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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TWS officers and Council members often highlight the importance of TWS's Strategic Plan to guiding the efforts of the parent Society and the Plan's role in leading to the substantial accomplishments we have experienced through the parent organization in recent years. The Strategic Plan provides a framework for developing goals and objectives of the organization, for laying out a path to accomplish those objectives, and for measuring accomplishments against expectations. Planning is a continuing process more than an objective. Strategic plans are designed to anticipate a changing environment and to be responsive to those changes. A viable Strategic Plan is

dynamic and is adaptable to changing needs. However, it also provides consistency in an organization.

I would like to open a dialog on the desirability of developing a Strategic Plan for the Northwest Section, based on parent Society's Plan. Creation of a Strategic Plan for the Section would:

- facilitate the involvement of all interested members in developing objectives for the Section,
- provide a means to describe what the Section's goals should be and how they will be accomplished,

- provide a means to communicate important programs to Section members, and
- provide a mechanism for smooth transitions and continuing progress following changes in the leadership team.

Once the Section has established goals and objectives, the Executive Committee would provide specific operational strategies to accomplish each objective, with the assistance of the membership, perhaps through the committee structure. This would ensure that the Section's fiscal and human resources are directed toward accepted objectives.

The current Goals in the Parent Society's Strategic Plan are:

- Goal 1** Develop, maintain, and promote professional standards for wildlife research, education, and management.
- Goal 2** Enhance knowledge and technical capabilities of wildlife professionals.

- Goal 3** Encourage and recognize professional stewardship of wildlife and promotion of TWS goals.
- Goal 4** Advocate use of sound biological, social, and economic information for wildlife policy decisions,
- Goal 5** Increase public awareness and appreciation of wildlife conservation and the wildlife profession
- Goal 6** Ensure financial stability and future growth of The Wildlife Society.

Should the Section decide to develop a Strategic Plan, these goals would provide a good starting point for discussions on the goals of the Section. I plan to include this as a discussion item on the agenda for our business meeting at our annual meeting in May (to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Alaska Chapter). If you have thoughts about whether the Section should pursue this please let me know (e-mail: lsuring@fs.fed.us). Also, please let me know if you are interested in being involved in the development of a Strategic Plan for the Northwest Section.

Lowell Suring

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

2004 is an election year for the Northwest Section. The Executive Board is seeking nominations for Section Officers. You are encouraged to nominate Section members (with their approval) or yourself for the offices of President Elect, Vice President, or Secretary-Treasurer. The President Elect serves 1 year on the Executive Board in that office, 2 years as President, and 1 year on the Executive Board as Past President. As President, this person has general supervision of the Section's officers, appoints committee chairpersons, and presides at meetings of the Executive Board and the Section. The Vice President assumes the duties of the President in the President's absence and assists the host

chapter with the program for the Annual meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Section. All Section officers must also be members of The Wildlife Society.

Please contact the current officers if you have questions about any of these positions. Contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.

If you would like to nominate a Section member for 1 of these positions or would like to be a candidate please contact Lowell Suring at 208.373.4351 or lsuring@fs.fed.us.

NORTHWEST SECTION AWARDS

The Arthur S. Einarsen Award was established in 1966 to recognize outstanding service to the wildlife profession by individuals residing in the area encompassed by the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Administrator Award was designed to recognize and reward excellence in the areas of wildlife program development and

administration. The Awards Committee encourages nominations from the membership of the Section by 15 January 2004 for both awards. Nominations benefit from supporting documentation so please contact Lowell Suring (208.373.4351 or lsuring@fs.fed.us) for more details if you have deserving candidates in mind.

NEW NEWSLETTER LOCATION

This is the second of our newsletters posted on The Wildlife Society's website. Thanks to all the members for their cooperation in making the transition amazingly smooth. After mailing almost 800 notices that the newsletter would be available on the TWS website, only 3 members indicated that they still wished a hardcopy.

Initially there was a problem with being unable to navigate to the newsletter from the TWS home page, but that was quickly solved.

