho Department of Fish and Game who advised us to visit the MK Nature Center and World Center for Birds of Prey while in Boise.

The presentations the following two days were very interesting, ran smoothly, and provided a wide variety of topics, there was something there for everyone. Jeff gave a presentation on his research with horned grebes, which went very well and was well received.

During lunch, we were able to make a visit to the MK Nature Center, where we saw various species of birds and fish. The employees there were kind enough to donate a stack of posters for door prizes for our TWS Annual Game Dinner on April 8. We regret that we were unable, for time reasons, to make it to the World Center for

Birds of Prey while in town. If I'm ever in Boise again, I'll definitely make a stop there.

We both had a wonderful experience at the conference and hope to attend again next year.

Darce Holcomb

President
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society

NW SECTION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2006; 0630 – 0800
Grove Hotel, Boise, ID

Current Officers and Committees

- President-Mike Goldstein
- Past-President-Lowell Suring
- Vice-President-Harriet Allen
- Secretary/Treasurer-Marion Cherry
- Newsletter Editor-Lewis Young
- Representative to the Parent Society's Honorary Membership Committee-Lowell Suring
- 2006 Awards Committee (Chair-Lowell Suring)
- 2006 Student Travel Grant Committee (Chair-Lowell Suring)

President Mike Goldstein opened the meeting. There were 9 people in attendance. This was due in part to competing business meetings and an early time of 6:30 a.m. The group reviewed and approved the proposed meeting agenda

Reports

- Report from Council (Wini Kessler)- Council is scheduled to meet March 23-24 in Columbus, Ohio at the North American Conference. A summary of results will be submitted to the next NW Section newsletter. Wini provided updates on the topics of fiscal health of the Society, publications, position statements, strengthening ties to agencies where most biologists work. She also discussed concern by state employees on "loss" of the *Bulletin*. We need to improve understanding that the Bulletin has been renamed and improved, but not "lost."

- President's Report (Mike Goldstein) – Mike thanked the audience for attending, and rather than a separate report, Mike's agenda conveys the ideas and issues encountered over the past several months.
- Student Travel Grant Award (Lowell Suring) – one student applied for and was granted \$1,000 for travel to this year's meeting. Darce Kay Holcomb is President of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks Student Chapter. Poster presented: Lungworm Larvae testing in Dall sheep (*Ovis dalli*) and Moose (*Alces alces*). The Section requested a letter from the recipient to the newsletter describing her experiences at the joint Section meeting.
- Awards Committee (Lowell Suring) – the Committee of the NW Section includes members from all State and Provincial Chapters within the Section and from British Columbia, Two nominations were made this year for the Einarsen Award, and two were made last year which were carried over. The Committee recommended that the Einarsen Award be presented to John (Jack) W. Connelly this year. No nominations were received for the Wildlife Administrator's Award

Old Business (Marion Cherry)

Last year's business minutes were summarized, and there were no changes or additions, so they were accepted.

Treasurer's Report, 2005-2006 (Marion Cherry)

NW Section Acct balance February 1, 2005 is \$18,453 (will not include cents in this report). This report is from February 2004 to February 2005 due to timing of the Section meetings.

- Fall 2005 (Nov) newsletter mailing cost was \$157
- Summer 2005 (August) newsletter mailing cost was \$168
- Spring 2005 (April) newsletter cost was \$163
- Winter 2006 (Jan) newsletter cost was \$127 (member list usually at annual low point)
- Average cost per newsletter mailing was \$154

Earning small amount of interest monthly and a smaller service charge on the checking acct (total of about +\$2.96/mo)

Deposits from NW section memberships (through parent society or state Chapters where NW dues were paid) = \$3070 (at \$5 each) = 614 Members (was 690 last year at this time)

A \$1000 travel grant was awarded to Univ. Alaska Fairbanks, Darce Holcomb, student, to attend the joint Idaho TWS and Northwest Section TWS meeting.

Large expenses this year were \$500 to annual National TWS meeting in Madison, and a total of \$1500 for travel grants and meetings. Not all expenses in for Section meeting at this time. Our balance in early February 2005 was \$17,398, about \$1,000 higher than last year's balance at this time. This is because we did not award as many student travel grants (only one applicant), and only donated \$500 to parent TWS

meeting. We often have more requests. Our income is generated entirely from Section dues.

