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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Although I usually try to focus on a single issue in this column, there are several topics that have recently caught my interest. I thought I would bring all of these to your attention.

First, and as promised, our nominations committee was able to twist enough arms to come up with a slate of candidates for Chapter officers. Please take the time to look over the ballot and vote. This is one of your opportunities to influence how the Chapter is run. It will only take a minute, so before you finish reading the rest of this column--do it now!

Now that you've voted, you probably feel pretty good about yourself. To continue this feeling, why not consider attending the joint Northwest/Western Section TWS meeting set for February 22-24, 1990 in Reno, Nevada. This meeting provides a rare opportunity to interact with wildlife professionals from other western states and to discuss ideas, problems

and concerns. The meeting also provides an opportunity to visit the Reno-Lake Tahoe area--need I say more?

The third topic that caught my attention, and that might be interesting to many of you, is the series of articles in the "IN MY OPINION" section of the last issue of The Wildlife Society Bulletin. These articles address wildlife research, education and management as well as conservation biology and are thought provoking as well as entertaining. I feel that everyone would benefit from reading them.

Finally, there is a paper in the last issue of the Journal of Wildlife Management concerning the effects of pesticides on upland game. Although this study addressed the effects of organophosphate insecticides on sage grouse, the implications for other wildlife species associated with farmland are alarming. In fact, there may be a real message here with regards to our

declining pheasant populations--see what you think. The citation for this paper is:

Blus, L., et al. 1989. Effects of organophosphorous insecticides on sage grouse in southeastern Idaho. J. Wildl. Manage. 53:1139-1146.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

December 7-8. Combined Idaho-Utah Sections of the Society for Range Management. Pocatello, ID. The theme will be "Rangeland Management Evolution - Looking Ahead to the 1990's."

January 23-25. Pacific Northwest Range Short Course - Forest and Range Fires. Pendleton, OR.

February 22-24. Northwest Section and Idaho Section, The Wildlife Society. Reno, NV. The theme will be "Wildlife Management throughout the Pacific Rim--politics, economics and biology."

March 1-3. Idaho Chapter, The Wildlife Society and Idaho Chapter, the American Fisheries Society, joint meeting. Boise, ID.

April 18-19. Northwestern Furbearer Symposium, Cranbrook, BC.

May 15-17. Western States and Provinces Elk Workshop, Eureka, CA.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Western States and Provinces Elk Workshop

The Western States and Provinces Elk Workshop will be held May 15-17, 1990 at the Red Lion Inn in Eureka, CA. Session topics for the workshop will include elk population ecology, elk conflicts with agriculture and/or timber management, elk relocations and reintroductions, elk habitat relationships, elk research techniques, and elk hunting in the 1990s.

Additional topics for papers and/or poster displays will be considered. Authors wishing to present papers or

poster displays should submit abstracts by January 15, 1990 to:

Donald Koch
California Department Fish & Game
Wildlife Management Division
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento CA 95814
(916) 445-5561

Papers will be published in a proceedings of the workshop. The workshop will consist of two days of technical sessions and a one-day field trip to view the impacts of land management practices on elk habitat in California's north-coastal region.

Accommodations:

The Red Lion has reserved a block of rooms for the conference: single, \$55; double, \$65; double/double, \$65. Make your reservations early by calling (707) 445-0844.

Transportation:

Both United and American Airlines service the Eureka-Arcata Airport. The Red Lion Inn provides free shuttle service for their guests from the airport to the hotel.

Alaska Chapter TWS Annual Meeting

The Alaska Chapter TWS will sponsor a symposium March 27-29, 1990 in conjunction with its annual meeting in Juneau, AK. The theme for this symposium is "Impacts of Development on Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest." Persons interested in making a formal presentation at the symposium are invited to submit an abstract by December 31, 1989 (see following example).

Authors who desire to have their papers published in the proceedings of the symposium should indicate this when submitting the abstract. Papers submitted for publication will be given precedence in the event all sessions are full. Draft manuscripts of papers submitted for publication will follow Journal of Wildlife Management format and will be due March 1, 1990.

