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of the
Idaho Chapter
of the
Wildlife Society

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SUMMARY OF SUMMER MEETING

The annual summer meeting was held July 8, 1969, in Boise. Eighteen members and one guest attended. Chapter membership is now 66. No reports were given by the Historian and Bibliography Committee Chairman.

Dick Norell was appointed chairman of the Awards Committee and will develop an award program for Chapter consideration at the winter meeting.

President Norberg is a member of the Selection Committee for the Northwest Section. All members wishing to discuss criteria for nominating candidates for President Elect and Vice President of The Wildlife Society should contact him.

The Chapter voted to join the Idaho Environmental Council as a group. (Action on this has been suspended pending a determination that such action by the Idaho Chapter would not violate the by-laws of the parent Society.)

Chapter approval was given to the \$10 contribution to the Charles Haynes Trust Fund. Earl Brooks will chair a committee to develop a policy regarding actions to be taken by the Chapter following the death of a member, for consideration at the winter meeting.

The film "Pass Creek" was shown following the meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FIELD TRIP

Twenty-seven people participated in the Idaho Chapter-Idaho Fish and Game Department field trip on July 7, 1969. Ed Tilzey and Dick Norell arranged for this informative outing.

Following a no-host breakfast at Smitty's Pancake House, the group assembled at the IF&G office. By car caravan they traveled over the Boise Front Big Game Winter Range where Keith Rudd explained the several bitterbrush seeding techniques he has applied on the 11,000 acres of Department-owned lands. Substantial gains have been noted in the range condition during the short period of Department management.

Bob Ferguson, USFS, described his agency's research with bitterbrush transplants and topping of mature bitterbrush plants.

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The group stopped at the Mores Creek Check Station where Norell explained its operation during the hunting season. The station monitors about 25,000 hunter trips (40% of the harvest) each season. The caravan then visited Thorn Creek Butte (Mount Baldy) Lookout which provides an excellent view of management unit #39.

Mel Furness, USDA Entomologist from Moscow, interpreted the tussock moth infestation near Idaho City. Mr. Furness allots one-third of his time to browse plant insects. He emphasized how little is known about this group of insects and their impact on browse plants.

WINTER MEETING SET

The dates are January 30-31, 1970, and the place is Moscow, Idaho. See Chairman Asherin's "call for papers" attached.

PROPOSED CHAPTER PROJECT

The proposal for a Chapter-sponsored program for aiding publication of worthy material which would not otherwise be published, was discussed at the summer meeting. All comments offered were favorable. This matter will be brought up for vote at the winter meeting. Study the attached proposal, offer your comments for changes to Keith Bayha, 2130 So. Pacific, Boise, and be prepared to vote this January.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

Hugh Harper was appointed chairman of the three-man nominating committee. The committee will submit to the Secretary-Treasurer two available nominees for each office by November 1. Any member in good standing may nominate, prior to November 1, additional candidates for any office if supported by a petition signed by one additional member. (If you want to do a buddy a favor, advise Hugh right away).

Election ballots will be mailed out by November 10. Ballots must be returned by December 1, accompanied by \$1.00 dues for 1970 (unless previously paid). New officers for the 1970-71 biennium will be announced and installed at the business meeting January 30-31, 1970.

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1969 WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS PANEL PAPERS AVAILABLE

The Chapter has published the four papers on the "Impact of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on Idaho", presented by the panalists at our First Annual Winter Meeting, January 25, 1969. A number of the members have already picked up their copies. Unless a copy is included with this newsletter, it is assumed you already have your copy. Copies can be obtained from Elmer Norberg, Keith Bayha, or Elwood Bizeau.

FORMAT OF FUTURE SUMMER MEETINGS

For the past two years, the Chapter's summer meeting has been held in conjunction with the Idaho Fish and Game Department's annual biologists' meeting. While these meetings and field trips have been very interesting and informative to those attending, participation by members other than Department biologists has been low. It is believed that the Chapter is now strong enough to schedule meetings alone, if they are coupled with an attractive program.

