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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We welcome **Sanjay Pyare** as President-Elect of the Northwest Section. Following this one-year term, Sanjay will become the President in Spring 2007. Sanjay is an Assistant Professor of GIS & Landscape Ecology at the University of Alaska Southeast and will be leading a session on conservation issues of the Tongass National Forest at the National Meeting of TWS in Anchorage.

We also welcome **Kristin Hasselblad** for a 2-year term as Secretary/Treasurer of the Northwest Section. Kristin works for the BLM in Boise, Idaho and also conducts independent contract work.

**Harriet Allen** returns for another term as Vice-President. Harriet manages the Endangered and Threatened Species section for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Photos of the new officers are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also gratefully thank outgoing Secretary/Treasurer **Marion Cherry** for her years of hard work and service.

**Michael Goldstein**  
President



## NORTHWEST SECTION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

During the past 5 years, I've heard from Northwest Section members most often in connection with two issues. Both issues involved inadequacies in TWS services, with calls for improvement. Your voices were heard, and substantial progress has been made on both problems.

Issue number one was the TWS website. As many of you complained, it was cumbersome, unimaginative, and worst of all, not kept up to date. It's likely that many of you simply gave up on it and if that's the case, please log onto [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org) and have a gander. Immediately you will see a new look, a more useful structure, and a broad array of current information. But this is only a stopgap measure. The new Director of Publishing and Information Resources, Dr. Philippa Benson, has the vision and know-how to develop the website into a major thoroughfare on the information highway. Read her article on page 17 of the May-June *Wildlifer* to see what's in store for the future.

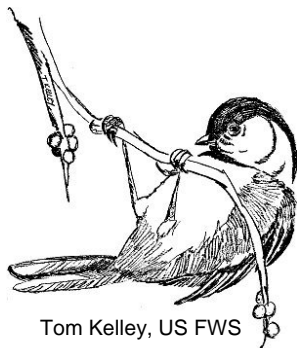
Issue number two was online publishing of TWS journals (or rather, the lack thereof). NW Section members and others have long complained about the inconvenience of not having electronic access to TWS publications. As well, there were concerns about the "diminished impact" of TWS journals compared to other publications. All that has changed, as you will see by logging onto [www.wildlifejournals.org](http://www.wildlifejournals.org). There you will find current issues of both the *Journal of Wildlife Management* and the *Wildlife*

*Society Bulletin*. Access to the 2006 issues is open and free to all, in hopes that users will tap into these resources and see the value of online access. Future issues and access to the archival collection will be available by subscription.

Of course the really big item for the NW Section is the upcoming TWS Annual Meeting, scheduled for 23–27 September in Anchorage, Alaska. All-day Council meetings on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will cover a broad array of topics, including discussion of the draft strategic plan. These meetings are open, and Council welcomes the presence of interested members. There will be the usual opportunity to visit during the "coffee with Council" scheduled for 7:30–8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, to be followed by a new, hopefully improved, approach to the Member's Forum. Members who wish to address a topic are invited to sign up in advance to ensure a spot in the Forum. See page 13 of the May-June *Wildlifer* for more details, or send your request to [yanin@wildlife.org](mailto:yanin@wildlife.org). As well, the Executive members of Council (president, vice-president, president elect, and past president) will be holding "office hours" so that members may bring up any topics they wish to discuss in a small-group venue.

I know many important issues will be addressed during the upcoming Council meeting, and I look forward to sharing the highlights with you in the next NW Section Newsletter.

**Wini Kessler,**  
Northwest  
Section  
Representative



Tom Kelley, US FWS

## NORTHWEST SECTION ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of the recently concluded election of officers for the Northwest Section! Additional information about each person may be

found in the President's Message in this newsletter and in the candidates' nomination statements in the April, 2006 newsletter.



**Sanjay Pyare**  
President-Elect



**Harriet Allen**  
Vice President



**Kristin Hasselblad**  
Secretary/Treasurer

## RESTORATION WORKING GROUP

A number of working groups have formed by TWS at the national level over the past couple of years. These groups, which range from Biometrics to Working Group for the Steady State Economy, are forums for members with common professional interests to network and exchange information.