The abstract, including author(s) and address(es) should be typed, single spaced, within a 3"x5" rectangle. The abstracts will be photocopied exactly as submitted. Do not outline the abstract with any markings as the markings may be photocopied.

Papers will be allotted 20 minutes for presentation and discussion. A presentation of approximately 15 minutes is recommended to allow time for questions.

Carousel 2"x2" slide projectors will be provided. If other audio-visual equipment is needed, please include a request when the abstract is submitted.

Submit abstracts to or request further information from:

Lowell H. Suring
USDA Forest Service
P.O. Box 21628
Juneau, AK 99802-1628 USA
(907) 586-7920

Sample Abstract:

RELATIONSHIP OF TIMBER HARVEST TO MOVEMENTS OF MARTEN IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA. Timothy D. Browne, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 20, Douglas, AK 99824.

Abstract: I used radio telemetry to monitor movements of marten...in between recent clearcuts and old growth forests was apparent.

Idaho Chapter, TWS Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is scheduled for March 1-3, 1990, at the Red Lion Inn, Downtowner in Boise. This year's meeting will be held jointly with the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS). The meeting will run from Thursday morning to noon Saturday. As 1990 is Idaho's centennial year, Thursday's joint session with the AFS will take a look back at Idaho's fish and wildlife populations and conditions 100 years ago and then look ahead to the future of fish and wildlife management in Idaho.

We plan to examine ideas of "quality" versus "quantity", what the public is telling us, the role of the fish and wildlife professional, and changes in fish and wildlife management techniques and conditions as we move through the next decade and century. We might even look at a few other things. Be there!!!

Separate wildlife and fisheries sessions will be held all day Friday and on Saturday morning. A call for papers is included in this newsletter. Please send your abstract by January 15, 1989 to:

Jerome Hansen
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 25
Boise ID 83707
208/334-5057

Because this year's meeting will be held jointly with the AFS, there will be evening socials, auctions, and programs both Thursday and Friday hosted by either TWS or AFS. Double fun for anyone wishing to attend both events.

Several double and single rooms have been reserved at the Red Lion, Downtowner, for Chapter members. Rates are \$45.00 for a single and \$50.00 for a double. In order to receive this special rate, you must make your reservations no later than February 11, 1990, by calling 208/344-7691. Please identify yourself as a member of the Idaho Chapter, The Wildlife Society.

NEWS AND NOTES

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Einarson Award

The Einarson Award Committee seeks nominations for the Arthur S. Einarson Award to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society in Reno, NV in February 1990. 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:

Barry Keller
Idaho State University
Dept. of Biological Sciences
P.O. Box 8007
Pocatello ID 83209
(208) 236-3765

President-Elect

The Nominations and Elections Committee of the Northwest Section seeks nominations for President-Elect. Ballots for these positions will be included in the January 1990 Newsletter. Please send your nominations to:

Mike Aderhold, Chairperson
Nominations and Elections Committee
Montana Dept. Fish, Wildlife & Parks
P.O. Box 67
Kalispell MT 59901
(406) 752-5501

1990 Professional Wildlife Award Nominations Needed

The Idaho Chapter, The Wildlife Society, uses the Professional Wildlife Award process to demonstrate that outstanding contributions to Idaho's wildlife resources are appreciated by one's peers. Now is the time to consider and submit nominations for the 1990 Professional Wildlife Award. It is not necessary to present the award every year, but we know that much hard work is being accomplished in this state by many professional wildlife managers. This year is another opportunity for you to nominate a deserving person or persons for this prestigious form of recognition.

Here are a few points to consider when making a nomination: The nominee must be professionally employed in wildlife management, and the work that qualifies the individual for the award must have been performed in Idaho. The term "professionally" employed refers to all facets of the profession, including conservation officers, biologists, information-education personnel, graduate students, volunteers, and so on. It is not necessary that the nominee reside in Idaho, but any nominee that does live in

Idaho must also be a member of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society. The award may be shared if the accomplishment is the work of more than one person.