Discussion: The suggestion was made and met approval to place a large proportion of the Section's financial assets into CDs where they would earn more interest. These would be set up in a ladder to ensure relative liquidity in order to have sufficient access for payment of the Section's bills. Bills run at most \$5,000 in a year with most expenses coming or being approved at the annual meeting. The vast majority of the funds should be available to be moved to the new Secretary/Treasurer around the time of the Section meeting each year or slightly afterward.

New Business (Mike Goldstein)

- The Section added BYU-Idaho Student Chapter, Dave Stricklan Faculty Advisor
- A position statement was received from the MT Chapter for the delisting of the Yellowstone grizzly bear. This statement was circulated to TWS membership for review, and the revised (final) draft will be submitted to Council for approval in the upcoming March 23-24 meeting.
- TWS has requested \$1,000 for the meeting in Anchorage this fall, this will be run by the Executive committee for their approval but is the type of request normally approved when the national meeting falls within our Section
- The Grouse Technical meeting requested up to \$500 funding for a meeting in SD in June. This group is composed of western states and provinces members and focuses on sage and sharp-tailed grouse. The Section agreed to support student travel up to \$500 for students traveling to the meeting and giving presentations.
- The Executive Board was asked if the Section should raise its annual

dues from \$5 to \$10. Lowell Suring suggested that the Section have a plan for how to spend the increased funding and a specific program to direct the funding to prior to increasing dues. There was discussion of presenting awards for best student papers at the Section/Chapter meeting annually, which would include best paper, best poster and runners up. The idea of presenting the students with a full student TWS membership (with journal) was proposed rather than cash. If they were a full member, then they would get a cash award. Raising due should be discussed with the membership.

- Newsletter editor report (Lewis Young) – the question was discussed as to whether Lewis should continue providing e-mail notification of the availability of the newsletter to people whose NW Section membership has lapsed. There was concern that managing e-mail lists could be very time-consuming and that we didn't want this to be a lot of work for Lewis. We don't really want to provide a service non-members are not paying for. The President will ask Lewis how difficult it would be to update the mailing list before determining whether or not to do this. Non-paying members will be deleted from the list after a year if this works out.

Some concern with folks paying dues late and temporarily losing member status (usually in the early part of the calendar year).

- Next Year's Section Meeting. The Alberta Chapter has proposed hosting the NW Section. This follows the rotation, and it was last held there in 2001. Travel could be difficult for some, so early notice must be given to members. Check to see how difficult it may be for state and federal employees to travel to Canada and what may be required by different agencies like travel authorizations, etc

Elections

- Mike Goldstein has one more year as President
- Candidate for President-elect, Sanjay Pyare
- Harriet Allen has agreed to stand for re-election as Vice-President
- Kristin Hasselblad has agreed to be a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer
- Lewis Young, Newsletter Editor, has agreed to stay on for another 2 years

Adjourn

Submitted by **Marion Cherry**,
Secretary/Treasurer, Northwest Section
TWS

HOME RANGE WORKSHOP IN IDAHO

The Department of Biological Sciences at Idaho State University (ISU) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at the University of Idaho will jointly host a Home Range and Animal Movements Workshop on the ISU campus from 15 to 16 May 2006. TWS continuing education credits are available. Information about the

program and hands-on training with home-range modes as well as a registration form are available at:
http://www.isu.edu/departments/bios/home_range/indexAM.htm

Terry Bower
Idaho State University

MONTANA CHAPTER GRIZZLY BEAR DELISTING POSITION STATEMENT

The Montana Chapter recently prepared a position statement supporting the proposed delisting of the grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. It is noted that all



Clint Chapman, U. of Nebraska

demographic targets of the Recovery Plan have been achieved including abundance, distribution, and mortality. In addition, a

Conservation Strategy for habitat management on federal lands has been adopted by state and federal agencies, and grizzly bear management plans have been adopted by Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. Many other aspects of delisting are also discussed. The full position statement may be viewed on the Montana Chapter website at <http://www.montanatws.org/chapters/mt/pdfs/grizzlydelisting.pdf>

Tom Carlsen, Past-President, Montana Chapter

2006 ANNUAL TWS CONFERENCE

The Alaska Chapter is hosting the 13th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society September 23-27, 2006 in Anchorage, Alaska. The conference program should be interesting and pertinent to a wide audience, exemplified by the plenary session: *Climate Change Implications for Habitats, Wildlife, Populations, and Subsistence*. Besides 7 workshops that will address topics such as urban wildlife management, sampling design, and population survey techniques, there are 21 symposia, and 14 contributed paper and poster sessions.

