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IDAHO CHAPTER

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you for electing me President of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. It is rewarding to be recognized by one's peers. I shall strive to fulfill your expectations.

I am active in The Wildlife Society for two selfish reasons. First, it is good for my professional career. Serving on committees and being an officer allows me to meet and discuss professional matters with a lot of people. Hearing how others feel about various subjects and how they approach problems is akin to continuing education. I learn a lot. My second selfish reason for belonging to T.W.S. is that it's fun. I thoroughly enjoy meeting and working with others. This pleasurable activity has led to some lifelong friendships.

Many sections and chapters within T.W.S. are lethargic and ineffective. That occurs due to a variety of reasons. Leadership is the main problem in most cases. Even good leaders or people having leadership potential often lose their enthusiasm after being elected. In some cases, ineffectiveness is linked to large geographical distances. I cannot accept that excuse. Last, but not least, some chapters and sections do not attract younger members. Our older members have contributed a lot to T.W.S. and they are still helpful and encouraged to participate but, like any organization, you must have young ideas combined with more mature reasoning if you are to succeed.



I am high on the Idaho Chapter and feel that our future is bright. We have a lot of intelligent, hard working people actively involved in T.W.S. activities. And, I plan on taking care of the leadership. If I don't, may I suggest that you seriously consider impeachment?



STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society has the potential for accomplishing some good things in the future. To do that, we need your support. Some of you have not paid your 1982 Chapter dues yet. I strongly encourage you to do so. Many of your colleagues will devote a lot of time and effort working on behalf of T.W.S. and they need to know that you are in support of their activities.

The people listed below are 1982 members of the Idaho Chapter. If you aren't listed, please fill out and mail the application form at the end of this newsletter and join us in trying to help wildlife. Future copies of the Chapter newsletter will be sent only to members.

List of Current Members

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| Ernie Ables | Dan Herrig | Lloyd Oldenburg |
| Bob Anderson | John Hill | Linda Parsons |
| Mike Anderson | Mark Hilliard | Steve Peterson |
| Gene Barney | Harry Hodgdon | T. A. Phillips |
| Lew Becker | Russ Hoffman | Bob Ralphs |
| John Beecham | Rich Howard | John Ratti |
| Elwood Bizeau | Pat Hurt | Linda Reichart |
| Carol Blackburn | Don Jenni | Tom Reinecker |
| Chuck Blair | Bob Jones | Lyle Reneker |
| Walt Bodie | David Kaneko | Doyle Reynolds |
| Carl Brown | Wini Kessler | Terry Rich |
| Cecil Brown | Ray Kiewit | Earl Rinkas |
| Lew Brown | Dwight Kilgore | Brent Ritchie |
| Walt Browne | Mike Koehert | Hadley Roberts |
| Dennis Buechlr | Dan LaPlant | Mike Samuel |
| Lynn Burton | Phil Lee | Alan Sands |
| Jennifer Carson | Tom Leege | Mike Scott |
| Jim Clark | Mike Luque | Don Shaff |
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| Rod Drewein | Sam Mattise | Bruce Smith |
| Mike Dunbar | Gary McNeill | Karen Steenhof |
| Jack Durham | Wayne Melquist | Bob Summerfield |
| Jim Gacey | Marty Morache | Walt Tegge |
| Gary Gadwa | Bill Mullins | Cindy Teipner |
| Joyce Gebhardt | Stu Murrell | Elaine Van Stelle |
| Donna Gleisner | Justin Naderman | Mike Whitfield |
| Jay Gore | Jim Nee | Roger Williams |
| Doug Halford | Carl Nellis | Lea Williford |
| Hugh Harper | Lew Nelson | Lanny Wilson |
| George Harrington | Morlan Nelson | Sue Wise |
| Paul Harrington | Nick Nydegger | Alice Wywialowski |
| Guentor Heinz | | Eric Yensen |

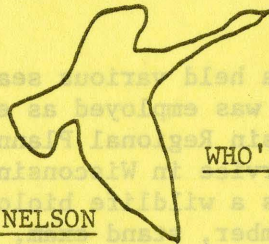
NORTH TO ALASKA

Steve R. Peterson, Head of the University of Idaho Wildlife Resources Department since 1978, has been appointed Chief of Game Research for the Alaska Fish and Game Department.

His new job, which began March 8 in Juneau, Alaska, gives Steve the opportunity to coordinate and supervise research in a state abundant with a variety of wildlife not found anywhere else. He accepted this job because it will provide new professional opportunities and the chance to live in a coastal environment.

Steve, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, joined the University of Idaho faculty in 1974. In addition to teaching, he has conducted research on the effects of silvicultural regeneration systems on birds and other small animals, the value of snags, pheasants, ruffed and blue grouse, Hungarian partridge, raptors, and lead poisoning in waterfowl. He also received the Outstanding Research Award in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences (U of Idaho) in 1979.