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ALASKA BIRD CONFERENCE

March 16-18, 2004

Anchorage, Alaska

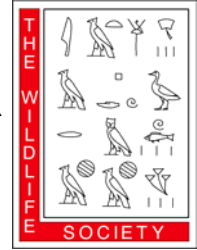
Audubon Alaska, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game and other sponsors are pleased to announce and call for abstracts for the 10th biennial Alaska Bird Conference. Purpose of the conference is to share information on results, methods and insights about research, education, management and conservation of Alaska's avifauna. In addition to general sessions (oral and poster), there will be special sessions on: Building Partnerships for Migratory Bird Conservation, Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest Management, International

Migratory Bird Programs, and Upland Gamebird Management. Dr. J. "Pete" Myers will be a special guest and banquet speaker on 18 March. The Pete Isleib Award for "outstanding contributions to bird conservation in Alaska" will be presented at the banquet. The conference will be held at the Hilton Anchorage; special room rates are available. For scheduling and registration information, call 907-276-7034 or contact rdowney@audubon.org. Abstracts are due 31 January 2004 and may be submitted to kent_wohl@fws.gov (907-786-3503).



Robert Savannah, U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service

PREDATOR-PREY 2004
JOINT CONFERENCE and ANNUAL MEETING
NORTHWEST SECTION AND ALASKA CHAPTER
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
ALYESKA PRINCE HOTEL
GIRDWOOD, ALASKA
MAY 1-3, 2004



THE CONFERENCE:

Join with fellow wildlife researchers, managers, educators, students and administrators from across Alaska and the Northwest Section for a joint annual meeting and conference of the Alaska Chapter and Northwest Section of the Wildlife Society. The theme of this year's conference is predator-prey relationships. The meeting will feature presentations by Dale McCullough (UC Berkley), Daniel D. Roby (Oregon State Univ.), Terry Bowyer (Institute of Arctic Biology, UAF), Kim Titus and Dave Person (ADF&G), and more. In addition to invited speakers three technical sessions and poster presentations cover the breadth of topics that will make the conference interesting for all attendees. This conference is an opportunity for you to share your work and insights with colleagues. Please plan to join us in May for this conference and associated activities. Members are also invited to attend the 10th North American Caribou Workshop immediately following the TWS conference.

Place: The Predator-Prey Relationships conference and TWS meetings will be held May 1-3 at the **Alyeska Prince Hotel** in Girdwood Alaska, a mere 40 minutes by highway southeast of Anchorage. Travel to Anchorage is serviced by numerous major airlines. Travel from Anchorage airport to Girdwood is by highway vehicle. Checker Cab offers a special Alyeska rate of \$65 one-way. A shuttle bus is available through "The Magic Bus" - Phone: (907) 268-6311, or by e-mail (info@themagicbus.com) (price depends on number of passengers). A rental vehicle gives the attendee flexibility to tour the road system and take in all the scenery and wildlife in the area.

Technical Sessions: There will be 4 sessions during the conference. The first session will feature longer invited papers on predator-prey relationships ranging from fish to wolves. The other 3 sessions are open technical sessions, featuring 15 minute presentations (plus 5 minutes for questions). A "wine & cheese" poster session, the evening of the banquet (May 2), will offer an alternative to present your work. If you would like to make a presentation at one of the open sessions or provide a poster, please contact the technical sessions chair, Terry Bowyer, at 907-474-5311 or by E-mail at ffrtb@uaf.edu.

We only need the title of your talk or poster for now, so we can begin organizing the sessions logically. **The deadline for submission of titles is March 1; abstracts are due by April 1** (formatting instructions will be passed along to authors). Abstracts will be compiled, printed, and made available at the conference. We hope you will make a presentation at the conference, and that you will encourage your colleagues to do so as well. Although we have a theme, we desire a wide range of topics, including wildlife management projects, research findings, education, data analysis and study design, new field techniques, conservation issues, and land-use and wildlife planning. Please contact Terry soon with your paper and poster titles.

Banquet and Keynote Speaker: The banquet will be held at the **Alyeska Prince Hotel** at 7:00 PM on May 2. The buffet-style banquet will feature a choice of 3 gourmet entrées, salad, and dessert for \$25 per person. The dinner is at 7:00 PM, with a no-host bar (wine and beer) opening at 6:00 during the “wine and cheese” poster session. The guest speaker has yet to be confirmed.