There are four rating criteria that each nominee will be evaluated for based upon the information provided to the Awards Committee. The criteria are:

1. Contributions to Idaho's wildlife.
2. Commitment to the wildlife resource.
3. Contributions to the wildlife profession.
4. Contributions to public understanding of wildlife management and the problems involved in managing wildlife.

The Awards Committee is responsible for screening the applicants and making the final selection. Paul Moroz is serving as committee chairman this year. Please give this opportunity some careful thought. Complete and submit the nomination form provided in this newsletter to Paul at 2081 N.W. 8th Street, Meridian ID 83642 as soon as possible to insure that full consideration is given to your nominee. Don't miss this opportunity to highlight someone's efforts in Idaho's wildlife management. Professional Wildlife Awards are presented at the annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Nominations should be submitted by January 20, 1990.

Professional Development and You

After years of planning, The Wildlife Society's Professional Development Program is now operational. This program is intended to provide all wildlife professionals with a structured incentive for self-improvement through the acquisition of new knowledge and skills by participation in professionally enriching activities. TWS members have indicated a need for such a program and TWS Council has enthusiastically embraced it. A 1986 membership survey documented that 82 percent of respondents believed "that TWS should take a more active role in developing a series of continuing education/professional improvement activities."

To participate in the Professional Development Program, you will need to accrue and document 150 contact hours over a 4-year period. These hours can be distributed among six categories of activities: organized wildlife course work, including that offered at symposia; non-wildlife course work (e.g., computer science, public administration, forestry, and range); providing instruction on wildlife subjects; publications; self-improvement (e.g., reading wildlife literature); and professional service, such as holding appointed or elected office as in TWS. Upon completion of the minimum requirements, and approval of your application by TWS, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your commitment to continuing education and professional development within the wildlife profession.

Applications will be accepted immediately (i.e., you seek approval for activities extending back 4 years from now). To acquire an application, or for more information, call or write the Northwest Section Professional Development Contact, Kerry P. Reese, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843 (208)885-6435.

Professional Development Program Needs Support of "Conference Hosts"

Are you in the planning stages of a conference, symposium, workshop or other organized program of learning related to wildlife biology or management? If so, you are encouraged to contact the Northwest Section Professional Contact once your agenda is finalized.

Organized wildlife course work is one category of The Wildlife Society's new Professional Development Program. Attendees of your "conference" may be able to acquire contact hours for completing the minimum requirements of this program category. It is desirable that the Professional Development Contact evaluates your agenda in advance of promotional mailings. In this way, contact hours can be stated on your promotional literature and, hopefully, serve as an additional incentive to attend.

For more information, contact: Kerry P. Reese, TWS Professional Development Contact, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843, (208) 885-6435.

INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

President

Jack Connelly. Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello. Jack is Principal Wildlife Research Biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and has worked for the Department for the last 5-1/2 years. He obtained a B.S. in Wildlife from the University of Idaho and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Washington State University. Jack has been a TWS member for 15 years.

Vice President

Ted Chu. Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Falls. Ted is a Wildlife Manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and has worked for the Department for the last 20 years. He obtained a B.S. in wildlife from Utah State University and has been a TWS member for 20 years.

Dave Lockwood. Pheasants Forever, Boise. Dave is a Regional Representative for Pheasants Forever and has worked in this capacity for the last 2 years. Prior to this job, Dave was employed by the New Mexico Game and Fish Department for 7-1/2 years. Dave obtained a B.S. in wildlife from New Mexico State University and has been a TWS member for 21 years.

Bill Mullins. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise. Bill has been a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the last 1-1/2 years. Prior to that, Bill was a biologist for the Bureau of Reclamation. Bill obtained a B.S. in Wildlife from Oregon State University and an M.S. from the University of Idaho. Bill has been a TWS member for 21 years.

