

Idaho Wildlifer

A Publication of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

A MINOR BIRD

I have wished a bird would fly away,
And not sing by my house all day;

Have clapped my hands at him from the door
When it seemed as if I could bear no more.

The fault must partly have been in me.
The bird was not to blame for his key.

And of course there must be something wrong
In wanting to silence any song.

Robert Frost

Legislative Actions:

The newly formed ad hoc legislative action committee of the Idaho Chapter of TWS held its first meeting on 16 December, 1980. Important upcoming State and Federal legislative issues were discussed and a plan of action formulated. The major issues included the Fish and Game funding package, a State river preservation system, potential land transfers from INEL, the Sagebrush Rebellion, dredge mining, DO standards, and repeal on watering down of the statewide planning legislation. On the Federal level Senator McClure was the center of discussion, especially his actions concerning the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and transfer of Animal Damage Control to the U.S.D.A.

It was agreed that the Chapter and its individual members should become more involved in informing legislators and the public on issues directly affecting the biological resources of Idaho. Chuck Blair will head up this drive to increase TWS input on legislative issues. We hope to convince TWS members to contact their legislators, both before and during the upcoming session concerning their stands, as professional wildlife biologists, on the above issues. Often, as few as 5 letters on an issue can change a critical vote. A statewide TWS member telephone network will be established to dispense information on upcoming legislative issues requiring our input. Chuck is looking for people around the State to be regional coordinators, spreading information to other members in those areas. If you can help please contact him as 345-5310 (office) or 336-9345 (home). If everyone lends a hand we can influence these important decisions and no one person will have to carry the load alone. United we stand, divided we fail, and deservedly so.

A very important current issue needing immediate letters of support is the proposed Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. Senator McClure has already tried to scuttle protection for this multiple-use wildlife habitat. Send letters to all members of the Idaho Congressional delegation and Interior Department Secretary nominee James Watt, if you care at all. Wildlife Conservation could be in for a rough time with the new administration, and this is a chance for us to get our inputs in early. First impressions really do count, so let's get after it. NOW!!

Membership and Dues (Oh no, is it that time already!??)

Yes, it's time to pay your 1981 dues already. Since most of you will be writing out your check for the parent society this month, it would be just as easy to write a second check at the same time to the Idaho Chapter. We recommend you send your Chapter dues directly to the Chapter rather than paying them through the parent society. Their bookkeeping has been extremely slow and not very accurate at times, so you can be more assured of being counted as an Idaho Chapter member if you pay us directly!

We welcome the 15 new members recruited since the last newsletter. Now if each of you would take the membership form, copy it (before you send it to me with your 1981 dues!) and pass it on to a fellow wildlifer who didn't receive a newsletter (we've stopped mailing them to non-members), we could recruit 121 new members.

Membership Breakdown

<u>BLM</u>	<u>FS</u>	<u>IF&G</u>	<u>USFWS</u>	<u>UNIV.</u>	<u>PRIVATE</u>	<u>RETIRED</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>
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IDAHO CHAPTER, THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Membership Application New Renewal

Name _____ Address _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ FTS _____

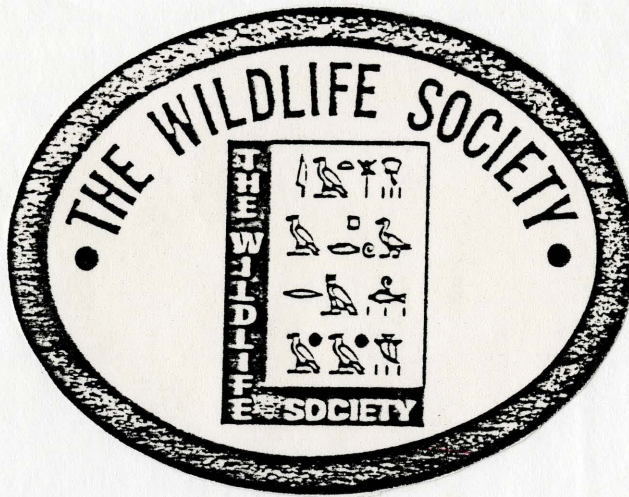
Agency _____ Position or Title _____

I am willing to help with committee work (check here)

Preference for committee, if any _____

Please enclose \$3.00 annual dues and send to: Joyce Gebhardt, 10306 Harvester Drive, Boise, Idaho 83709

Don't forget that the National Wildlife Federation's annual midwinter Bald Eagle count is January 2-16. Anyone interested in participating or anyone who can survey eagles in conjunction with counts of other wildlife should coordinate their efforts with Karen Steenhof (334-9277) at the Boise District, BLM.



Belt Buckle: Jim Nee, Belt Buckle Chairman

In December, 1980, The Wildlife Society had its own belt buckle available for purchase by members. The Western Heritage Company casts and markets them for \$12.50 (bronze) and \$13.50 (polished pewter), plus \$1.00 for postage and handling. The buckle's front design is shown above. The back of the buckle includes a plaque displaying the Society objectives. Buckle backs are serially numbered as they are purchased.

