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2007 NORTHWEST SECTION MEETING HOSTED BY ALBERTA CHAPTER

The 2007 Northwest Section meeting will be held in conjunction with the Alberta Chapter meeting in Canmore, Alberta March 18-21,

2007. For more details see the Alberta conference announcement below.

ALBERTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY 2007 CONFERENCE

March 18 – 21st, 2007

The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Canmore, Alberta, Canada



Location and Transportation

The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center (511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore) is nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies and is surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Canmore is only a 15 min. drive from Banff National Park and one hour from Calgary. Outdoor pursuits, including hiking, biking, and horse-back riding, abound. For information on Canmore go to:

<http://www.canmorealberta.com/>.

All major car rental companies are available at the Calgary International Airport, and regular bus service operates directly from the airport to Canmore.

Lodging

The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Canmore, Alberta. The hotel is near shopping, restaurants, pubs, and a wide range of outdoor pursuits. The lodge has reserved a block of 100 rooms at special conference rates (\$99 CAD or \$109 CAD per room). Reservations must be made by **Feb. 1, 2007** to receive this special rate (mention you are attending the Wildlife Society Conference). To reserve on-line go to: <http://www.radisson.com/canmoreca>, or call 1-800-333-3333 or 1-403-678-3625.

Additional accommodations in Canmore may be found at:

<http://www.canmorealberta.com/>

Registration

Register by February 15, 2007, to take advantage of early registration discounts. On-site registration will be available at the conference. Partial registrations will not be accepted. Registration forms are available from: Anne.Hubbs@gov.ab.ca Phone: 780-675-8164; Fax: 780-675-4710.

Reception and Wildlife Auction Fundraiser

The welcoming reception and social (including no-host cash bar) is on Sunday evening, March 18th. The fundraiser auction of wildlife-related items will occur on Monday evening. Proceeds go entirely to the Alberta Chapter's student scholarship fund. Both large- and small-ticket items, custom-made goods, and new purchases or used items will all be gratefully appreciated. For more information, contact Hugh Wollis (Hugh.Wollis@gov.ab.ca).

Papers and Posters

Work on wildlife management, research, monitoring, new techniques, and projects just getting underway are always of interest.

Persons who are beginning their projects are encouraged to submit posters, rather than papers for oral presentation.

Concurrent sessions for contributed papers will run Monday afternoon (March 19) to noon of Wednesday, March 21st. A \$100 prize is awarded to the best student paper. A poster session will run during March 19-21st. A \$100 prize is awarded to the best student poster.

Call for Papers and Posters

You are invited to submit titles and abstracts for presentations at the Conference. Presentations on wildlife management, research, monitoring, species biology, and new techniques are all welcome. Presentations will be 20 minutes in length, including introduction of the presenter and time for questions. You are also invited to submit abstracts for poster presentations. All abstracts will be printed in the program booklet. A \$100 prize is awarded to the best student paper and best student poster. Guidelines and forms for submission of papers and posters may be obtained from: Anne.Hubbs@gov.ab.ca Phone: 780-675-8164; Fax: 780-675-4710.

Luncheon Banquet

The luncheon banquet is included in the registration fee and is Wednesday March 21st at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Ballroom. The annual awards and the best student paper and poster will be presented during this luncheon.

Corporate Donations to Support the Conference

Corporate donations have contributed significantly to the quality and viability of TWS meetings organized in Alberta in the past. Thank you for your support and generosity! If you or your employer can make a financial donation to support the conference, please consider doing so. Donations both large and small will be gratefully appreciated. Please make cheques payable (preferably in **Canadian funds**) to **Alberta Chapter, The Wildlife**

Society and mail to **ACTWS, Box 4990, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 5G8.** Donations received before February 1st, 2006 would be most appreciated! Donors

will be recognized in the printed conference materials, and at the luncheon banquet on Wednesday, March 21st.

2007 JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON CHAPTERS

**Red Lion Hotel – Pendleton, Oregon
9-13 April 2007**

Mark your calendar for the 2007 Joint Meeting of the Oregon and Washington Chapters of TWS, to be held 9-13 April 2007 at the Red Lion Hotel in Pendleton. The Red Lion Hotel (<http://redlion.rdlm.com/HotelLocator/HotelOverview.aspx?metaID=35>) offers panoramic views of the Blue Mountains, and is located off of I-84 at Hwy 11, just one mile from the city center and minutes from Pendleton Airport. Enjoy the seasonal outdoor pool, year-round whirlpool and on-site fitness center. Golf and local health club facilities are located nearby. The Coffee Garden is open daily for breakfast and lunch with Dexter's serving Italian/American fare for dinner and the Red Lion Lounge open Monday through Saturday.