The Restoration Working Group (RWG) has been around since 1998 but inactive the last couple of years. Last summer a number of TWS members interested in resurrecting the RWG got together by phone and e-mail to elect officers and reaffirm the working group's goals and objectives. Officers elected are: Mitch Sternberg – Chair, Wildlife Biologist, Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR; Matt Dzialak - Chair-Elect, Utah State University; Mark Pfost Secretary/Treasurer, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Rainwater Basin WMD. Board Members are: Gino Giumarro - Northeast

Board member Woodlot Alternatives, Inc., Topsham, ME; Ann Hodgson - Southeast Board member Resource Designs, Inc, Apollo Beach, FL; Mark McDonald - Central Board member; Bruce Campbell - West Board member.

Goals of the working group are:

1. Facilitate communication and the exchange of information among members of the Society interested in restoring wildlife populations and degraded habitats.
2. Enhance knowledge and technical capabilities of wildlife professionals in the area of restoration.
3. Increase public awareness and appreciation of the technical capabilities of restoring wildlife populations and degraded habitats.

4. Develop implementable ecosystem management principles enabling community-wide recovery.

5. Identify effective monitoring and evaluation programs to determine successes and failures of restoration techniques.

To aid in the achievement of these goals, the Working Group objectives are to:

1. Provide regular communication among members of the Society experienced in restoration through meetings, symposia, workshops, newsletters, specialty publications, and other means.

2. Promote membership in the Society to wildlife professionals interested in restoration.

3. Make recommendations to The Wildlife Society Council for specific actions by the Society in the area of restoration techniques.

4. Develop draft technical reviews, position statements, and other materials in the area of restoration for consideration by The Wildlife Society Council.

5. Provide information and technical assistance to Society members in the area of restoration.

6. Provide information and technical assistance to journalists, government officials, other organizations, and the general public in the area of restoration.

A working group business meeting was held during last year's conference in Madison. All those attending expressed interest in seeing the RWG proceed, especially as restoration work becomes more and more of a focus in wildlife management in the future. They agreed that the best way for the RWG to regain its footing is to start some kind of 2-way dialogue with its members, either

through direct email or via newsletter or both. RWG members need to feel that the RWG is moving forward to sustain any kind of interest from them.

Several suggestions were made as to how to best get the RWG active and moving in a positive direction again.

### **1. Symposia and field trips at annual TWS conferences**

Have a 1/2 day symposium in Tucson in 2007. Also, consider organizing at least one 1/2 day field trip. Additionally, have a 1/2 day symposium in Miami in 2008 and possibly host a few field trips to visit Everglades's restoration projects.

The suggestion was made to try to tie together the symposia for these 2 conferences, i.e., to compare/contrast restoration in desert versus wetland environments.

A suggestion was made that the RWG could sponsor symposia at regional or chapter meetings of TWS.

### **2. Conduct survey of RWG membership**

#### **3. Keep RWG website current**

TWS is also encouraging RWG to put as much relevant material on their pages as possible so if you would like to get some info included please email Mitch\_Sternberg@fws.gov.

### **3. Cooperate/synergize with Society for Ecological Restoration**

Efforts should be made to synergize with SER to the extent possible, as our WG has obvious overlap with theirs. This may be best accomplished by co-sponsoring symposia at national TWS or SER meetings.

### **4. Maintain regular contact with membership**

The best way to communicate with RWG members is through email from the leadership or via electronic newsletters.

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For additional information about the Restoration Working Group or to join, visit <http://www.wildlife.org/wg/restoration/index.cfm>, contact Bruce Campbell, the western regional representative, at

[bruce.h.campbell@state.or.us](mailto:bruce.h.campbell@state.or.us), or the working group Chair, Mitch Sternberg, at [Mitch\\_Sternberg@fws.gov](mailto:Mitch_Sternberg@fws.gov). If you have thoughts/ideas on what the RWG should be doing in the west, contact your regional representative, Bruce Campbell.

**Bruce Campbell**  
President-Elect  
Oregon Chapter TWS

## 2006 ANNUAL TWS CONFERENCE

The Alaska Chapter is hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

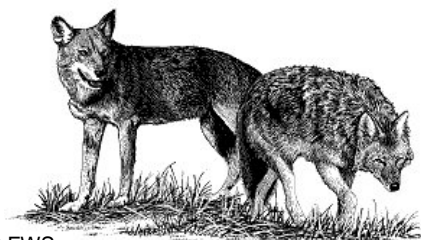
In addition to the workshops, symposia, and technical sessions, there will be many opportunities before, during, and after the conference to enjoy Alaska outdoors. You can choose from a wide selection of TWS-sponsored field trips or commercial adventures to suit your time and budget

