



CALL FOR PAPERS & REGISTRATION



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

**MILLENNIUM ALASKAN HOTEL
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

APRIL 22 – 24, 2008

You are invited to join fellow wildlife researchers, managers, educators, students, and administrators from across the state for the annual meeting of the Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

The meeting will be held at the Millennium Alaskan Hotel, which is an entirely non-smoking hotel. It is near the airport, close to other hotels and restaurants, and offers free shuttle service to the airport and downtown Anchorage. Lodging information is provided below.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 22:

Pre-Conference Workshops (see details below)

- Introduction to the ArcGIS ModelBuilder: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- The Alaska Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Current Moose Management and Research: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

* Please note: Due to the high cost of liability insurance, the Alaska Chapter will not be sponsoring field trips. Marian Snively (marian.snively@alaska.gov or 267-2412) will be happy to talk with any members who may wish to organize trips on their own.

Wednesday, April 23:

- Registration: 7:30 am – 8:00 am
- Opening Remarks: 8:00 am – 8:15 am
- Plenary Session: 8:15 am – 12:00 pm
- Technical Sessions: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Poster Reception/Social: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 24:

- Technical Sessions: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Business Meeting: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
- Banquet & Keynote Address: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS — APRIL 22

All workshops will be held away from the Millennium Alaskan Hotel. Shuttles will be provided for anyone needing transportation. For more detailed information on workshops see - <http://joomla.wildlife.org/alaska/> .

1. Introduction to the ArcGIS ModelBuilder

This half-day training session, presented by Liz Solomon, (*ADF&G - DWC*) is intended to provide an introduction to geoprocessing in ArcGIS using ModelBuilder. Learn how to extend the capabilities of a GIS and automate the workflow through the development and implementation of simple models. The workshop will be a hands-on session demonstrating the basics of how to build, manage, repair, and distribute models. This workshop is ideal for intermediate level GIS users; however portions may be suitable for beginners as well. Participants should be familiar with ArcGIS Desktop and have a basic understanding of the geoprocessing framework within ArcGIS.

2. The Alaska Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative

This half-day workshop is presented by Peter Hickman from the *Geographic Information Network of Alaska, UAF (GINA)*. The Alaska Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative's primary goal is acquire new and better maps for Alaska and make existing map products more easily available. In addition to the online viewers and download options available at <http://www.alaskamapped.org>, the SDMI publishes data through open standards Web Map Services (WMS) and Web Feature Services (WFS) that can be implemented in a variety of mapping software platforms. This workshop will walk through incorporation of the AlaskaMapped WMS and WFS in both ESRI ArcGIS Desktop and Server, and the GINA SwathViewer.

3. Current Moose Management and Research

This all-day workshop is coordinated by Kalin Kellie (*ADF&G-DWC*), and is designed to keep biologists informed of current research and management of moose in Alaska. The topic of the morning session is “effects of weather and habitat composition on moose survey techniques and results across Alaska”. Invited speakers from around the state will present hands-on experience dealing with regional habitat and weather challenges to surveying moose. Presentations for the afternoon will focus on current or recently completed research on moose biology or a closely related topic. We are currently accepting abstracts for afternoon speakers (15-minute talks, 5 minutes for questions).

PLENARY SESSION — APRIL 23

The plenary theme for this year's meeting is "*State-federal dual regulation of terrestrial wildlife management*" featuring an historical perspective, invited speakers, and a panel discussion/open forum.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS — APRIL 23 & 24

Attendees are encouraged to give oral presentations or present posters regarding wildlife-related research, management, education, recreation, and biometrics.

We seek presentations on a wide range of topics, including wildlife and habitat management projects, research findings, data analysis and study design, new field techniques, conservation issues, land-use and wildlife planning, marine wildlife, human dimensions, education, wildlife recreation, wildlife economics, and non-game programs.

A half-day session will explore the issue of invasive species (contact Joe Meehan at joe.meehan@alaska.gov for session information).

The poster session will occur Wednesday evening, April 23, at 6:00–8:00 pm during a reception/social in the Millennium Alaskan Hotel, and displays will continue throughout the next day. There will be a variety of hors d'oeuvres along with two cash bars. The reception/social is included with full registration. Conference attendees registering by the day or who would like to bring a guest are welcome to purchase additional reception/social tickets for \$10 per person.

The deadline for submission of abstracts for papers or posters is March 15, 2008.

Information on formatting and submitting abstracts, oral presentations, and posters can be found on the Alaska Chapter TWS website: <http://joomla.wildlife.org/alaska/>.

We hope you will make a presentation at the conference, and that you will encourage your colleagues to do so as well. For more information contact Cindi Jacobson at cindi.jacobson@alaska.gov or (907) 267-2301.

TWS BUSINESS MEETING — APRIL 24

The Alaska Chapter business meeting will be held during lunch (11:30 am – 1:30 pm) on Thursday, April 24. All members are encouraged to attend and to welcome your newly elected executive board members to their offices. Pizza and salad will be provided.

