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NEWSLETTER
of the
Idaho Chapter
of the
Wildlife Society

President Resigns:

Effective with this Newsletter, I am turning over the gavel to Dale Turnipseed, your Vice-President. I wish to take this opportunity to say I have enjoyed my stay in Idaho and to thank you for your support in electing me President this term.

Bibliography in Press:

At the 1970 winter meeting, the Idaho Chapter appointed Dr. Paul Dalke to the task of compiling a bibliography of wildlife research in Idaho. Dr. Dalke has now completed this task and the bibliography is in the printing process. The Idaho Fish and Game Department has generously agreed to pay for the printing.

Position Statement:

With a few changes as outlined in the Minutes, the Idaho Chapter approved the Position Statement on Predator Control. This statement which is now our official position has been sent to the Idaho Congressional delegation, state legislators, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, and other land management agencies and concerned groups throughout the state. Several favorable comments have been received on this statement.

Minutes of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society Winter Meeting, Feb. 17, 1973:

Pres. Dick Knight opened the annual meeting at the Rodeway Inn, Boise, Feb. 17, 1973. Approximately 30 members were present. It was moved by Erickson and seconded by Dalke to approve the minutes of the Dec. 3, 1971, winter meeting at Burley. The Treasurer's report was read and it was moved by Turnipseed and seconded by Dalke to approve the report.

Reports:

Positions and Resolutions Report: A proposed Chapter Position Statement on Predator Management was read by President Knight and opened for discussion (original proposed position statement appeared in the last Newsletter).

Roger Williams read a letter requesting changes in the proposed predator management statement. Dick Knight defended the Chapter's prerogative to make policy as it pertains to wildlife. Hugh Harper inquired how the proposed predator statement conformed to the Parent Society Statement on Animal Control. Knight said the Parent Society has no statement out on predator control, only on animal control, and the proposed Chapter statement was within that framework. Tom Reinecker objected to the word "ignorance" in the original predator management statement. Discussion followed regarding

the use of the word "ignorance" and it was moved by Harper and seconded by Keith Bayha to remove the word from the original position statement and replace it with "and is not based on sound biological principles." Motion was made by Tom Leege and seconded by Dale Tanner to delete "on private property" from the original position statement as it pertains to the protection of livestock. Motion passed.

More discussion followed regarding the original position statement and finally President Knight called for a vote. The Position Statement, as amended, passed unanimously. President Knight informed the Chapter that the amended Statement would be sent to interested parties such as legislators and the Parent Society.

Old Business: President Knight informed the Chapter that the Bylaws had been rewritten by Hugh Harper and it was recommended by the Bylaws Committee that the Chapter accept changes in the Bylaws as they conform entirely with the Model Bylaws put out by the Parent Society.

It was moved by Bayha and seconded by Al Erickson to accept the Bylaws as rewritten by the Bylaws Committee. Motion passed.

President Knight discussed the proposal of the Publications Committee to have the Chapter assist in the compiling and publishing of management and enforcement projects which may not otherwise be published. It was moved by Bayha and seconded by Dale Baird that the Executive Board be directed to plan the next annual meeting around the presentation of papers which would not otherwise be published and that the transactions of the symposium be published. Motion passed.

President Knight appointed the following committee to search out worthy prospective papers and make sure they were written for presentation at the symposium: Levi Mohler, Chairman; Errol Nielson, Tom Reinecker and Gene deReus were appointed members of the committee.

Summer Tour: President Knight opened discussion on the subject of summer meetings of the Idaho Chapter. The last Zeroed published an invitation from the Nevada Chapter of The Wildlife Society asking that we consider a combined field tour with them on the Humboldt National Forest. Bayha moved that we accept the Nevada invitation. There was no second to the motion.

Next Meeting: Discussion was held on the site of the next annual meeting. Bayha moved and Harper seconded that the next annual meeting be moved to Northern Idaho at a location selected by the Executive Board. Motion passed.

Dr. Dalke Honorary Member: A motion was made by Harper and seconded by Erickson to make Dr. Paul Dalke an Honorary Member of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned.

Your Officers:
Dale Turnipseed, Vice President Bill Snow, Secretary-Treasurer

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POSITION STATEMENT: RE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT

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Predators are a natural component of any wildlife community and as such should be recognized in any comprehensive management program. The management of predatory species is just as valid an objective in ecosystem management as is the management of "game" species. Under proper management, predators and traditional game species are inseparable and well founded objectives should be formulated for both. The use of predator control as a panacea in attempts to increase populations of prey species violates the principles of ecosystem management and is not based on sound biological principles.

The Chapter does recognize the need for selective predator control in special instances:

The protection of livestock where justified.

In conjunction with initial re-establishment of native species or introduction of exotic species in suitable areas but not to maintain such species if it cannot maintain itself under natural conditions after introduction or re-establishment.

In intensive management areas where it can be demonstrated that predator control would make a significant contribution to achievement of planned objectives.

We emphasize that selective or local control of predators should be a temporary measure executed as part of a well planned management program.

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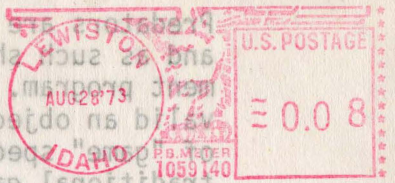
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