One suggestion was that the summer meeting be set to coincide with one of Idaho's outstanding attractions (i.e. peak of kokanee fishing at Lake Pend Oreille). This would offer an opportunity for a family outing along with the Chapter meeting and field trip. Several other state chapters have had great success with this approach.

Another suggestion was to hold three regional field trips with a common theme. This theme would be further explored through a panel at the following winter meeting.

The Chapter needs to consider the format of future meetings and provide the leadership with an indication of what type of meeting it wants. Talk this matter over with your colleagues and be prepared to discuss this at the coming meeting in January.

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The parent organization of The Wildlife Society has some extra money because of grants, investments, gifts, etc. How would you suggest it be spent to be most worthwhile to the membership? Ideas being considered are: abstracting, translations, literature evaluation, employment service and standards, salary surveys, curricula evaluation, scholarships, continuing education programs,

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traveling lectures, workshops, seminars, symposia, analysis of legislative trends, study of economic benefits of wildlife and wildlife habitat, compilation of examples of gross mismanagement and/or excellent management of wildlife resources.

As a member, it is your money that is going to be spent. What projects would be most beneficial to you. Your thoughts and suggestions on this matter are solicited and will be appreciated.

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2nd Annual Winter Conference
IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Who: All Idaho Chapter Members, Prospective Members and Guests
What: Panel Discussion and Technical Papers
When: January 30 and 31, 1970
Where: Student Union Building, University of Idaho Campus, Moscow, Idaho

The date and place for the second annual winter meeting of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society are set. All we need now is participation and it can't help but be a success. Now that the "abnormal" winter which only comes once every thirty years is behind us, we are assured that travel conditions will be perfect. So reserve this date on your calender and obtain the necessary o.k.'s to attend.

This is the first and only solicitation for papers that you will receive. The agenda has room for thirteen or fourteen short presentations plus a panel. The panel subject will be focused on Factors Affecting Environmental Quality which will also be the theme of this conference. Several eminent speakers will be featured on this highly controversial issue.

Both research and management papers will be accepted. Let's increase the effectiveness of the presentations with good visual aids material - slides, movies, diagrams, etc.

A maximum of 20 minutes will be allotted per presentation plus 10 minutes for questions and answers.

Highly polished technical papers ready for publication are not necessary as the papers presented at the Conference will not be published. Their purpose should be to inform fellow members and guests on the progress being made in Idaho's wildlife research and management.

From those who wish to present a short paper we request only a title and a short abstract of the paper's content. Send the title and abstract to the Program Chairman (see address below) not later than December 15 and we will reserve a spot for you on the program.

We believe that anyone who attended the first annual winter meeting would admit it was a tremendous success. Let's make this one an even bigger success by participating.

Look for a listing of motel, hotel, and University accommodations available in the Moscow-Pullman area for the next Newsletter. More on program details will also be forthcoming. For now, decide to go and if you have a paper to give, get a title and abstract on its way.

Duane A. Asherin
Program Chairman

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A PROPOSAL THAT THE IDAHO CHAPTER ASSIST IN PREPARING
VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION
WHICH WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE PUBLISHED

Justification

We all know of workers who have done good, and even exceptional work, but have never got around to writing it up for publication. This is often the result of (1) not enough time because of the press of other work, and (2) a feeling of inadequacy on the part of the investigator. The latter is particularly true of habitat managers who argue that they are not researchers. However, these fellows often record, with data or photographs, the results of a particular practice they've instigated.

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Ways and Means

Establish a committee of Chapter members, who occupy key positions within their agencies, to select work for our attention. This committee would contact the principal investigator and offer our assistance. Upon acceptance by the investigator and his employing agency, the committee would appoint a writer and an editor to assist the investigator in preparing his material for publication.

A list of Chapter members willing to participate in this project would be developed from which the committee would select the writers and editors.

Sponsorship by the Chapter would involve:

1. Screening and selecting projects
2. Providing personnel to assist the investigator
3. Per diem (or expenses) required for consultation of assistants with the investigator.

Publication could be through any appropriate journal or other outlet, at the committee's discretion.

Authorship and acknowledgments would be determined by mutual agreement of the investigator, assistants, agency, and the committee.

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