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



Bob Savannah US FWS

## 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](mailto: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

**Alaska Chapter, TWS**  
**Invites You to Attend The Wildlife Society's 13th Annual Conference**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**  
September 23-27, 2006

- ◆ **Network with 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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## TWS CONFERENCE—FIRST TWS RUN WILD!5K

Participate in a beautiful run along Cook Inlet and see some of the highest tidal fluctuations in the world in action! The first TWS, Run Wild!5k will be held Monday, September 25 at noon. The start is a couple of blocks from the Hilton Hotel (our Headquarters hotel) at the beginning of the

Tony Knowles Coastal Trail. The race will follow the scenic Coastal Trail for 2.5 K to Westchester Lagoon and back. There should be great bird watching along the way for walkers and runners that aren't that serious about competing. You may even

get to see a moose. Potential inspiration to run faster!

Please join us for this “fun for the whole family” event! There will be a nominal registration fee (~\$15.00), and all participants will receive a commemorative

bandanna. Post-race snacks will be provided.

Look for the Run Wild! registration desk at the conference.

Questions contact [deborah\\_rudis@fws.gov](mailto:deborah_rudis@fws.gov) or judy [jacobs@fws.gov](mailto:jacobs@fws.gov)

## ALASKA CHAPTER NEWS

### Election Results

The April election resulted in the following officers serving on the Executive Board. Of special interest is the first time use of electronic ballots along with paper ballots and the unprecedented 50% member participation.

President: **Tom Paragi**

President-elect: **Howard Golden**

Past-president: **Eric Taylor**

Secretary-Treasurer: **Mark Udevitz**

Northern Representative: **Carol McIntyre**

Southcentral Representative: **Robin West**

Southeast Representative: **Stephen B.**

**Lewis**

Newsletter editor (non-voting): **Jim**

**Herriges**

### Bylaw Changes

The Executive Board has proposed one major and several minor changes to the AK Chapter bylaws. The proposed bylaws, complete with changes, are located at: [www.wildlife.org/chapters/ak/](http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/ak/). The major change would eliminate the \$5 Alaska Chapter Membership Only category and require all Alaska Chapter members to be members of The Wildlife Society.

### Board of Game Expands Predator Control

In May the Alaska Board of Game reauthorized predator control programs in the state. The Board expanded the designated area for wolf and bear control practices in two of the five regions where they are presently authorized and allowed some new practices. With authorized expansions, predator control has been

approved for roughly 11% of the state on predominantly state lands (control practices would have to also be approved by federal land managers to occur on some federal lands).

Sale of black bear hides with claws attached and sale of black bear skulls were authorized under hunting regulations within areas where active predator control programs are in effect. Shooting of black bears over bait during the same day a hunter is airborne will be permitted in all areas with active predator control programs as long as the hunter is 300 feet from the aircraft. All bears taken under control programs must be sealed.

Intensive management (IM) is mandated by a 1994 state statute. In May the Alaska Legislature approved a funding increment for ADF&G to increase monitoring of predator and prey populations in IM areas. The goal of intensive management is to increase the allowable harvest of ungulates through a combination of habitat enhancement, predator control (allocation of mortality from predators to humans), and harvest regulations (including antlerless hunts near urban areas).

### Alaska Loses a Pioneer Wildlife Manager

Long time conservationist and wildlife administrator Jim Brooks passed away at his home near Juneau on 19 May at age 83. Brooks began studying sea lions for the Alaska Territorial Department of Fisheries in the 1950s, helped craft the first state Fish and Game regulations and then became the

first director of the Division of Game within the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in 1959, studied polar bears for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and documented impacts of early oil exploration in the late 1960s, and served as Commissioner of ADFG during 1972-77. He then moved to the National Marine Fisheries Service, retiring in 1991 as Alaska Region Chief of Management and Enforcement. His colorful career was outlined in the autobiography, *North to Wolf Country*, which was released by Epicenter Press in 2003.

#### **National Position Statement on Old Growth Forests**

Matt Kirchhoff (Committee Chair) submitted a draft to the Executive Board in mid-May,

and the Board provided comments back to Matt in late May. Once revised, the draft position will be forwarded to the position statement subcommittee of TWS Council, which will decide whether to forward it to Council. If approved by Council, it would be printed in *The Wildlifer* for a 60-day comment period by the full membership.

Much other Alaska chapter news is available in the newsletter located at: (<http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/ak/index.cfm>).

