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NORTHWEST SECTION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer has just sped by, and now we find ourselves post-Madison planning for 2 big upcoming meetings. We're first planning for the joint meeting of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society, The Northwest Section of the Wildlife Society, The Northwest Scientific Association, and the Northwest Lichenologists. This meeting expects 300 people, and will be held on March 6-8, 2006 at the Grove Hotel, in Boise, Idaho. We've worked hard to build a strong program and an interesting plenary and hope the Section is well-represented. The theme of the meeting is: *Science, Natural Resource Management, and the*

Public Good: Towards a Democracy of Information and Management. One of the main plenary draws will be Michael Hutchins, the new Executive Director of TWS. Dr. Hutchins will help us explore the role societies and professionals play in advocating science-based decision making.

We're also planning the next big TWS National meeting for Anchorage in September 2006. The Alaska Chapter has led an enormous undertaking to host the meeting and we encourage all Section members to lend their support.

It has been a wonderful honor and one of particular significance for me to act as your Northwest Section President. I feel particularly privileged to work with the Executive Committee as we continue to build and enhance TWS membership and Section presence, taking over where past-President Lowell Suring



so diligently worked. We hope to bring you, the members, enhanced benefits of Section and Chapter memberships as TWS restructures and revitalizes. As winter draws near, I wish you all an enjoyable and productive season. See you in Boise!

Michael Goldstein

OPENINGS FOR NORTHWEST SECTION LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Please get involved or spread the word. If you are interested in Northwest Section leadership, the following positions will become available this spring:

President-Elect
Secretary/Treasurer
Vice-President

Please let Mike Goldstein know of your interest (mgoldstein@fs.fed.us; 907-586-7905).

NORTHWEST SECTION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Those who attended the 25–29 September 2005 Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, will know that the turnout this year was excellent, with around 1400 in attendance. Our new Executive Director, Dr. Michael Hutchins, was introduced and immersed in face-to-face interactions with TWS members. The Members Forum focused on the various changes that will improve the quality, delivery, utility, impact, and cost-effectiveness of our publications. The improvements include:

- Accelerated publication schedule in 2005 and 2006 to catch up on the backlog of the Journal of Wildlife Management (JWM) and Wildlife Society Bulletin (WSB) manuscripts.
- Increasing the amount of articles published in each JWM issue.
- Increasing the frequency of publication.
- Marketing our publications to enhance subscription rates and impact.

- Transition to electronic publication as the primary access mode, with an option for printed copy.
- Movement of all peer-reviewed articles to the JWM.
- Improving the revenue stream from our publications.
- Lowering the cost of publications to members.

A particularly exciting development is the evolution and expansion of the WSB into a new members' magazine that will offer a wealth of management, policy, news, field methods, opinion pieces, and other information to every TWS member as a basic benefit of membership (i.e., no subscription charge to members).

The Annual Meeting program was chockfull of information delivered by means of 7 workshops, 21 symposia, 26 contributed paper and poster sessions, and 2 special poster sessions (on Wildlife Toxicology and Citizen Science). A plenary session on Following Leopold's Footsteps: Six

Decades after *A Sand County Almanac* included memorable presentations by Nina Leopold Bradley (Aldo's eldest daughter) and Leopold scholars Curt Meine and Rick Knight. The fieldtrip to the International Crane Foundation and the Leopold Shack was a highlight for many participants.

Council took up a variety of important business in 2 ½ days of meetings. The first day was dedicated to strategic discussions about the future of TWS. There was consensus about the need to articulate the particular niche that TWS fills in the conservation arena, and to position the Society to serve a more effective role in the future. In the months ahead, TWS members will be asked for input into these important discussions. Council also affirmed the need to increase the value of TWS to members and partners, and discussed ideas for doing this. A variety of issues were discussed on days 2 and 3, including action on the following items:

- Approved a petition to develop a new Student Professional Development Working Group.
- Approved a recommendation to facilitate a Retired Professionals Network by providing space on the TWS website, and to honor retirees by means of a reception at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Anchorage.
- Approved a position statement on Wildlife Needs in Forest

Management and a policy statement on Scientific Peer Review for Regulatory Decisions.

- Created an *ad hoc* subcommittee to solicit input on the new publication (the members' magazine) and develop plans for its design and content.
- Created an *ad hoc* 2007 Farm Bill Subcommittee Committee to review recommendations emanating from the Farm Bill Technical Review and determine next steps, including a possible position statement.

Council also acted on the "hottest" issue on its agenda, which was the re-naming of TWS publications. In accordance with the preferences expressed by members, the new members' magazine will be named *The Wildlife Professional*. No name changes will be made to *The Journal of Wildlife Management* or *Wildlife Monographs*.

All indications are that the next meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, will be a well-attended one that many members will use as a springboard for family vacations, fishing trips, and other adventures. Be sure to mark you 2006 calendar for the 23–27 September and start planning your Alaskan adventure.

