



## Idaho Wildlifer

A Publication of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

An election is for now. An equation is for eternity. - Einstein

### Coeur d'Alene

The Idaho Chapter's Annual Meeting will be held April 23 at 7:30 a.m. and will be a breakfast affair in Cabin 1, 2, and 3 adjacent to T.J.'s restaurant in Coeur d'Alene. You may order from the menu or eat before coming to the meeting. We will have seating for 100 people. If you have agenda items for this meeting, get them in to Jay Gore (208) 334-1806 by April 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Those people wishing to make travel arrangements to the Symposium/Section/Chapter meetings, call Jenny Carson ASAP (208) 587-8008, 587-7962 after April 1st.

The Idaho Chapter has purchased one of the last remaining limited edition prints of Bill Pogue's artwork to be raffled off at the Northwest Section meeting in Coeur d'Alene. A second print has been donated to the Section by Brown's Art Gallery of Boise for the same purpose. Both prints are numbered, matted and framed. All proceeds from the raffle, which will include other items as well, will be donated to the Conley Elms-Bill Pogue Memorial Fund, to be used however their families decide. Anyone wishing to buy tickets for the raffle who will not be attending the Section meeting (25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00), please contact Joyce Gebhardt, 10306 Harvester Drive, Boise, Idaho 83709 (334-1816). Personal donations to the Fund can be made to: Elms-Pogue Memorial Fund, c/o Robert Salter, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707.

We hope to raise several hundred dollars on the raffle. If any of you wish to start peddling tickets early, between now and the April meeting, contact Joyce for a supply of tickets. There is a lot of potential \$\$ out there - if every member would sell just \$5.00 worth of tickets by April 20, the Fund would already be \$635 richer!! The Idaho Chapter donated \$100 to the Memorial Fund earlier this year, and this is another way we can help a little more. The Chapter received a letter of appreciation from the Department of Fish and Game for our efforts and contribution.

Wildlife and natural resources issues appear to be in for a rough time for at least the next four years, at least on the national level.

President Reagan's budget for fiscal year 1982 became public on March 10, 1981. Among the broad-axe cuts is the 45-year-old Cooperative Wildlife and Fishery Research Unit program. No funds are requested for that time-tested, highly successful program.

Gross adjustment of budgets frequently results in eliminating good programs and projects, as well as questionable ones. As you well know, the Cooperative Unit Program is essential and needed now more than ever. Both well-trained graduates and a continuous flow of facts from research are required to advance sound resource management.

The immediate task is to bring the proposed elimination of Units to the attention of your Congressional delegation, as well as members of the House and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees (names attached). They must be convinced to reinstate approximately \$5 million for the essential Cooperative Unit Program.

#### ACTION NEEDED

This situation is beyond a point of negotiation with the Department of the Interior or the Fish and Wildlife Service. Direct contact with appropriate senators and representatives must be made immediately on behalf of the entire program and on natural resources management in general, as well as local programs of immediate concern to you as individuals. Tell these people what your units have accomplished for your programs, and what it would mean to lose them. Key people who should be contacted directly include your Congressional delegation and the following individuals:

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Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S 128, Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator James A. McClure, Chairman  
Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations for  
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#### Gray Partridge Proceedings

A limited number of proceedings from the 1980 gray partridge (Perdix II) workshop are now available for purchase. This effort was partially funded by the Idaho Chapter, and the 244 page publication consists of 12 research papers presented at the Perdix II Conference in Moscow, Idaho, the continent-wide management/research plan for the gray partridge. It contains an updated bibliography of over 900 references. The proceedings cost \$8.00 each and can be ordered from the source listed below (make checks payable to the College of Forestry).

Editor, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences  
University of Idaho  
Moscow, Idaho 83843

#### A Biggie

The 1982 North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, March 26-31 at the Portland Hilton Hotel. For additional information, contact L.R. Jahn, Wildlife Management Institute, 1000 Vermont Avenue, N.W., 709 Wire Building, Washington, D.C. 20025.

Committee reports are rather sketchy this go-round, but we'll have a full report at the Annual Meeting on what's happening.

### The Eagle and the Hawk

I am the eagle, I live in high country in rocky cathedrals  
that reach to the sky;

I am the hawk and there's blood on my feathers, but time  
is still turning they soon will be dry.

And all those who see me and all who believe in me share  
in the freedom I feel when I fly.

Come dance with the west wind and touch on the mountain tops,  
sail o'er the canyons and up to the stars,  
And reach for the heavens and hope for the future and all  
that we can be and not what we are.

John Denver

### Apart Yet Together

A monthly luncheon in Boise was initiated by the Boise Fish and Wildlife Service Office and called "Friends of the Fish and Wildlife Service." It is very obvious that the Service has more friends locally than it does at the President's Cabinet level. These luncheons are a great way for wildlifers from all agencies and businesses to get together and stay current on events affecting wildlife. To Chapter members it serves as a mini-meeting and is strictly informal. How about you wildlifers in other areas of the State getting together, too?

### What Now?

If you've had time to read this, you also have time to write a letter or two as requested earlier. Don't wait until later or you will forget. Letters really do help. Then get together at a monthly luncheon with others in your area, and see how effective we all can be.

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