There will also be lots of opportunities for students to participate in several events, like the Student Quiz Bowl and Student-Professional Mixer, geared to enhance their conference experience.

In addition to the workshops, symposia, and technical sessions, there will be many opportunities before, during, and after the conference to enjoy Alaska outdoors. You can choose from a wide selection of TWS-sponsored field trips or commercial adventures to suit your time and budget

allowance. Local sight-seeing, birding and nature hikes, hunting and fishing, wildlife and glacier cruises, or the world-renowned Kenai Moose Research Center are just a few of the options. To top it off, the farewell barbecue will take place at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, where you'll be able to experience Native cultures from around the state while dining on salmon and halibut.

The Alaska Chapter membership is very proud and happy Anchorage was chosen for the 2006 conference. Local

committee members, program and workshop organizers, TWS staff, and lots of volunteers are working hard to make this an outstanding conference. Please join us!

Full conference information can be found on the TWS website at <http://www.wildlife.org/conference/index.cfm>

Howard Golden and Gino Del Frate
Arrangements Committee Co-chairs



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Alaska Chapter is looking for eager volunteers willing to donate their time and efforts to help host the 13th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Anchorage, Alaska. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with an international group of professionals, leading scientists, and prospective employers in wildlife management, natural resources and related fields. Volunteers MUST register to attend the conference. However, reimbursements to offset conference expenses are available for eligible volunteers who commit to a minimum of 8 hours of their time and are not receiving full support from their employer or educational

institution. All volunteers will also receive a free conference t-shirt.


Please direct any questions to Liz Solomon at (907) 267-2209 or at: elizabeth_solomon@fishgame.state.ak.us.

Volunteer Activities

- . Session Room/AV Monitor
- . Speaker Preview Room
- . Photo Contest
- . Student Quiz Bowl
- . Registration Desk
- . Conference Store
- . Raffle Ticket Sales
- . Field Trips
- . Local Information Desk

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ORGANIZATION OF WILDLIFE PLANNERS 28th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Organization of Wildlife Planners (OWP) is pleased to invite you to our 28th annual conference in beautiful Canmore, Alberta. This first-ever Canadian conference venue and leading edge program will provoke, educate and inspire participants to enhance the effectiveness of

their fish and wildlife management systems in ways that acknowledge cultural contexts.

Sustaining cultural traditions, lifestyles and economies as well as healthy fish and wildlife populations requires that the conservation community venture into adaptive management practices based on

collaborative planning. Wildlife managers, scientists and educators can stimulate such outcomes by engaging citizens in assessing values, needs and expectations for fish and wildlife, then applying what is learned in integrative and cooperative planning.

Please join us in Canmore for an invigorating and provocative 2.5-day dialogue on challenging communities of interest and place to reflect on the cultural components of wildlife conservation. You are also invited to further engage by attending a one-day, intensive training

course and workshop (post-conference) in Calgary to glean techniques and lessons learned from measuring performance of fish and wildlife programs throughout North America. We encourage and welcome your participation, contribution, and passion! Come venture into the Canadian Rockies with us.

For further information regarding the Conference, please visit our website at www.owpweb.org or contact Melody Wenet at wenet@ucalgary.ca.

2006 ELECTION CANDIDATES AND BALLOT

I am pleased to announce the 2006 candidates for the Executive Board for the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society. The President-Elect will serve a 1-year term then serve 2 years as President. The Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer each serve 2-year terms.

Please take this opportunity to review the candidates' nomination statements and vote!

Ballots must be returned by **May 13, 2006**.

Please take the opportunity to determine leadership of the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society. If you have any questions, please contact me at mgoldstein@fs.fed.us or 907 -586-7905.