Wini Kessler, Northwest Section Representative

TWS ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to ask you to join me in welcoming Michael Hutchins as our new Executive Director! With the following introduction, I hope all of you can begin to get acquainted with Michael and welcome him to our team. He will officially join TWS on September 1, 2005.

Here's a quick summary of the process we have followed to find Michael. The Executive Director Search Committee

considered 44 qualified applicants and, following a preliminary telephone interview of 7 individuals, selected 4 outstanding candidates as finalists to be interviewed by Council. On August 4-5, 2005, Council met at the Bethesda headquarters and after an intensive interview process that included staff, we unanimously selected Dr. Michael Hutchins.

As a respected biologist, author, and administrator whose networks extend throughout the USA and internationally, Michael will hit the ground running and introduce stimulating new ideas and directions into our organization. We are fortunate to have attracted such an excellent candidate with the experience, understanding, and vision needed to guide our Society. Council and staff are excited to work with Michael to reenergize our membership to achieve the Society's mission and goals.

I encourage all of you who will be attending the annual conference to introduce yourselves to Michael. After September 1, feel free to contact Michael at (301) 897-9770. He is anxious to get to know you.

If you have comments or questions of any kind, please let me know. Please see Michael's full biography and photos on our website, www.wildlife.org.

Dick Lancia
TWS President, 2004-2005

DR. JOHN KIE AT IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. John G. Kie recently has joined the faculty of Idaho State University (ISU) as a Research Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. This new position is the result of a joint effort by the U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and ISU to focus research on large mammals, especially mule deer. Dr. Kie

also will supervise graduate students, and teach graduate coursework in Landscape Ecology and Ecological Modeling.

Terry Bower
Idaho State University

2006 NW SECTION ANNUAL MEETING IN BOISE, IDAHO

The Section will co-host a meeting on March 6-8, 2006 with the Idaho Chapter, The Northwest Scientific Association, and the Northwest Lichenologists at the Grove Hotel, Boise, Idaho (<http://www.coasthotels.com/home/sites/boisegrove/>).

The Conference Theme and Plenary Session are entitled: *Science, Natural Resource Management, and the Public Good: Towards a Democracy of Information and Management*. The Plenary session will be on Tuesday morning, March 7. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Hutchins, TWS's new Executive Director, will give a plenary address. The topic will focus on promoting science in natural resources policy and management as we explore the role societies and professionals play in advocating science-based decision making. Dr. Hutchins will also express his

TWS vision to members in a separate session on March 7.

We encourage all Section members to attend this meeting, to engage in this lively discussion, and to meet with Dr. Hutchins.

Important dates to remember:

- September 16, 2005 – First call for papers
- December 16, 2005 – Deadline for Abstracts
- February 6, 2006 – Final program

The Conference will include:

- Workshops on Monday, March 6.
- A Plenary Session on Tuesday morning, March 7
- 4 Concurrent Sessions Tuesday Afternoon and Wednesday

- Conference socials, award lunch, and a banquet

A reserved block of rooms is available for the conference at discount rates. Attendees are urged to reserve rooms as soon as possible because room numbers at the discount rate are limited.

For more information, please see the website http://www.ictws.org/updates/2006_announcement.html or please contact Idaho Chapter President Gregg Servheen at gservheen@idfg.idaho.gov, or Section President Mike Goldstein at mgoldstein@fs.fed.us.

NW SECTION AWARDS

Nominations for two awards are being accepted by the Awards Committee. 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 3 January 2006 for both awards. Nominations benefit from supporting documentation so

please contact Lowell Suring for more details if you have deserving candidates in mind. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting scheduled for 8-10 March 2006 in Boise, Idaho (see the following website as details are posted: <http://www.ictws.org/>)

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NW SECTION TRAVEL GRANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

If you are interested in serving on a committee to evaluate applications for student travel grants for the Northwest Section's annual meeting in March 2006 please contact Lowell Suring. See the announcement for grant applications in this newsletter for details. Evaluations will occur from mid December 2005 through mid January 2006.

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NORTHWEST SECTION STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

The Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society is offering grants to partially support student travel, registration, and/or lodging expenses associated with attending the 2006 annual meeting. This year's meeting is being hosted by the Idaho Chapter and

will be held with the Northwest Scientific Association in Boise, Idaho 8-10 March 2006 (see the following website as details are posted: <http://www.ictws.org/>). Grants will be issued up to a cumulative total of \$2,000.

The following factors will be given priority during selection of grant recipients:

- support to students presenting papers or posters at the meeting,
- support to officers of student chapters, and
- prudent expenditure of funds (e.g., requests for partial funding of group transportation or shared lodging).