Nearby attractions include the Pendleton Underground Tours, Pendleton Woolen Mills, the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Wildhorse Casino and Golf course. Thousands of migrating shorebirds, wintering waterfowl, songbirds, quail, pheasants, and birds of prey make temporary or permanent homes on over 1,800 acres of marsh, grasslands and open water at McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuge. At Lehman Hot Springs, you can relax in the natural mineral pools or take off on one of the many hiking, mountain biking, ATV or snowmobile trails. North America's

deepest canyon plummets 8,000 feet from the Seven Devils Hills to the Snake River. The wide variations in elevation and terrain provide breath-taking scenery and offer cross-country skiing, mountain biking along the river or on the summit ridge, and hiking through grasslands and forests and alpine meadows.

In addition to a full meeting of presentations and posters, we will be offering **WORKSHOPS** on Monday and Tuesday (9-11 April 2007) prior to the annual meeting as well as **FIELD TRIPS** to local areas of interest.

More details including workshop information, concurrent session topics, and instructions for submitting presentation and poster abstracts will be published in the Fall Newsletter. Information on the 2007 annual meeting will also be posted on our website: <http://fw.oregonstate.edu/tws/2007annmeeting.htm>.

Direct inquiries or requests for more information to Betsy Glenn (betsy.glenn@oregonstate.edu) 541-231-5230.

Mark Penninger
President, Oregon Chapter, The Wildlife Society

OREGON CHAPTER UPDATE

My term as president is ending soon and the very capable Bruce Campbell will begin

his term as chapter president. Our board will experience some turnover as we elect a

new treasurer, president elect, vice-president elect, and three board members. It has been a pleasure working with Marie Morin, Nancy Bueuner, Meriam Hulst, Matt Hane, Betsy Glenn and Lori Hennings. They are true professionals and have served the Chapter well. Some of these outgoing board members have expressed an interest in taking a break, others are running for re-election. I am sure the upcoming elections will result in another highly skilled and motivated board to lead the Chapter.

I am pleased to report that the Oregon Chapter is in a state of positive change. The Oregon Chapter experienced a lull in membership between the mid 1990's and present, most likely due to the fact that fewer biologists exists in Oregon now than ten years ago. Recently our Chapter's membership committee drafted a letter, complete with postage paid return envelope, inviting those whose memberships have lapsed to reconnect with their Chapter. The response was very positive, with a greater than 10% response rate. Another 10% of the letters came back undeliverable. We expect more former members to renew at our upcoming Joint Annual Meeting with the Washington Chapter.

Our Chapter's newsletter has been redesigned and renamed. After 13 years of excellent work by Sally Olsen-Edge, Lisa DeBruyckere took over as editor/publisher in 2006. Under Lisa's editorial guidance the newsletter got a new name and a new look. We have achieved a personal goal of mine which was to get our newsletter out to our members on time and to diversify the nature of its content. The new format has a very professional look and contains interesting articles from around the state. More and more members are also receiving Raven electronically so they can print it in color and save the Chapter printing and postage expenses.

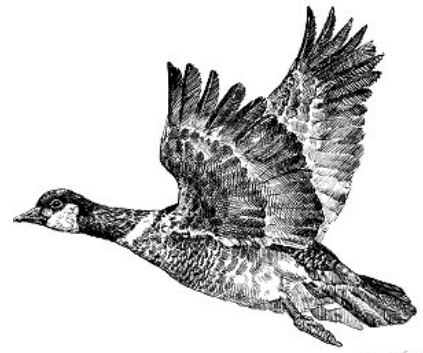
Two by-law changes were voted in by the membership that I believe to be positive for our Chapter. First, we established a financial audit committee that will ensure fiscal accountability and provide continuity during periods of turnover on the board. Secondly, we voted to include a student on the board as a full voting member. Until now we have had a student chapter liaison on the board that did not hold voting privileges. Our bylaw change adds a board position that will be voted in by the Chapter membership, but will come from the ranks of our university student chapter.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has a new Director, Virgil Moore. Mr. Moore took some time from his extremely busy schedule to sit down with representatives from our Chapter for a "get acquainted" meeting. Mr. Moore comes from a fisheries background and through his involvement with the American Fisheries Society illustrates a solid understanding and support for the values and services offered by professional societies. Our Chapter has a long history of support for our state fish and wildlife agency, and we look forward to enhancing this relationship under Mr. Moore's leadership.

Also noteworthy is that our Chapter is nearing a financial milestone that was set nearly ten years ago to build a mutual fund from which the interest can support our academic scholarship program. We made a substantial contribution to this account this year and are very near our goal. Depending on the market, we could meet our goal in 2007.

2006 was a great year for the Oregon Chapter, and I believe the momentum we have established will carry us forward as we strive to work for wildlife and wildlife professionals in Oregon.