So long, Steve. Enjoy Alaska. We're going to miss you!!



WHO'S WHO IN THE IDAHO CHAPTER

President - LEW NELSON

Lew received a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management from Colorado State University in 1966, a M.S. from Utah State University in Wildlife Biology in 1970 and his Ph.D. in this field from Utah State University in 1973.

Since 1978, Lew has been an Associate Professor of Wildlife Resources at the University of Idaho with major responsibilities in teaching, continuing education and communications. From 1972-78 he was a Wildlife Specialist with the University of California Cooperative Extension with statewide responsibilities in Wildlife Management, Inland Fisheries, and Outdoor Recreation. Lew also worked with the Colorado Division of Wildlife for one year on deer and fisheries research projects.

Lew has been an active supporter of The Wildlife Society since 1965 when he served as President of the Colorado State University Student Chapter of T.W.S. and Chairman of the Western Students Wildlife Conclave. In California he served on a variety of committees for the Western Section, including Technical Papers Chairman (1974), Arrangements Chairman (1975), and Director of several Wildlife Communications Workshops (1973-1978). In Idaho, Lew was Chairman of the Certification Committee, a member of the Einarsen Award Committee, and Arrangements Co-Chairman for the N.W. Section's annual meeting (1981). Past offices include Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Sacramento Chapter, President of the Western Section, and Vice-President of the Idaho Chapter. On a national level, Lew served as a member of the Student Affairs Committee (1968 and 1971), Chairman of the Conservation Education Award Committee (1974) and Chairman of the Position Statements Committee (1978-1980).

Vice-President - AL BOSS

Al started his wildlife career as a student at the University of Wisconsin (1956-58) and completed a B.S. degree in Forestry (with a Wildlife major) at the University of Idaho in 1960. He then attended the University of Minnesota until 1963, when he earned an M.S. degree in wildlife management.

After serving in the Army from 1963-65, Al became a Utah State Conservation Officer until 1968. He was then chosen to be a Regional Game Biologist for Utah, and by 1970 was promoted to the position of Regional Game Manager for the southern region where he served until 1975.

Al joined the U.S. Forest Service as a Forest Biologist on the Eldorado National Forest at Placerville, California. In 1978, he moved to Boise as the new Terrestrial Biologist on the Boise National Forest where he is presently employed.

Secretary-Treasurer - DONNA GLEISNER

Donna received a B.S. degree in biology from Carroll College at Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1976. As of January, 1982, she has been working toward a M.S. degree in Wildlife Resources at the University of Idaho, with an emphasis on communications.

During this five-year interim, Donna held various seasonal jobs with several state and federal agencies. She was employed as environmental technician for one year with the S.E. Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Donna also worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Wisconsin, Alaska, Washington, and Idaho for a total of seven seasons as a wildlife biologist's aide, wildlife technician, and also as a member of a timber, stand exam, survey and trail crew. She also helped collect data on several University of Idaho graduate research projects. Last fall, Donna was editorial assistant for the Idaho Wildlife magazine. This semester she is preparing a comprehensive paper on the jackrabbit issue in southern Idaho and serving as editor of The Idaho Chapter newsletter.

WILDLIFE-LIVESTOCK PROCEEDINGS



The proceedings from the 1981 Wildlife-Livestock Relationships Symposium in Coeur d'Alene is now available for purchase. This is the most current and thorough treatment of the subject compiled.

Copies of the 600-page proceedings are limited. Thus, if you want a copy it is necessary that you order it as soon as possible. The cost is \$15 per copy (\$20 for Canadian addresses). Do not send purchase orders. Only personal checks or money orders will be accepted. Make them payable to the College of Forestry-University of Idaho and mail to Olivia Camp, Department of Wildlife, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843.



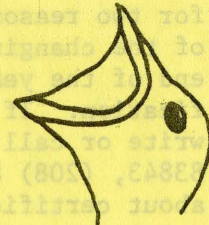
THE TROUBLE WITH WILDLIFE

For those of you who enjoy reading the award-winning state fish and game magazine, "Idaho Wildlife" - you better read fast. It might not be around after July 1, 1982, due to inflation and a statement from the State of Idaho Legislature.

Inflation has raised the costs of production and services needed to put the magazine together and mail it out. Expenses outstripped income in the last fiscal year by about \$42,000 - which came out of hunting and fishing license money. To prevent this from happening again, a legislative intent was tacked on to the Department of Fish and Game's current budget which states that the magazine must become self-supporting by July 1, 1982.