Secretary

Dave Koehler. Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Pocatello. Dave is a Conservation Officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and has worked for the Department for the last 3 years. Dave obtained a B.S. in Wildlife from South Dakota State University and an M.S. from the University of Wyoming. Dave has been a TWS member for 9 years.

Barry Whitehill. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise. Barry is a Refuge Manager for the USFWS and has worked for this agency for the last 13 years. Barry obtained a B.S. in Wildlife from Washington State University. He has been a TWS member for 3 years.

Treasurer

Paul Moroz. U.S. Forest Service, Meridian. Paul is a District Biologist for the USFS and has worked for the Forest Service for the last 12 years. Paul obtained a B.S. in Wildlife from the University of Idaho. He has been a TWS member for 5 years.

Justin Naderman. Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Falls. Justin is a Regional Wildlife Biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and has worked for the Department for the last 6 years. Justin obtained a B.S. in Wildlife from the University of Idaho, a M.S. from Texas Tech University, and a Ph.D. from Oregon State University. Justin has been a TWS member for 16 years.

Hadley Roberts. Wildlife Consultant (USFS, retired), Salmon. Hadley is a Wildlife Consultant and a recently retired Forest Service Biologist. He worked for the Forest Service for 28 years. Hadley obtained a B.S. in Wildlife from the University of Maine and an M.S. from the University of Idaho. He has been a TWS member for 36 years.

IDAHO CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Idaho Chapter's funds are held in a non-profit premium checking account at the First Interstate Bank in Boise. The most recent statement of account showed a balance of \$7,403.84 as of October 31. Approximately \$28.00 will be earned as interest on this account through November.

Several ideas have been submitted for the use of some Chapter funds for special projects. The best way to promote the approval and implementation of your idea is to submit the proposal in writing to Paul Moroz. He will forward the information to the Executive Committee. Submitting the proposal in writing ensures that the proposal is fully described and understood by all. Please submit your written proposals to Paul at:

2081 N.W. 8th Street
Meridian ID 83642

This is the time to consider if you would like to contribute an auction item for the fundraiser to be held during our annual meeting. If you would like to submit one or items, please indicate if items should be auctioned or raffled. If you contribute an auction item, please indicate if a minimum bid should be asked during the auction. If you would like to contribute an item or would like to volunteer to work on the 1990 fundraiser, please contact Paul at home at 888-6482 or at work at 364-4233 or at the address shown above.



"See Dick run. See Jane run. Run run run.
See the waves chase Dick and Jane.
Chase chase chase..."

IDAHO CHAPTER, THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
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___ _____ (write-in)

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___ Bill Mullins

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___ Dave Koehler

___ Barry Whitehill

Treasurer (vote for one)

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___ Justin Naderman

___ Hadley Roberts

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____ Barry Whitehill

Treasurer (vote for one)

____ Paul Moran

____ Justin Naderman

TO: Signe Sather-Blair
HC 33, Box 3228
Boise ID 83706

PLEASE RETURN TO SIGNE SATHER-BLAIR BY FEBRUARY 1, 1990



**IDAHO CHAPTER - THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
Professional Wildlife Award
Nomination Form**

Chuck Blair, Chairman
Trumpeter Swan Awards Committee

Nominee:

Employed by : _____

Present position: _____

Present work address: _____

Present home address: _____

Recommended by: _____

Address and phone: _____

Reasons for nomination: (Resume of achievements must be provided.
Nomination information may also include past recognition, pertinent
memberships, supporting letters, etc.)

Submit nomination to: Paul Moroz, Idaho Chapter TWS Awards Committee
2081 N.W. 8th St., Meridian ID 83642
Work phone: 365-4382 Home phone: 888-6482

TRUMPETER SWAN PETITION STATUS

The Chapter's petition to list the trumpeter swan as threatened has been in the hands of the Fish and Wildlife Service for over 6 months. We just sent a letter to John Turner concerning the service's lack of action. A copy of that letter is included below. You will get a pretty good idea about what is happening from reading it. We hope it will stimulate some action on the petition.