Mark Penninger, President
Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society



Timothy Knepp, US FWS 

ALASKA CHAPTER NEWS

2007 Joint Meeting of the Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society and the Northern Furbearer Conference

The annual meeting of the Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be held in conjunction with the biennial Northern Furbearer Conference on *17-19 April 2007 at Centennial Hall in Juneau*. The joint meeting will be preceded on 16 April by a workshop focused on an applied topic of broad general interest yet to be determined (contact Dave Person, dave_person@fishgame.state.ak.us or Sanjay Pyare, sanjay.pyare@uas.alaska.edu for more information). The conference will also host two special working group meetings focused on moose habitat ecology and small mammal conservation. The joint meeting promises to attract biologists from throughout Alaska and the Yukon and will feature presentations on topics ranging from large mammals to amphibians and population genetics to landscape ecology. More detailed information about the meeting and "A Call for Papers" will be provided in the January 2007 Alaska Chapter Newsletter. For more information contact Kevin White, AK-TWS, kevin_white@fishgame.state.ak.us or Rod Flynn, Northern Furbearers, rod-flynn@fishgame.state.ak.us

National TWS Meeting

Our hosting of the 13th Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society last September in Anchorage will be remembered as a watershed event for the Chapter. We haven't heard the official tally, but indications are that over 1,600 registrants attended the 5-day event! Especially noteworthy was the unprecedented turnout

of volunteer effort over the last year to serve on the many arrangements subcommittees or the program committee. I thank everyone for their hard work in making this conference a success. The Chapter Newsletter acknowledges by name the contribution of Chapter members.

Other Chapter Activities

In other news, the Chapter sent a letter on 13 June to Senators Murkowski and Stevens in support of providing \$75 million for State Wildlife Grants in federal Fiscal Year 2007. The U.S. Senate Bill proposed funding at \$50 million (a decrease from \$65 million funded in FY06), whereas the President's budget recommended \$75 million, and a coalition of 226 members of Congress advocated \$85 million. On 27 June the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee voted to provide level funding at \$67.5 million. In September, as the budget process continued, the Chapter signed on as supporting the Teaming With Wildlife coalition's request for \$67.5 million. The final figure will be decided in a House/Senate conference, likely to take place after the November elections.

Following the November elections, the Chapter will send our introductory letter to new and returning members of the Executive and Legislative branches of state government. The letter will include our colorful rack card and an invitation to an "open house" that the Chapter will sponsor in Juneau in the next session. The open house will be modeled after a similar event that has been hosted by the Society of American Foresters for the last several years to meet informally with interested legislators. My plan is to have one or two past presidents or long-term active

members of the Chapter join me in communicating the goals of our organization one-on-one over light refreshments. We hope to make legislators more aware of our potential role as an information resource

when they evaluate proposed legislation or policies that relate to wildlife conservation.

Tom Paragi, President
Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society

2007 MONTANA ANNUAL MEETING

“Developing Energy, Sustaining Natural Systems: How Do We Do It?”

Montana Chapter Annual Meeting: February 5-9, 2007
(On-line registration at www.montanatws.org)
Best Western GranTree Inn, Bozeman

WORKING GROUP MEETINGS – Everyone Welcome!

Bird Working Group: Monday, February 5: 1
- 5pm . Aspen Room; Contact: Dan Casey
(756-2681; dcasey@abcbirds.org)

Herp Working Group: Monday, February 5:
6:30 - 9:00pm. Aspen Room; Contact:
Alison Puchniak (247-2966;
apuchniak@mt.gov)

Bat Working Group: Tuesday, February 6:
6:30 - 9:00pm. Aspen Room; Contact: Kristi
DuBois (542-5551; kdubois@mt.gov)

Common Loon / Harlequin Ducks:
Wednesday February 7: 6:30 - 9:00pm.
Aspen Room; Contacts: Gael Bissell (751-
4580; gbissell@mt.gov), Steve Gniadek
(steve_gniadek@nps.gov)

THREE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

ENERGY 101: *February 6th (9 - 5) and
February 7th (8:30 - 12)*

Attendees will learn more about various aspects of energy development in Montana. Speakers will address Montana's regulatory framework for new development, coal, alternative energy technologies (wind, solar, biofuels), coal bed methane, habitat mitigation and Wyoming's experiences, and westwide transmission corridors.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN WILDLIFE POPULATIONS AND PEOPLE - The Application of Wildlife Linkage Across the Northern Rockies Landscape: February 6th (10 – 5)

The issue of providing movement opportunities for wildlife across the Rocky Mountain landscape is a critical issue for the future of wildlife and for the quality of life for the people who call this area home. As human development proceeds and numbers and impacts of people increase across the Montana landscape, it becomes increasingly difficult for wildlife to meet their requirements for food, space, and resources. The workshop is an effort to bring together people who know about the impacts of human activities on wildlife movements and those who are working to implement management efforts to allow animals to continue to move across highways, public lands, and private lands.