Business Meetings: An Alaska Chapter business meeting will be held during lunch hour on the 2nd. The meal is covered by the registration fee and will be a Mexican buffet, with build-your-own tacos. The Northwest Section business meeting will be on May 3 during the 7:00-8:30 AM continental breakfast (also covered by registration fees) of muffins, Danish, croissants, juice and coffee. All members are invited to attend both meetings.

Post-conference: 10th North American Caribou workshop

The workshop will run from May 4-6. Please refer to the workshop description elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

FIELD TRIP:

On May 7, a 6-hour dinner-cruise in Kenai Fjords out of Seward, AK will provide breathtaking views of glaciers, sea birds, whales, sea lions, sea otters and more. The fee will be \$110 per person (60 minimum participants) and will include dinner and transportation to and from the Alyeska Prince hotel.

PHOTO CONTEST:

Members are invited to enter their best photos in several categories: landscape, birds, mammals, other wildlife, people/projects, and humor. In addition, each category will be divided into digital and film cameras. Individuals may submit one original photo per category with an entry fee of \$2.50 per photo. Photos must be from 5X7 to 8X10 in size and mounted on stiff backing. No glass or frames and appropriate for a mixed audience. Entrants must pre-register photos through David Tessler at David_Tessler@fishgame.state.alaska.us to assess categories. Prizes will be awarded.

LODGING:

Alyeska Prince Hotel room reservations can be made by e-mail (reservations@alyseskaresort.com) or by phone: 907-754-1111 or by fax 907-754-2200. You must use the special Alyeska Resort room registration form which follows the conference registration form below. Attendees must identify themselves as participants in the meeting of AK Chapter or NW Section of The Wildlife Society to receive the special room rate of \$85/ single or double (an additional \$25 for triple occupancy) plus tax (currently 8%). Even though this is the “off season” this is still a great rate for this fine hotel. However, it does require a refundable deposit equal to one night’s room and tax at the time of reservation. A block of 30 rooms has been reserved for TWS and NACW through March 30th, so do not delay in making room reservations. Rates apply to rooms beyond the 30 reserved, if available.

DINING:

The following fine dining is also available at the Alyeska Prince Hotel:

Teppanyaki “Katsura”: An authentic Japanese restaurant which offers an entertaining and memorable dining experience and a masterful meal featuring Maine lobster, steaks, salmon, and chicken.

The Pond Café: Overlooking the reflecting pond at The Alyeska Prince Hotel, the Pond Café is family style dining. The Pond Café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and features an array of breakfast items, pasta, pizza, soups, salads, seafood, a children's menu, and other specialties.

Kiosk: Features coffee, espresso, lattes, mochas, muffins, juices, soft drinks, tasty soups, sandwiches, pizza and snacks. The Kiosk is located on the second floor Tram Concourse.

A list of additional dining establishments near the hotel is also available by visiting the Girdwood Chamber of Commerce website at: <http://www.girdwoodalaska.com/index.html>

REGISTRATION AND COSTS:

On-line conference registration is available and highly recommended, courtesy of Brian Lieb and his Alaskamade.com website. Please use [This secure link](https://secure.alaskamade.com/tws/) or his website (<https://secure.alaskamade.com/tws/>) to register on-line. A registration form is also included in this announcement if you wish to register by mail. Please **complete and return the form soon** to get the early registration rate of \$70 (after March 31 the registration increases to \$90). Students get a great deal for only \$20. Payments may be made by check, made out to the 'Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society'. Paper and poster presentations, light snacks and beverages, breakfast and lunch, the Chapter meeting lunch and Section meeting breakfast are included in the registration fee. **You may also register by E-mail at herman.griese@elmendorf.af.mil** (checks must be mailed). Cut and paste the conference/meeting registration form below.

The fee schedule for the conference and associated (optional) activities is as follows:

Regular registration	\$ 70.00
Student registration	\$ 20.00
Late registration (after 20 March)	\$ 90.00
Banquet (per person)	\$ 25.00
Northwest Section dues (if not current)	\$ 5.00
Alaska Chapter dues (if not current)	\$ 5.00
May 7 Dinner cruise Kenai-Fiords (Seward)	\$110.00

Once payment is received, you will receive a confirmation and receipt by E-mail or regular mail, as preferred. Registration materials will be available for pickup at the door, and will include abstracts, banquet tickets, name tag, and Anchorage/Girdwood area visitor information.