To help meet this deadline, the magazine raised the price of a single copy from \$1.00 to \$1.50 beginning January 1, 1982. Compared to only being about 50% self-sufficient at the end of 1981, the magazine is now paying 70% of its own way. That includes the costs of salaries, publishing and mailing. So far this year "Idaho Wildlife" has gained 6,000 new fans for a grand total of almost 16,000 subscribers. To become totally self-supporting by July, the magazine needs 4,000 more subscribers.

If you would like to see the sixth best fish and wildlife magazine in the nation stay in the running, there are several possibilities. You can subscribe, renew, or make a tax-deductible contribution to the Department's Fish and Game Trust Fund and specify that the money is for the "Idaho Wildlife" magazine. For those who are already subscribers, spreading the word to friends and neighbors also helps. Buying a gift subscription for someone is another way to support the magazine. There's only three months left - think about it.



TEACHER EDUCATION

Stu Murrell, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and Lew Nelson, University of Idaho, have been busy the last few years offering Wildlife Ecology and Management Workshops for School Teachers. To date, four workshops have been offered in southern Idaho for 257 teachers.

Three additional workshops will be offered this spring. They will be held April 22-24 in Coeur d'Alene, April 29-May 1 in Boise, and May 20-22 in Emmett. Specific topics to be covered include The Evolution of Wildlife Management, The Legal Aspects of Wildlife Management, Ecological Principles, Facts and Fallacies of Wildlife Survival, Techniques for Helping Wildlife Survive, Black Bear Management, Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Raptor Ecology, Management of Wildlife Areas, Wildlife Law Enforcement, The Economic Value of Wildlife, and Project WILD-Teaching About Wildlife.

If you know school teachers in these locations, encourage them to attend. For more information, contact Stu (324-4350), Lew (885-7970), or Olivia Camp (885-7970).

CERTIFICATION

Are you certified? If your answer is no, let me suggest a few things for you to consider.

When the requirements for certification were first initiated, they were easy to meet. Almost anyone could become a certified wildlife biologist. The program was designed that way. If the requirements were made too stringent, the members wouldn't have voted for a certification program. That's why you always hear about grandfather clauses. About three years ago, the certification requirements were made more stringent, thus cutting down the number of people who could become certified. In January, 1983, the requirements will be changed again and even less people will be eligible to apply. This trend will undoubtedly continue in the future.

Is certification very important? Not yet, but we're getting closer. There is a chance that the Civil Service requirements will eventually be changed to correspond with the certification requirements. But, something is now happening that may make certification even more important. Two recent court cases documented that wildlife biologists are not professionals (see the next issue of The Bulletin for further details). Looking to the future, I predict that, to be considered professionals we will have to (1) be certified, (2) actively subscribe to a code of ethics, and (3) be required to take a fixed number of continuing education units each year to remain certified. There may be other requirements but you can be sure that it's not going to get easier to become certified.

At the present time, only about 45 percent of our Idaho Chapter members are certified. I encourage you to apply for certification as soon as possible for two reasons. First, forms sent in now will get instant attention. Because of the changing requirements, large numbers of people will apply toward the end of the year. Secondly, there is some talk about doubling the cost of certification. If you definitely plan to get certified and want the necessary forms, write or call Lew Nelson, Department of Wildlife, University of Idaho, Moscow, 83843, (208) 885-6434 or 885-7970. I would also be glad to answer any questions about certification you might have.



EXTINCTION - FOR THE SECOND TIME

The Cooperative Research Unit Program of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been eliminated in President Reagan's budget for Fiscal Year 1983. The same thing happened last year but Congress, in response to overwhelming support for the program, finally restored \$4.4 million for the current fiscal year.

The Cooperative Research Unit Program has been in existence for 45 years. Elimination of the Unit Program will result in the closure of 50 Cooperative Units located at 31 universities in 29 states. Even with the \$4.4 million restored by Congress for FY'82, the program has absorbed a 20% reduction in personnel and a 25% reduction in funds since 1981.

After Congress restored funds for the Units in FY'82, more than 90 private companies, conservation organizations, and state and federal agencies worked through the Cooperative Unit Program and provided \$6 million in additional funding for research and training. The Units continue to attract approximately two dollars in other funds for every federal dollar spent. If the Units are eliminated, the FWS will lose its most flexible vehicle for conducting research and will no longer benefit from such substantial research funding from other sources.

One of the strengths of the Units is their ability to attract diverse sources of funding for projects, and to put small amounts of money from several sources together to solve common problems. Research conducted through the Unit Program has significant nationwide economic and recreational benefits. In any given year \$750,000 in funds from various sources are directed at endangered and nongame species by 21 Wildlife Units. This activity through the Units could increase substantially if funds were restored under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act.