The Idaho Chapter nurtured the buckle from conception to birth. Therefore, The Chapter will receive a 15% royalty from each sale. The Chapter will use the royalty for numerous activities, e.g. to help the TWS Building Fund, to print papers presented at our annual meetings, to sponsor high school youngsters at environmental workshops, and more.

The buckle has been approved by the TWS executive council. It is only available from Western Heritage Company and the company guarantees that you'll be satisfied with it. Order them from Western Heritage Company, P.O. Box 455, Encampment, WY 82325. Allow four weeks for delivery. Bulk orders only incur one \$1.00 charge for postage and handling.

Jim Nee
Belt Buckle Chairman
Idaho Chapter, TWS

WILDLIFE-LIVESTOCK RELATIONSHIPS SYMPOSIUM
NEW DATES - APRIL 20-22, 1981

The Wildlife-Livestock Relationships Symposium will be held immediately prior to the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society annual meeting April 23+24. This is an excellent idea so the Symposium is rescheduled for April 20-22, 1981 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Sponsored by the University of Idaho, the objectives of the Symposium are to document and discuss aspects of wildlife-livestock interaction on forest and rangelands in the western United States. Specific sessions will include (1) impacts of special grazing systems on wildlife and wildlife habitat; (2) effects of grazing riparian zones on wildlife and habitat; (3) wildlife-livestock competition for forage and space; (4) wildlife-livestock behavioral interactions; and (5) predator-livestock relationships.

Tentatively, 43 applications for papers were received. If you are interested in attending, please notify Dr. Jim Peek, Department of Wildlife, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, 83843 or call at (208) 885-6434. This will help in making arrangements for meeting rooms, lodging, etc. You will also be put on a mailing list for further details about the Symposium and Chapter/Section Meeting.

EINARSEN AWARD

In 1966 the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society established the Einarsen Award in honor of Arthur L. Einarsen. This award is presented annually to an individual in recognition and

commendation of his/her contribution to the wildlife profession. The actual presentation will be made at the Northwest Section meeting in April, 1981.

Nominations are now open for the Einarsen Award according to the following guidelines:

- 1) Nominations must be accompanied by a justification brief and a resume of the qualifications of the nominee.
- 2) Nominations must be postmarked no later than December 30, 1980.
- 3) Nominees must have contributed to wildlife conservation within the geographic area covered by the Northwest Section.

Send your nominations to: Lewis Nelson, Jr., Associate Professor, Department of Wildlife,
University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843

1981 Professional Wildlifer Award

Nominations are being sought for the Professional Wildlifer Award, which is to be presented at the Annual meeting in April. As most of you will remember, this exclusive Idaho Chapter Award was established last year to give recognition for outstanding contribution and achievement within the wildlife profession. Sam McNeill was the first recipient of this award.

As a reminder, the following guidelines should be followed in selecting nominees:

Recipient of the award must be a professionally employed wildlife biologist who has made an outstanding contribution to wildlife resources in the State of Idaho.

Awards may be shared if the accomplishment is the work of more than one biologist.

The work which qualifies an individual for the award must have been performed in Idaho. However, the recipient need not reside in Idaho.

Recipients are not required to be Wildlife Society members, either State or National.

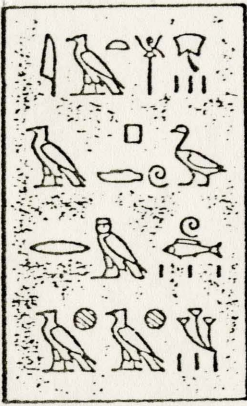
If you feel someone deserves this recognition, please fill out the attached nomination form and submit it no later than January 31 to Bill Mullins, Awards Chairman, 307 Hot Springs Drive, Boise, ID 83702.

Carpools for the NW Section Meeting

A carpooling "clearinghouse" has been established to help people find rides to Coeur d'Alene for the April Section meeting and Symposium. Jenny Carson (587-8008, 587-7962 after April 1st) has graciously agreed to organize those looking for rides with those who have extra room. If you fit in either category, give her a call. With all the travel restrictions and budget cuts sure to come January 20 (at least for federal employees!), this will be the only way many of us can get to the meeting.

Those of you around the state could contact other wildlifera in your area and coordinate your own carpools. We hope to see members from as far away as Idaho Falls and Salmon at the meeting, so begin now looking for ways to get there!

Anti-Sagebrush Rebellion petitions are being circulated statewide, if you are interested in expressing your feelings on the issue. A public rally is scheduled for noon, January 26, at the State Capitol Building in Boise. If you participate in any vote or event, no matter what the outcome, you can complain if dissatisfied. If you don't participate, you have no right to bitch at all.



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

IDAHO CHAPTER

PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFER AWARD
(Nomination Form)

Date _____

Nominee: _____

Employed by _____

Present Position _____

Present Address _____

Recommended by: _____

Address _____

Reasons for nomination: (Resume of achievements must be provided and may include other information such as past recognition, organization memberships, affiliations, past achievements, etc., and any information nominator feels is pertinent).

Submit nomination to: Bill Mullins, Awards Chairman
307 Hot Springs Drive
Boise, Idaho 83702