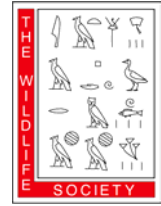
STUDENTS:

We are seeking active participation in these meetings by wildlife students who are Chapter members. If you are a full-time student enrolled in college and wish to attend this conference, the registration fee is \$20 (which includes continental breakfasts and lunches on both May 2nd and 3rd.) If you are not a member and would like to be, please send your name, address, and \$5.00 to Jackie Kephart (secretary/treasurer) at 1300 College Rd., Fairbanks, AK 997701-1599. Membership questions can be addressed to Jackie: (phone: 907-459-7205); (e-mail: jackie_kephart@fishgame.state.ak.us)

For More Information: Contact **Herman Griese**, South Central Alaska Region Representative, at (907) 552-0200, or by E-mail: herman.griese@elmendorf.af.mil

PREDATOR-PREY 2004

JOINT CONFERENCE and ANNUAL MEETING NORTHWEST SECTION AND ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



ALYESKA PRINCE HOTEL
GIRDWOOD, ALASKA
MAY 1-3, 2004

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Title of paper or poster (if applicable): _____

Please fill in all that apply:

Regular *	\$ 70.00	_____
Student * School name: _____	\$ 20.00	_____
Late registration (after 20 March)	\$ 90.00	_____
Banquet (per person)	\$ 25.00	_____
Northwest Section dues (if not current)	\$5.00	_____
Alaska Chapter dues (if not current)	\$ 5.00	_____
May 7 Kenai Fiords dinner-cruise (per person)	\$110.00	_____
TOTAL	\$	_____

*Includes continental breakfasts and lunches on May 2 & 3

If registering by mail please make checks out to the **Alaska Chapter of the Wildlife Society** and send checks and registrations to Herman Griese (herman.griese@elmendorf.af.mil) P. O. Box 836, Palmer, AK 99645-0836, (Fax: (907) 552-0799). Please also direct questions concerning registration to Herman at (907) 552-0200.



ALYESKA RESORT

*Alaska Chapter and Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society Annual
and
10th North American Caribou Workshop*

May 1, 2004 – May 6, 2004

Room Reservation Form

NAME: _____
(Please list the full names of all guests staying in the same room)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/POSTAL CODE: _____ **COUNTRY:** _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ **DEPARTURE DATE:** _____

RATES: _____ **\$85.00** Moderate Guest Room

Rates are based on single/double occupancy, and do not include 8% Anchorage Lodging Tax.

To accommodate early arrivals and late departures, group guest room rates will be extended up to four days prior and four days beyond your schedule conference dates, based on availability. Deadline for making reservations at these rates is 30 days prior to arrival. After that date, rooms and rates are subject to availability. Children under 18 stay free in the same room as parents. Check-in time for all groups is 4:00 PM. Checkout time is 12:00 noon.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Smoking? _____ Non-Smoking? _____ Other ? _____

A DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE FIRST NIGHT’S ROOM CHARGE IS REQUIRED FOR RESERVATIONS. Please include a check equal to the first night’s stay, or your credit card will be charged for the first night’s stay when the reservation is made.

Please circle one: Visa Master Card American Express Diner’s Club Discover Carte Blanche

Name on Credit card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

Signature as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Cancellation of the reservation must be received no less than 48 hours prior to your arrival to receive a refund of deposit.

Please mail check & reservation form to P.O. Box 249, Girdwood, AK 99587, USA (ATTN: Reservations Department), or if payment is by credit card, you may fax to The Alyeska Prince Hotel Reservation Department at (907) 754-2200.

10th NORTH AMERICA CARIBOU WORKSHOP

The 10th North America Caribou Workshop will be held in conjunction with the NW Section conference during May 4-6, 2004 (Tuesday - Thursday), also at the Alyeska Prince Hotel. The theme of the workshop will be "Caribou and Climate and a main focus of the workshop is intended to be the effects of weather and climate on caribou population dynamics, including effects of climatic oscillations, global warming, severe storms, and other weather-related events.