Grant requests should include:

- the factors mentioned above (if applicable, for example - title of presentation, office held),
- other supporting information,
- the amount of financial assistance requested,

- contact information for the applicant (physical address, telephone number, and e-mail address), and
- contact information for the student's or chapter's faculty advisor

Please submit grant requests via e-mail by 16 December 2005 to:

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Recipients will be notified by 16 January 2006.

MONTANA CHAPTER 2006 MEETING

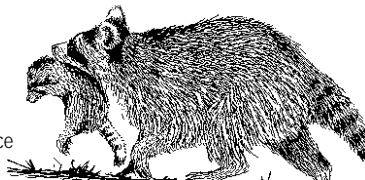
After a successful 2005 annual meeting February 28 through March 3 in Helena where 265 people registered, planning is well underway for the 2006 annual meeting. It will be held February 20-23 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena with a theme of "Protecting the Public Trust: Wildlife and Their Habitat." This theme will provide members of the Montana Chapter exposure to the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation as was adopted in 2002 by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA). Tentatively, our keynote speaker will be the Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources, Joanna Prukop. Ms. Prukop was the lead author of the white paper by the IAFWA that describes the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. A panel discussion on this topic will follow the keynote speaker.

An early call for papers has been announced. If you want to present a paper, please submit your TITLE and ABSTRACT to Gayle Joslin no later than January 10, 2006. Paper guidelines may be found on the Chapter's website: <http://www.wildlife.org/chapters/index.cfm>. Click on Montana, newsletters, and Summer 2005 newsletter. Submit titles and abstracts to:

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2006 ANNUAL TWS CONFERENCE

The Alaska Chapter and NW Section members are stepping up for the 2006 TWS National Meeting September 23-27 in Anchorage. The following people should be

recognized in advance for their outstanding contributions to make the 2006 meeting successful.

Arrangements Committee	Gino Del Frate	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
	Howard Golden	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Subcommittees			
Audio Visuals and Computers	Aaron Christ	Chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Field Trips	Ian Martin	Co-chair	Kenai Fords National Park
	Mike Rehberg	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Fund Raising	Becky Kelleyhouse	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
	Glen Stout	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Local Information	Jerry Hupp	Co-chair	Alaska Science Center, USGS
	Wayne Eberhardt	Co-chair	Environmental Engineering, FAA
Meals and Entertainment	Cindi Jacobson	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
	Dave Tessler	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Media Relations and Photography	Grant Hilderbrand	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
	Todd Rinaldi	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Merchandise	Ellen Campbell	Co-chair	USDA Forest Service
	Debra Rudis	Co-chair	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Photography Contest	Judy Jacobs	Chair	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Student Activities	Nancy Tankersley	Co-chair	US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Kris Hundertmark	Co-chair	Institute of Arctic Biology
Student Quiz Bowl	Tim Peltier	Co-chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
	Lisa Saperstein	Co-chair	Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge
Volunteers	Liz Solomon	Chair	Alaska Department of Fish and Game

ALASKA BIRD CONFERENCE IN JUNEAU

The 11th Alaska Bird Conference will be held from 7-9 February 2006 in Juneau, Alaska. Call for abstracts and details

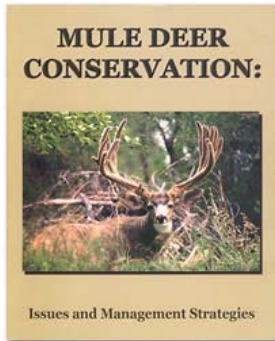
regarding the conference can be found at www.abc2006.juneau-audubon-society.org.

CORRECTION FOR ORDERING NEW TECHNIQUES BOOK

Due to a typographical error in a recent Wildlifer, the fax number for the office of The Wildlife Society is listed incorrectly on the special prepublication offer for the

upcoming edition of Techniques for Wildlife Investigations and Management. Please fax all orders to (301) 530-2471.

MULE DEER CONSERVATION BOOK AVAILABLE



Mule Deer Conservation: Issues and Management Strategies, a book published by the Jack H. Berryman Institute at Utah State University, is now available. The cost is \$22

per book and \$20 per book for orders of 5 or more. Cost includes Utah sales tax and

shipping. Copies may be obtained by sending a check, money order, or credit card payment to:

Berryman Institute
Utah State University
Logan, UT 84322-5230

Order forms may be printed online at www.muledeernet.org/BookOrder.htm or www.berrymaninstitute.org. Books are shipped once payment is received.

MOUNTAIN LION AND DEER & ELK WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

Proceedings of both the Seventh Mountain Lion Workshop and the 5th Western States & Provinces Deer & Elk Workshop are now available. Both were held in Jackson, Wyoming in May 2003.

Cost is \$15.00 USD and make checks payable to " Wyoming TWS ".

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Merlin
by
Steven D'Amato

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Check Out these Websites for more details on Chapter Activities!

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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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