**Tom Paragi**, President  
Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society

## **MONTANA CHAPTER NEWS**

More than 200 people attended the Montana Chapter's 2006 Annual Meeting, held in Helena February 21-24, where the question addressed was, "Who Can Be Trusted With The Public Trust?" Our focus was on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. We were inspired to pursue this topic when the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA) adopted a 'White Paper' entitled, The Value of the North American Model of Fish and Wildlife Conservation, prepared by Joanna Prukop of New Mexico Game and Fish and Ron Regan, of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. This 'White Paper' relied on a wide variety of referenced material, and particularly on a paper titled Why Hunting Has Defined The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference by Valerius Geist, Shane Mahoney and John Oregon. Both of these papers distill the key components of the model into seven basic principles. The first of the seven is: *wildlife as a public trust resource*.

Logic demands that, since wildlife is a public trust, and those of us working for the public are the trustees, then, it is time we learned about the foundation of this relationship and our responsibilities as wildlife professionals. We have always simply accepted the fact that fish and wildlife in North America is a public rather than private resource. However, as a matter of law and as a principle of importance, the rules and traditions of "wildlife as a public trust" were not presented to most of us in our training for the wildlife profession.

To that end, the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society dedicated its 2006 annual meeting to that topic. One of the authors of the IAFWA's 'White Paper' Joanna Prukop keynoted our meeting and an entire day was spent on the history and value of this critical principle. A panel of experts further piqued our interested and challenged us to examine the concepts of Public Trust doctrine.

That wildlife that has been restored through the evolving force of the North American Model is once again drawing commercial interests back to capitalizing on the public's

wildlife. Our diligence as wildlife professionals will continue to be tested as pressure to privatize wildlife is exerted. Our collective search for the foundational issues of our profession will continue to shape and strengthen us as wildlife professionals. To that end, the fascinating history of those who have established the framework for public ownership of wildlife deserves our continued attention.

It is interesting and exciting that the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society recently focused on this subject for their annual meeting, and the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies will also be addressing Wildlife as a Public Trust. Representatives of the Montana Chapter have or will be attending both events.

In other news, The Montana Chapter weighed in with Congress to help secure continued funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Forest Stewardship support for projects in the Swan Valley of Montana.

The Montana Chapter will be helping to sponsor the national Wildlife Society meeting in Anchorage in September and will send a representative.

The 2007 annual convention of the Montana Chapter will be held in Bozeman, February 5-7. Details to come later.

**Gayle Joslin**  
President, Montana Chapter, TWS

## **WORKSHOP ON MANAGING FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT IN WESTSIDE PRODUCTION FORESTS**

A group of agencies and organizations are sponsoring the workshop "Managing for Wildlife Habitat in Westside Production Forests" to be held October 18, 2006, at the Hilton in Vancouver, Washington. Attendees will be eligible for 6 hours of TWS Continuing Education Credits.

For more information call Michele at (888) 722-9416 or (503) 226-4562 or [michele@westernforestry.org](mailto:michele@westernforestry.org). Workshop agenda and registration is available online at [www.westernforestry.org](http://www.westernforestry.org).

## **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.rdln.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 plunges 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.

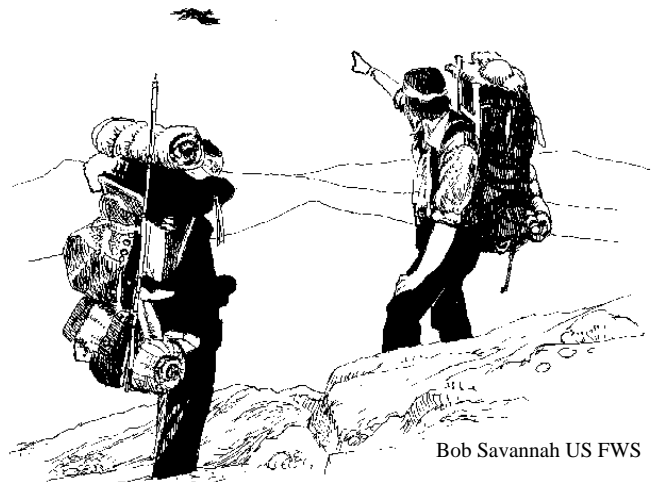
In addition to a full meeting of presentations and posters, we will be offering **WORKSHOPS** on Monday and Tuesday (9-

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://www.fw.oregonstate.edu/tws/> later this summer.

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

**Mark Penninger**  
President, Oregon Chapter TWS



## 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/>

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

Washington: <http://www.washingtonwildlifesoc.org>

(British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon Territory: no Chapters)

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