Posters and presentations on other timely topics involving caribou research and management are welcome as well. The workshop will run from May 4-6. As with the NW Section conference, there will be opportunities to visit the Sea Life Center in Seward, Alaska and tour Prince William Sound before or after the workshop. For more details and registration information visit: <http://www.10thnacw.org>

MONTANA CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

"Restoration Ecology"

Holiday Inn—Bozeman, Montana

February 23-27, 2004

The conference will be of similar format as past meetings with a workshop, technical paper sessions, and social events. Breakout meeting rooms will be available for groups who wish to meet in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

Nominations are needed for President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Contact committee chair Tom Whitford (406-657-6202 or twhitford@fs.fed.us) to nominate someone or if you could serve yourself.

Each year the Montana Chapter presents awards in the following categories: Distinguished Service Award, Biologist of the Year, Wildlife Conservation Award, and the Bob Watts Communication Award. If you know of any individuals or organizations

worthy of these awards, please send your nominations, including a statement of why you think they are deserving of the award, to Tim Their (406-882-4697). Nominations can be sent via email (tthier@interbel.net) or hard copy (P.O. Box 507, Trego, MT 59934).

The co-chairs of the Student Paper Judging Committee (Wayne Kasworm, 406-293-4161 X105 (kasworm@libby.org) and Carolyn Sime (406-751-4586 (casime@state.mt.us)) are seeking additional people to help judge student papers.

Contact Brian Logan (406-566-2292 or blogan@fs.fed.us) for the latest details about the Annual Meeting.

2004 ANNUAL MEETING—OREGON CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

"*Bridging the Gap: Integrating Wildlife Science, Management, and Policy*"

The Riverhouse Resort Lodge - Bend, Oregon

9-13 February, 2004

Mark your calendars now for the 2004 Oregon Chapter TWS annual meeting to be held 9-13 February 2004 at The Riverhouse Resort Lodge in beautiful Bend, Oregon.

Central Oregon and the Bend area is a veritable paradise of wildlife, recreation, and adventure and is sure to offer something for everyone! Our theme of "Bridging the Gap:

Integrating Wildlife Science, Management and Policy” will address philosophical and technical concepts and issues important to our profession and promises to provoke your thinking and expand your horizons.

Our plenary session has brought together four unique professionals with broad and diverse backgrounds to address our theme of “Integrating Wildlife Science, Management, and Policy.” This year’s plenary speakers include:

Tom Franklin, Wildlife Policy Director, The Wildlife Society

Dr. Winifred “Wini” Kessler, Director of Wildlife, Fisheries, Ecology, & Watershed, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region

Dr. Ken Risenhoover, Director of Fisheries and Wildlife, Port Blakely Companies

Sara Vickerman, Director, West Coast Office, Defenders of Wildlife

A special symposium on “Integrating Silviculture and Wildlife Habitat Management” will precede the annual meeting and will be held jointly with the Society of American Foresters. This exciting symposium will provide participants with cutting-edge technology, research, and

management applications for integrating wildlife habitat objectives in Pacific Northwest managed and unmanaged forests. Well known forest ecologist Dr. Jerry Franklin will lead off the symposium with a keynote address on integrating science, management, and policy to achieve multiple forest resource objectives. The symposium has brought together a diverse group of leading experts throughout the region to address a variety of topics relating to forestry-wildlife relationships, forest structure development, forest management planning, implementation of silvicultural prescriptions to achieve multiple objectives, forest policy, pathology and entomology, fire and silviculture relationships, and riparian area management. This symposium constitutes 13 contact hours toward The Wildlife Society’s Professional Development Program and the Society of American Foresters Continuing Forestry Education Program.

Information regarding registration, session schedules, lodging, and all other aspects of the Oregon Chapter meeting can be found on the Chapter website at:

<http://fw.oregonstate.edu/tws/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 11TH ANNUAL TWS CONFERENCE IN CALGARY

**Be part of the ...
11th Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society
Calgary, Alberta
September 18-22, 2004**

The volunteer subcommittee is looking for enthusiastic wildlife students, wildlife professionals and TWS members willing to volunteer for the 2004 TWS conference in Calgary. We are in need of approximately 80 participants willing to aid in the registration desk and at each paper session to ensure the conference is a success!

What benefits will you receive as a volunteer?