Chuck Blair, Chairman
Trumpeter Swan Adhoc Committee

December 1, 1989

BOI20.34

Mr. John Turner, Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Turner:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act concerning our petition to list the Rocky Mountain population of trumpeter swans as a threatened species. This petition was sent by the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on or about May 6, 1989. We were informed in a telephone conversation with Kemper McMaster, Helena, Montana, Field Supervisor, that the 90-day review period would end on or about August 11, 1989, and that the Service would issue its 90-day finding at that time. To date, we have received no correspondence regarding this petition, contrary to Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act that requires a 90-day finding on all petitions submitted to the Service.

We are concerned about the lack of action by the Service. We have made some informal inquiries and believe that the Service may attempt to dismiss this petition as not warranted on the grounds that the Rocky Mountain population is not distinct from the Western (Alaska) population, contrary to staff recommendations from the Helena field office and Regions 1 and 6. The petition and the research documents that accompanied it will solidly refute this argument. We have also heard that your Migratory Bird Office is concerned about the impact of a listing on tundra swan hunting seasons in Montana and Utah. In either case, a decision to dismiss the petition as not warranted would be a political decision rather than one based on biology; again contrary to the Endangered Species Act. A decision based on politics could easily lead to an embarrassing situation for the Service, not unlike the spotted owl controversy that was debated in the press and decided in the courts.

Our specific request under the Freedom of Information Act is for copies of all documents, memorandums, correspondence, handwritten notes, meeting minutes and notes, staff comments written on or attached to all copies of our petition, telephone logs, and other items related to this petition. This includes, but is not limited to, the above documents and other items from the Helena, Montana; Boise, Idaho; and Laramie, Wyoming field offices of the Service; Regional Offices 1 and 6 of the Service; and the Washington office of the Service. As a non-profit organization we should be exempt from any copying charges associated with this request.

I would like to make one final point. As you know, the Service's Boise field office is currently involved in sensitive negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation over winter water releases from Island Park Dam. Should the Service dismiss this petition as not warranted, we believe the Bureau may withdraw from these negotiations and trumpeter swans wintering on the Henry's Fork could again suffer significant mortality and diminished reproductive success. This is the exact situation that focused national attention on the swans last winter and prompted us to submit the petition to the Service.

Having lived in the Jackson Hole area you have undoubtedly observed trumpeter swans on numerous occasions. As a member of the Trumpeter Swan Society you have demonstrated both a personal as well as a professional interest in their well-being. I trust that this interest will promote a biologically sound decision on our petition, rather than one that is politically motivated.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance, and I look forward to receiving your personal correspondence on this matter of utmost importance to the Rocky Mountain population of trumpeter swans.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Connelly, President
Idaho Chapter, The Wildlife Society
1035 Surrey Lane
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221

IDAHO CHAPTER
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

March 1,2,3 1990
Boise, Idaho

Members and non-members are encouraged and invited to submit papers on the biology and management of Idaho's game and nongame wildlife species for the scientific program of the annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS IS 15 January 1990

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE ABSTRACT:

1. Type everything within the box below. The copy you submit will be used in the meeting's program. Letters crossing the line will not be printed, so practice typing the abstract before doing your final submitted version.
2. Do not fold across the abstract, since this form will be photocopied.
3. Use a typewriter or word processor with clean, 12-pitch Elite print. The copy should be dark enough to duplicate clearly.
4. Put the title and author names in caps, and use single spacing except between the title/author lines and text as in the example below:

THE NESTING STATUS OF COMMON LOONS IN IDAHO.

T. FITCH, and C. TROST. Department of Biology, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID 83201.

Surveys of loons were conducted in eastern Idaho during the summers of 1985 and 1986.....

5. Send 2 copies of the abstract to: Jerome Hansen, Program Chairman, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Box 25, Boise ID 83707, 208/334-5057.

Please enclose your address and telephone number.