

IDAHO CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society has survived another year. Actually, we have done much better than survive--thrive is probably a better word. We began 1988 with an excellent meeting in Boise. Both the technical and social portions were very enjoyable. From this meeting, we received a number of volunteers to serve on chapter committees. We also held a summer meeting that was lightly attended but thoroughly enjoyed. Overall interest in our chapter appears to have increased markedly over the last two to three Much of this is due to the years. efforts of past president Chuck Blair. I have recently received several inquiries from folks wanting to join the chapter and/or attend our 1989 meeting. This, coupled with the fact that we had very few problems soliciting papers for the 1989 meeting, leads me to believe that 1989 will be a very productive and rewarding year for our chapter.

1989(1):Winter

The Idaho Chapter meeting will be held on February 23 and 24 at the Red Lion, Downtowner in Boise (more information is provided inside this newsletter). Many of you will notice that we are doing a few things differently. Besides a section on technical papers, we will have sessions dealing with interagency relationships and radio-telemetry. We also have something a little different planned for our social gathering. The chapter's officers will not know whether these changes are good or bad unless we hear from you. So please, sometime during or after the meeting, share your thoughts, concerns or complaints regarding these changes with one or more of the officers. Remember, it is your meeting, and we want to conduct it in a fashion that is most valuable to you.

NEWS AND NOTES

Einarson Award

The Einarson Award Committee solicits nominations for the Arthur S. Einarson Award to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society in Banff, Alberta, in April 1989. The award provides for recognition and commendation of outstanding work in the wildlife profession in the Northwest Section. Consider the accomplishments of individuals over their lifetime, not just those of recent years. Please send your nominations to:

Dr. John Beecham, Chairman Einarson Award Committee Idaho Department of Fish and Game 600 South Walnut Street Boise ID 83707 (208)334-2920

Cooper Ornithological Society

The 59th Annual Meeting will take place in Moscow, Idaho, at the University of Idaho during 22-26 June 1989. The Cooper meeting will include a variety of events in addition to the scientific program, including rafting on local scenic rivers and tours of a nearby National Wildlife Refuge. Dr. J. Michael Scott (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843, [208]885-6960) will be the local chairman. Anyone interested in conducting workshops or mini-symposia during the meeting should immediately contact Dr. Edward O. Garton, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843, [208]885-7426).

Idaho Department of Fish and Game Winter Meeting

The IDFG winter wildlife meeting will be held on February 21 and 22, at the Red Lion, Riverside, in Boise. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Riverside for IDFG personnel. For those of you planning on attending the Wildlife Society meeting on Thursday and Friday, youmay want to extend your reservations at the Riverside.

Riparian Workshop

A workshop entitled "Practical Approaches to Riparian Resource Management" will be held May 8-12, 1989 at the Billings Plaza Holiday Inn, Billings, MT. For more information, contact the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, MT 59107.

Accommodations at the Annual Meeting

The Red Lion, Downtowner (208/344-7691) has single and double rooms available to those attending the February 23-24 Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting in Boise. Rates for single rooms are \$42 (\$40 government rate), and rates for double rooms are \$52 (\$45 government rate). Ten single and 10 double rooms have been set aside for Wednesday and Thursday nights. Please make your reservations by February 12 if at all possible.

We'll see you heeeeere!!!

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society closed out 1988 with a balance of \$5,921.30 in its non-profit premium checking account at the First Interstate Bank in Boise.

Expenses associated with the upcoming winter meeting are expected to draw this balance down by almost half. In order to help cover the cost of our meeting and other activities, the Chapter Executive Committee approved an increase in meeting registration rates for both regular and student members over last year's fees. The regular member fee will be \$20 for registration, and the student fee is \$10.

OFFICERS

Jack Connelly - President Jerome Hansen - Vice President Signe Sather-Blair - Secretary Paul Moroz - Treasurer The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society will again hold a benefit auction and raffle as part of the activities planned for the night of February 23. The proceeds from this event go into the Chapter's budget to help cover meeting expenses, scholarships, education, and other activities.

We already have some great items gathered from generous donors, but your donation can add to the fun on Thursday evening.

If you would like to donate an item for auction or raffle, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to Paul Moroz by February 10, 1989. If certain provisions apply to your donation, please state them clearly in the "SPECIAL CONDITIONS" portion of the form. All donated items that are not specified as auction items may be offered during the raffle drawings.

If you would like to donate your help during the auction or raffle, please return the form as well.

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Donation/Auction Coordinator:	Paul Moroz, 2081 N.W. 8th S Idaho 83642 Phone: 888-6482 hm 365-4	
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1989 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IDAHO WILDLIFE SOCIETY

RED LION, DOWNTOWNER BOISE, IDAHO . FEBRUARY 23-24, 1989

PARTNERSHIPS IN WILDLIFE -- THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE FUTURE

THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 23

BITTERROOT/TETON ROOM

- 7:30 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 8:40 Opening Remarks Jack Connelly

SESSION A - Moderator - Chuck Blair

- 8:40 9:00 An overview of the Wildlife Congress. J.M. CONLEY, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
- 9:00 -9:20 A public survey on hunting and fishing in Idaho. W.J. MCLAUGHLIN, Department of Wildland Recreation Management, University of Idaho, Moscow.
- 9:20 9:40 The Elk Foundation's role in wildlife partnerships in Idaho. GARY BURNETT, Elk Foundation, Boise.
- 9:40 10:00 The Nature Conservancy's role in wildlife partnerships in Idaho. GUY BONNIVIER, Nature Conservancy, Ketchum.
- 10:00 10:20 REFRESHMENT BREAK

SESSION B - Moderator - Ernest Ables

- 10:20 10:40 Challenge cost share program, agencies at work. ALAN CHRISTENSEN, U.S. Forest Service, Region 1, Missoula, Montana.
- 10:40 11:40 Panel Discussion Perspectives on Interagency Support and Cooperation.