- Volunteer reimbursements
- Student Chapter Fundraiser(s)
- Volunteer Mixer

Please sign up today by contacting Jim Allen at (403) 845-8237 or james.allen@gov.ab.ca

NORTHWEST SECTION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Having recently returned from the 3rd International Wildlife Management Congress held December 1–5 in Christchurch, New Zealand, I'll use this space to share some highlights with those who were unable to attend this outstanding conference. But first, a bit of background...

In the late 1980s, Wildlife Society leaders and members identified the need to encourage a more global perspective on wildlife research, education, and management. The idea of an international congress was born, and culminated in the First International Wildlife Management Congress held in San Jose, Costa Rica, in 1993. Based on this success, a second congress was held in Gödöllő, Hungary in 1999, and a bid was received to host a third congress in New Zealand in 2003. These international conferences implement Goal 2, Objective 2 of the TWS Strategic Plan: *Provide and promote international forums outside North America to enhance educational experiences of wildlife professionals.*

In addition to TWS, hosts of the 3rd Congress included Manaaki Whenua/Landcare Research, an independent New Zealand Crown Research Institute that focuses on management of wildlife and land resources; the Australasian Wildlife Management Society; and Ngāi Tahu, the principal Māori tribe of the South Island of New Zealand. The various committees were jointly chaired by members of TWS and Landcare Research. A significant fund-raising effort was required on both sides, and it was agreed that funds should aim to support participation by developing countries and indigenous groups. This objective was possible, in part, because a variety of sponsors were generous in supporting congress functions and social events. The resulting diversity of cultures, traditions, perspectives, and

geographic orientations did much to enrich the conference.

Attendance surpassed expectations, with >900 participants attending from 52 countries. A large tent erected on the campus of Canterbury University served as the venue for casual meals, social events, and trade exhibits. The plenary session was held at the Christchurch Convention Centre, with remaining sessions held in lecture halls at the university. Around 50 symposia, workshops, and technical sessions—plus 5 poster sessions—offered a wealth of information on topics ranging from experimental design to wildlife diseases to ethics and animal welfare. Not surprisingly, there was considerable emphasis on wildlife damage and population control. Except for one bat species, New Zealand was devoid of mammals until the first humans arrived around a thousand years ago. Introduced species have wreaked havoc with the native birds, flora, and ecosystems in general. Control and extermination of exotic plants and animals, so that native species can be restored, is an emphasis in New Zealand conservation and natural resources management.

Other highlights of the congress included half-day fieldtrips to ecological and cultural “hotspots” in the Christchurch vicinity, and a selection of post-congress tours for those who desired a more thorough exploration of South Island. As well, there was a formal signing that established TWS and the Australasian Wildlife Society as affiliate organizations.

I was impressed with the consistent high quality of the presentations I attended, and the flawless manner in which these were delivered. All speakers were required to submit their Powerpoint presentations in advance of the congress, and these were loaded onto the university's main computer.

A computer lab was dedicated as a speakers' review and presentation room, with technicians on hand to solve last-minute glitches. A skilled audio-visual assistant was assigned to every lecture room to ensure that sessions went smoothly. These arrangements and precautions meant that speakers could concentrate on their delivery, without fear of technical mishaps. In my opinion, this congress raised the bar of audio-visual delivery to new heights, and offered an example we all should strive to emulate.

Although a congress proceedings will not be published, the 487-page *Programme and Abstracts* is a significant product in itself. If you have access to a copy, a cruise through the abstracts (organized by session topics) will give you a feel for the wealth of information, perspectives, and science that converged on Christchurch during that very special week.

Wini Kessler
Northwest Section Representative

CELEBRATING OUR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION HERITAGE (the COWCH Project)

Goal - To document the history of the profession of wildlife management from those who made it happen.

Last July 24th I sat outside in the sun, looked out over the Mendenhall wetlands near downtown Juneau, and talked with retired FWS biologist/pilot Jim King. The spring before, I visited a backyard in nearby Douglas, watched white-crowned sparrows, and chatted with retired Forest Service biologist Sig Olson. These don't sound like difficult things to do, and they are not. The only difference from ordinary social visits is that these were COWCH interviews.