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE- RECONNECTING MONTANA'S YOUTH TO NATURE:

February 7th (8:30 - 12)

Whether it's visitation in national parks, membership in birding organizations, or participation in hunting, all of these and many other outdoor activities are showing declines especially among youth. This is alarming since outdoor-based recreation is the foundation of the successful conservation movement in this country and

essential to its future. Many are wondering as to where future stewards of nature will come from? The workshop will be presented within the context of the landmark work of Richard Louv, author of *“Last Child in the Woods—Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder”* and the resulting growing national movement of *“No Child Left Inside”*.

MAIN CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY February 7

1:00 - 5:00pm: Grand Ballroom -- Welcome and Plenary Session on Energy
Keynote: Evan Barrett, Governor Schweitzer’s Office of Economic Development, speaking on energy development in Montana and the Governor’s vision.

1:00 – 5:00pm: Foyer – Poster Session

5:30 – 9:00pm: Atrium – Evening Social, hors d’oeuvres provided

6:00 – 7:00pm: Aspen Room – Student Mentoring Session

THURSDAY February 8

Two Concurrent Sessions: 8:00 – 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Hyalite Room: Special Energy Session

This session will feature a variety of wildlife professionals who are actively working at the wildlife-energy interface. Topics include: mule deer, antelope, wind turbines and bats/birds, sage grouse, wetlands and

waste pits, and habitat mitigation within the context of energy development and its implications.

Lewis and Clark Room: Open Session

8:00 – 12:00pm: Foyer – Poster Session

12:00 – 2:00pm: Atrium -- Montana Chapter TWS Business Luncheon

6:00 – 10:00pm: Foyer and Grand Ballroom – Happy Hour, Silent Auction and Awards Banquet. This year’s banquet speaker will be Ken Toole, former Montana legislator, and newest member of the Montana Public Service Commission.

FRIDAY February 9:

Two Concurrent Open Sessions

8:00 – noon

Best Western GranTree Inn, Bozeman Meeting and Lodging Logistics

A block of rooms has been set aside at the GranTree Inn. Call 1-800-624-5865 to make your reservations. Be sure to mention you are with The Wildlife Society of Montana or group number 803608 to receive the government / conference rate. State rates will be honored. Rooms will be released after January 12, 2007, so call right away. The Bozeman GranTree Inn is located at 1325 N. 7th Ave. Alternative lodging facilities nearby include the Bozeman Holiday Inn and the Comfort Inn.

NEW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE BOOK

Thinking Like a Manager:

Reflections on Wildlife Management

by John F. Organ, Daniel J. Decker, Len H. Carpenter, William F. Siemer and Shawn J. Riley. Artwork by Daniel P. Metz

The Wildlife Management Institute is very pleased to announce the release of its latest book—*Thinking Like a Manager: Reflections on Wildlife Management*. The 120-page book is a fictional account of six wildlifers, brought together under unusual

circumstance, who find common confusion, interest and opportunity in the increasingly important human element in each of their different professional roles and geographies.

The narrative is an entertaining means of exploring the interrelationships of Aldo Leopold’s ecological tenets, the public-trust doctrine and sociological considerations that every professional conservationist must recognize and adopt to some degree.

Advance reviewers agree that this book will appeal to and be informative to veteran wildlifers, wildlife students and all other natural resource disciplines. For more

information about the book and how to order it (only \$10.00 U.S. + \$2.00 shipping), visit the WMI Website (<http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org/pages/bookbros.html>).

NEW STUDY ON GLOBAL WARMING

A study published in the December issue of *Annual Review of Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics* examines 866 scientific papers on global warming to reveal patterns in effects on wildlife. The report is the first comprehensive analysis of a number of global warming papers; details on the pace of effect, being experienced in the current day instead of being proposed as a threat to the future, will undoubtedly add a new perspective to the ongoing public debate on the issue.

Extinctions of certain species that occur in narrow ecological bands, particularly around the poles, are already beginning to emerge

as a result of warming, says Camille Parmesan, lead author on the paper and researcher at UT Austin. Specific species in the midst of mass extinctions include the polar bear, ring seal, Emperor penguin, Adelie penguin, and certain corals and could forest frogs. Other than increases extinctions, consistent patterns found in the review include earlier flowering times for plant species and egg-laying for bird species, changing ranges for many species, and increased abundance and distribution of pests, parasites, and fungi.

Wildlife Policy News, December 2006



R. Savannah FWS

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/>
Oregon: <http://fw.oregonstate.edu/tws/>
Washington: <http://www.washingtonwildlifesoc.org>

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