U.S. Forest Service - STEVE BLAIR U.S. Forest Service - SIGNE SATHER-BLAIR U.S. Bureau of Land Management - ALAN SANDS Idaho Department of Fish and Game - TRACEY TRENT

11:40 - 1:10

LUNCH BREAK

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 23

Training Session 1 - Bitterroot/Teton Room

1:10 - 3:00 Wildlife sampling/monitoring techniques. OZ GARTON, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow.

Training Session 2 - Albion/Aspen Room

Radio telemetry techniques. STAN TOMKINITZ, Telonics, Mesa, Arizona, and FRED REED, Western Air Research, Driggs, Idaho.

- 3:00 3:20 REFRESHMENT BREAK
- 3:20 5:30 IDAHO CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING BITTERROOT/TETON ROOM
- 6:00 9:30 SOCIAL, HORS D'OEUVRES, AND AUCTION SELWAY/SAWTOOTH ROOM
- 7:00 EVENING PRESENTATION SELWAY/SAWTOOTH ROOM

Fires of Yellowstone Park. JOHN VARLEY, Yellowstone National Park, Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

9:30 - 12:00 MUSIC AND DANCING - SELWAY/SAWTOOTH ROOM

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24 (2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

SESSION C: Bitterroot Room; Moderator: Linda Saunders

- 8:00 8:20 U.S. Forest Service sensitive species and challenge cost share programs: An example of interagency cooperation. C.R. GROVES, S.L. CAICCO, R.K. MOSELEY, and W.E. MELQUIST, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
- 8:20 8:40 Habitat Improvement Program: First year accomplishments. M.C. TODD, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
- 8:40 9:00 South Fork of the Snake River: An update of activities. E.H. ALFORD, Targhee National Forest, Idaho Falls.
- 9:00 9:20 The Friends of Squaw Butte volunteer program. M. DUDLEY, Ola.
- 9:20 9:40 Beaver habitat, then and now. R.M. WILLIAMS, Boise.

9:40 - 10:00

- Interagency cooperation essential in using beaver as a tool for riparian improvement. L. PENCE, Soil Conservation Service, Gooding.
- 10:00 10:40 BREAK

SESSION D: Bitterroot Room; Moderator: Lonn Kuck

- 10:40 11:00 Mule Deer: Browse? J. SHOLTEN, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and S. MATTISE, Bureau of Land Management, Boise.
- 11:00 11:20 Projecting illegal mule deer harvest in Idaho game management unit 73 and associated management implications. L.C. JINDRICH, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Malad.
- 11:20 11:40 Behavioral responses of elk to disturbance by cross-country skiers. E.F. CASSIRER and E.D. ABLES, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow.
- 11:40 12:00 Activity patterns of mule deer (<u>Odocoileus hemionus</u>) in response to hunting in southeastern Idaho. M.J. MCCDONALD and B.L. KELLER, Department of Biological Sciences, Idaho State University, Pocatello, and C.G. BROWN, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello.
- 12:00 12:20 Efficacy of double-survey population estimation technique on elk in Idaho. T. FERGUSON, Montana State University, Bozeman.
- 12:20 12:40 Elk sightability model validation at the National Bison Range, Montana. J. UNSWORTH and L. KUCK, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Lewiston, and O. GARTON, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow.
- 12:40 1:00 CLOSING REMARKS AND AWARDS BITTERROOT/TETON ROOM
- SESSION E: Teton Room; Moderator: Michael Kochert
- 8:00 8:20 Copulation frequency and timing in the prairie falcon. A.M.A. HOLTHUIJZEN, Idaho Power Company, Boise.
- 8:20 8:40 Post-nesting movements of long-eared owls in southwestern Idaho. H. ULMSCHNEIDER, Biology Department, Boise State University, Boise.
- 8:40 9:00 Idaho's nesting bald eagle population: on the way to recovery. W.E. MELQUIST, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and R.P. HOWARD, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise.

- 9:00 9:20 The role of urban release in peregrine recovery. B.A. HAAK and W.E. MELQUIST, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
- 9:20 9:40 Eight years of data on the relative density of rodent populations at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Site. B. KELLER, Department of Biological Sciences, Idaho State University, Pocatello.
- 9:40 10:00 Small mammal activity and edge use on the sub-surface disposal area, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Site. J. BOONE and B. KELLER, Department of Biological Sciences, Idaho State University, Pocatello.
- 10:00 10:20 BREAK

SESSION F: Teton Room; Moderator: Vicki Saab

- 10:20 10:40 Control of sprouting corn depredation by ring-necked pheasants. B. HELMICH, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis.
- 10:40 11:00 Composition, distribution, and movements of bats in southern Idaho. M.C. WACKENHUT and B.L. KELLER, Department of Sciences, Idaho State University, Pocatello.
- 11:00 11:20 Sage grouse nest locations and their relevance to current habitat management guidelines. W.L. WAKKINEN and K.P. REESE, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow; and J.W. CONNELLY, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello.
- 11:20 11:40 Sanitation management for grizzly bear on the Island Park Ranger District of the Targhee National Forest in Idaho. T. CONTRERAS, Targhee National Forest, Island Park.
- 11:40 12:00 GAP analysis of bio-diversity protection in Idaho. J.M. SCOTT, Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, University of Idaho, Moscow; H.A. ANDERSON, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Boise; and C.R. GROVES, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
- 12:00 12:20 An overview of Idaho's wildlife management areas -T. PARKER, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
- 12:20 12:40 Summer habitat use by translocated sage grouse. D.D. MUSIL and K.P. REESE, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow; and J.W. CONNELLY, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello.
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