I found that interviewing these well-known Alaska biologists was fun and informative. We talked about the early days of wildlife management and game law enforcement, significant events and memorable people, family life and work environments. And we captured it all on videotape.

The hardest part is getting started - calling and requesting an interview. Beyond that, it's only a matter of picking a day, lining up the videographer, and preparing for the interview. The Wildlife Society has developed helpful support materials including a pre-review checklist, key points for a successful interview, a long list of

questions from which to choose, some basic forms, and an explanatory video. Copies of this material were sent to each chapter a couple years ago. For the first interview, I was able to use a Forest Service videographer, while for the second I hired video services (paid for by the chapter). Both produced videos with high-quality picture and sound. Original tapes are housed at TWS headquarters with copies for persons interviewed and to the chapter.

So, COWCH interviews can be done - they are enjoyable and not at all difficult. I'd be happy to talk with and provide information to anyone interested in participating in this project. There are so many worthy "interviewees" within our section. I urge section members to seek out individuals who played key roles in the evolution of the wildlife profession and capture their recollections on tape. It will be a worthy service to our profession.

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Make Plans to Attend The Wildlife Society's 11th Annual Conference!

Hosted by the Alberta Chapter
September 18-22, 2004
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

- ◆ **Network with Your Colleagues**
- ◆ **Keep Up-to-Date with Technical Information**
 - ◆ **Featuring technical paper and poster sessions, workshops, symposia, working group meetings, student activities, exhibits, and social events.**

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Preliminary Program

Plenary

Energy, Wildlife, and People

Workshops

Performance Measures For Ecosystem Management And Ecological Sustainability
Establishing Educational Competencies For Undergraduate Wildlife Students
Using MCMC in Winbugs and Python to Fit Random Effects and Hierarchical Models
Linear and Non-Linear Mixed Models for Correlated Data: Concepts and Applications
Habitat Conservation in the Upper Bow Corridor, Alberta
Use of GPS Collars for Monitoring Wildlife
Using Aerial and Ground Based Infrared Sensors for Wildlife Monitoring

Symposia

Opportunities and Challenges of the International Wildlife Community: Views of the Global Involvement Task Force
Grassland Birds in North America: Current and Future Currencies
Synthesizing Recent Advances in Predator-Prey and Ungulate-Plant Dynamics
Survival Estimation and Analysis in Wildlife Ecology and Management
Professional Certification: Competency Assurance for Agencies Engaging Third-Party Providers
Effects of Scale on Existence and Measurement of Biological Diversity
Collaboration of Biometricians and Researchers in Large-Scale Research: Lessons from Case Studies
Managing Wolf Depredation on Livestock across North America
Key Components of Conservation-Hunting Programs: Relationships between Wildlife Populations, Ecosystems, and People

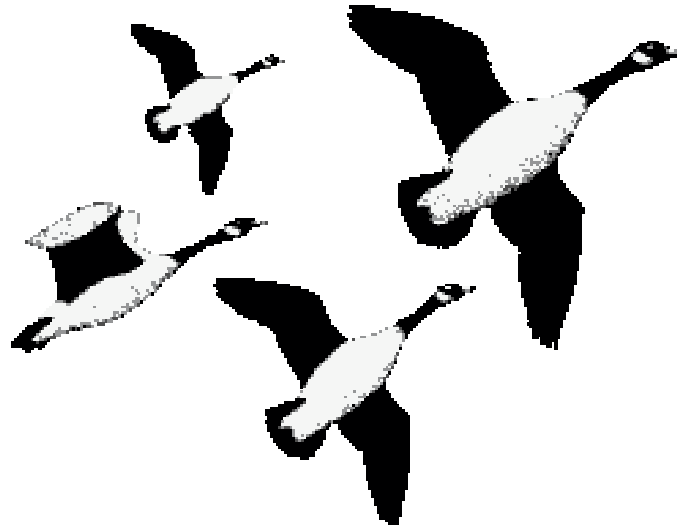
Implications of Baiting and Feeding Game Wildlife Species
White-Tailed Deer, Hunters, and Hunting in North America
Effectively Managing Meso-Carnivores: Conservation, Conflicts, and Disease Impacts
Wildlife Impacts of Energy Projects: Renewable and Conventional
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