Michael Goldstein, President

Candidate's Nomination Statements

President-Elect Sanjay Pyare

Running for President-Elect, Dr. Sanjay Pyare has been a member of The Wildlife Society for 7 years. My research focus lies at the intersection of landscape & wildlife ecology. I am particularly interested in utilizing spatially explicit modelling to evaluate reserve design, optimise surveys, evaluate species habitat and range distributions, and identify ecologically functional areas of landscapes. I have a strong belief in conducting applied research and strive to integrate GIS and landscape perspectives in natural

resource decision making and management.

At the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), I am an Assistant Professor of GIS & Landscape Ecology and teach courses in basic and advanced geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, applied spatial analysis, and landscape ecology. In addition to teaching and several research projects in the region, I also coordinate the Geographic Information Network of Alaska (GINA), a geospatial facility that provides GIS-related assistance and outreach for UAS and Southeast Alaska,

and hosts the Southeast Alaska GIS Library with a federal, state, and non-government agencies.

Finally, I am helping to coordinate an effort to establish the Coastal Rainforest Science Center, an interagency cooperative at UAS that advances scientific research and sustainable resource management of temperate rainforest ecosystems in Southeast Alaska and beyond.

**Vice President
Harriet Allen**

Harriet Allen is seeking re-election to the position of Vice-President. I have spent my career working on endangered and threatened species, in both research and management. I have worked for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for 25 years. I conducted spotted owl research for 6 years and have managed the Endangered and Threatened species section since 1988. I am overseeing listing and recovery programs for pygmy rabbits, western pond turtles, fisher, sage and sharp-tailed grouse, western gray squirrels, killer whales and endangered, threatened and candidate shrub-steppe and west-side prairie/grassland species in Washington. I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Science in 1972 and Master's degree in Range Science/Plant Ecology in 1974 at Texas A&M University.

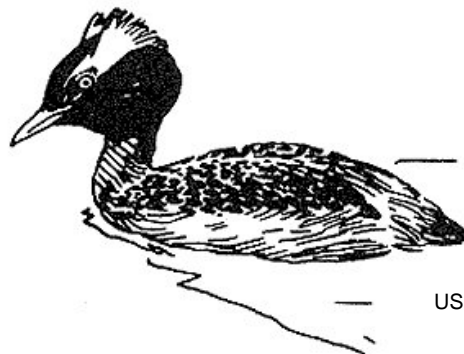
I became a member of The Wildlife Society in 1977, and have been a

treasurer, vice-president, president and board member of the Washington Chapter and Vice-President of the Northwest Section. I have helped organize state meetings and participate in state, section, national and international meetings of The Wildlife Society. I have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved with the Northwest Section and would be honored to serve as vice-president of the section.

In my spare time I enjoy traveling to see wildlife, family and friends in as many different parts of the world as my budget will allow - including my daughter who's attending medical school at my old alma mater, Texas A&M - hiking, gardening, taking my nutty Gordon setter for walks, and generally enjoying the mountains and waters of the Pacific Northwest.

**Secretary-Treasurer
Kristin Hasselblad**

Running for Secretary-Treasurer, Kristin graduated from the University of Montana, Missoula, with a degree in Wildlife Biology in 1997. She earned an MS in Raptor Biology at Boise State in 2004, working on Northern Goshawks in Idaho. She has worked with Alaskan brown bears, Washington's endangered salmon, amphibians, songbirds, and a wide variety of raptor species. She has worked in the Northwest states of Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, and also in North Dakota and Wyoming. She currently works for the BLM in Boise, Idaho, and also conducts independent contract work.



US FWS, Bob Hines

Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society

BALLOT

Please vote by **May 13, 2006**. Indicate choices in an email or mark and return this page by postal service to: Lewis Young, Northwest Section Newsletter Editor, 50 Garrison Drive, Eureka, MT 59917.
llyoung@interbel.net

President-elect:

(vote for one):

- Sanjay Pyare
- Write-in: _____

Vice President:

(vote for one)

- Harriet Allen
- Write-in: _____

Secretary-Treasurer:

(vote for one):

- Kristin Hasselblad
- Write-in: _____

CHAPTER NEWS

Check Out these Websites for more details on Chapter Activities!

Alaska: <http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/ak/index.cfm>

Alberta: <http://albertadirectory.net/actws/>

Idaho: <http://www.ictws.org/>

Montana: <http://www.montanatws.org/chapters/mt/>

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