BANQUET & KEYNOTE ADDRESS — APRIL 24

The banquet will be held at the Millennium Alaskan Hotel on Thursday evening, April 24, beginning at 6:30 pm, preceded by a cash bar starting at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be a buffet

with two entrees, a variety of salads, and dessert. The banquet is included with full registration. Conference attendees registering by the day or who would like to bring a guest are welcome to purchase additional banquet tickets for \$40 per person.

John Organ, Past President of The Wildlife Society, will be the featured speaker. The tentative title of John's talk is "*Predators, Prey, and North American Wildlife Conservation: Perspectives from the East.*"

STUDENT TRAVEL & PRESENTATION AWARDS

The Alaska Chapter strongly encourages student participation at the annual meeting and is providing travel reimbursement and presentation awards to wildlife students.

Travel scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with preference given to students presenting papers that meet the March 15 deadline for abstracts. After March 15 the travel scholarships are available to any wildlife or biology student on a first-come basis. The chapter has donated \$600 to help defray the cost of a UAF van for up to 8 Fairbanks students and is offering \$400 for 2-4 Juneau students to fly to the conference. Students should contact Falk Huettmann (student chapter advisor) in Fairbanks (fffh@uaf.edu) or Sanjay Pyare in Juneau (sanjay.pyare@uas.alaska.edu) to apply for student travel awards.

The Alaska Chapter is also offering first place (\$50) and second place (\$25) prizes for "best oral presentation" and "best poster presentation" by students. UAF faculty Perry Barboza and Falk Huettmann (student chapter advisor) will be the judges. At least 3 students per category will be needed for the contest, which is open to students from any Alaska campus. Students wishing to participate should check the box for student presenter on the registration at <https://secure.alaskamade.com/aktws/>.

TRAVEL & LODGING

Conference participants are eligible for a **10% discount** on airfares **booked online** through Alaska Airlines. When making reservations simply use the **special e-certificate code: ECCMB0131**.

The following hotels are offering special conference rates, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to book your reservation early and mention the conference for these rates. All hotels are within 1.5–2 miles of the airport, are within easy walking distance of the conference site, and offer free shuttle service.

The Millennium Alaskan Hotel (4800 Spenard Road) has blocked out 25 rooms for participants for April 22–24. All rooms are non-smoking, double/double. Rates (not including 12% tax) are \$83 for single and double, \$103 triple, and \$123 quad. The

conference block of rooms will be held until April 8. For reservations contact: www.millenniumhotels.com or (866) 866-8086.

Anchorage Airport Courtyard by Marriott (4901 Spenard Road) is offering \$99 king/2 DBL (double occupancy) through April 4. For reservations contact: www.marriott.com or (800) 314-0782.

Coast International Hotel (3450 Aviation Ave.) is offering \$69/79 single/double occupancy. For reservations contact: www.intlinnanchorage.com or (800) 663-1144.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

You may register online at <https://secure.alaskamade.com/aktws/> or by using the mail-in registration form included in this announcement. **Please note that registration cost increases after April 6.** Full conference registration fees cover facilities costs, conference catering, poster reception/social, banquet, and meeting materials. A one-day registration is also available. Fees for workshops and extra reception/social and banquet tickets may also be paid with this form. Once payment is made, you will receive a confirmation and receipt by e-mail or regular mail. Registration materials will be available at the conference beginning April 23, and will include abstracts, name tag, reception/social and banquet tickets, and Anchorage visitor information.

The Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society

For more information about involvement in the Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society, contact Tom Paragi, Alaska Chapter President, at tom.paragi@alaska.gov or (907) 459-7327.

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please fill in all that apply (all costs are per person):

	Fee	Payment
Full Meeting (includes poster reception/social & banquet)		
Regular	\$180	_____
Late Regular (after April 6)	\$220	_____
Retired	\$110	_____
Student.....	\$80	_____
Daily Attendance (does not include poster reception/social or banquet)		
Regular	\$80	_____
Retired	\$40	_____
Student.....	\$25	_____
Poster Social (daily attendees or guests only).....	\$10	_____
Banquet (daily attendees or guests only)	\$40	_____
Workshops (you must be registered for the conference to attend workshops)		
Introduction to the ArcGIS ModelBuilder*	\$45	_____
The Alaska Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative*	\$45	_____
<i>*Contact Liz Solomon at elizabeth.solomon@alaska.gov or (907) 267-2209 for availability.</i>		
Current Moose Management and Research.....	\$5	_____
	Total	_____

Full-time Students

I request a travel award to attend this conference.....

I will be making an oral or poster presentation

On-line registration is preferred and is available at: <https://secure.alaskamade.com/aktws/>.

Otherwise, please make checks out to the Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society and send checks and registration to Mark Udevitz at: USGS Alaska Science Center, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503; e-mail mark_udevitz@usgs.gov; Fax (907) 786-3636. Direct questions concerning registration to Mark at (907) 786-3365.