Given the current economic plight of state agencies and universities, the Units will not continue without federal funds, and much of the cooperative activity that brings diverse funding sources together to attack resource management problems would be dispersed and less effective.

Only Congress can determine if the Units are funded after October 1, 1982. You are encouraged to contact your Congressional delegation, as well as members of the House and Senate Interior Appropriation Subcommittees, and express your views as soon as possible. Members of Congress may be reached at the following addresses:

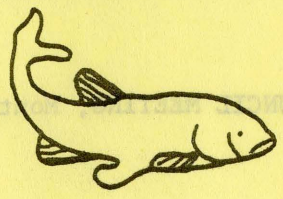
The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield/James A. McClure
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jamie L. Whitten/Sidney R. Yates
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

THE CUTTHROAT AS STATE FISH

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is in full agreement with and supports the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society's designation of the Cutthroat Trout (Salmo clarki) as the State Fish for Idaho.

The cutthroat was chosen over the rainbow for several reasons. It's not only a prized fish but played an important role in the history of Idaho because of its use for food by early settlers, including the Lewis and Clark expedition. The cutthroat is also a species sensitive to reductions in habitat quality and therefore is symbolic of high-quality waters throughout the state.





CALENDAR OF REGIONAL EVENTS

APRIL

- 14-16 Northwest Section Annual Meeting Symposium, OLD GROWTH FOREST-WILDLIFE RELATIONSHIPS. Baranof Hotel, Juneau, AK. (Tom Hanley, Forestry Sciences Lab, P.O. Box 909, Juneau, AK 99802. 907/586-7301).
- 16-17 Pacific Coast Conference, MATHEMATICAL MODELS OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES. Humboldt State U., Arcata, CA. (Roland Lamberson, Math. Dept., Humboldt State U., Arcata, CA 95521 707/826-4926).
- 16-18 5th ANNUAL INTL. WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL, U. of Montana, Missoula. Sponsored by the U. of Montana Student Chapter, TWS. (Wildl. Film Festival, Wildl. Biol. Program, U. of Montana, Missoula 59812 406/243-5272).
- 22-24 Wildlife Ecology Teacher Workshop-FACTS AND FALLACIES OF WILDLIFE SURVIVAL. Coeur d'Alene/Boise/Emmett. Sponsored by Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game and U. of Idaho. (Olivia Camp, Dept. of Wildlife, U. of Idaho, Moscow 83843. 208/885-7970).

MAY

- 16-20 45th ANNUAL INTL. CONVENTION-DUCK UNLIMITED, MGM Grand Hotel, Reno, NV. (Ducks Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 66300, Chicago, IL 60666. 312/438-4300).

JULY

- 18-22 62nd Western Assn. of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Conf., THE ALLOCATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON PUBLIC LANDS--THE CHALLENGES OF THE 80'S, Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, hosted by Nevada Dept. of Wildlife. (Joseph C. Greenley, 1100 Valley Rd., P.O. Box 10678, Reno, NV 89520. 702/784-6214).
- 26-28 TIMBER SALE EVALUATION WORKSHOP, McCall, ID (Roger Williams, Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game, 600 S. Walnut St., Boise, ID 83705. 208/334-2920).
- 27-30 18th N. AM. MOOSE CONF. & WORKSHOP, (Alces) Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. (Doug Larson, Conf. Coordinator, Yukon Wildlife Branch, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6).

AUGUST

- 15-19 1982 ANNUAL CONSERVATION EDUCATION ASSN. CONF., Mills College, Oakland, CA. (John G. Howston, Professor, School of Natural Resources, Humboldt State U., Arcata, CA 95521).

SEPTEMBER

- 14-15 TWS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, Montana State U., Bozeman, MT.

A DEATH IN OUR FAMILY

On February 20, 1982, Fred and Mildred Evenden were involved in a tragic accident near Corvallis, Oregon. The van in which they were travelling was struck by a mud slide and pushed into the Alsea River. They both drowned.

Fred administered the operations of The Wildlife Society for 15 years, first as Executive Secretary (1963-1968) and then as Executive Director (1968-1978). He and Mildred were devoted to the Society.

Their daughters, Ann, a graduate student at Oregon State University, and Jeanne, who works for the U.S. Forest Service in La Grande, Oregon, have requested that contributions be made to the Evenden Memorial Fund, William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 8315, Portland, Oregon 97207. The memorial is being established by the daughters to provide funds for a living memorial to their parents where they both had roots and on the refuge where Fred did his graduate work.

1982 APPLICATION FORM

IDAHO CHAPTER - THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Name _____
Title _____
Agency _____
Address _____

Phone Business _____ Home _____

Send this form and \$3.00 (made payable to Idaho Chapter - The Wildlife Society) to Lew Nelson, Department of Wildlife, University of Idaho, Moscow 83843.