

IDAHO CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1988(3):Fall

Even though the weather has not given us much of a clue, summer has passed, and fall is here. That means it's time to put away the fishing rod and break out the shotgun--it's also time to plan meetings. There are four meetings coming up that should be of interest to Chapter members.

The Idaho Section of the Society for Range Management is holding its winter meeting on November 18 and 19 at the Red Lion Inn/Downtowner in Boise, with the theme "Coordinated Resource Management." The meeting should be interesting and will certainly provide us an opportunity to interact with other natural resource managers.

The Idaho Wildlife Congress will be held on November 19-20 at the Red Lion/Riverside in Boise. Here is an opportunity to interact with sportsmen and other segments of the public interested in wildlife and fisheries management. I encourage all of our Chapter members to attend at least part of the congress.

The Idaho Chapter's winter meeting will be held February 23-24, 1989. More details are presented later in this newsletter.

Finally, the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society will hold its annual meeting on April 11-13, 1989 at the Banff Park Lodge, Banff, Alberta. The meeting theme is "Ungulate Management Trends," but I've been assured that the meeting will be of interest to us "game bird buffs." Bill Samuel also informed me that spring skiing is generally excellent at that time of year.

I realize that we all can not attend every meeting we want to. However, if each of us could make a strong effort to attend one or two meetings per year, we would vastly improve our understanding of current problems and progress in wildlife management. This effort will also help us meet new people and address problems that we face by providing new ideas or approaches. Enough preaching--attend what meetings you can; you won't be disappointed.

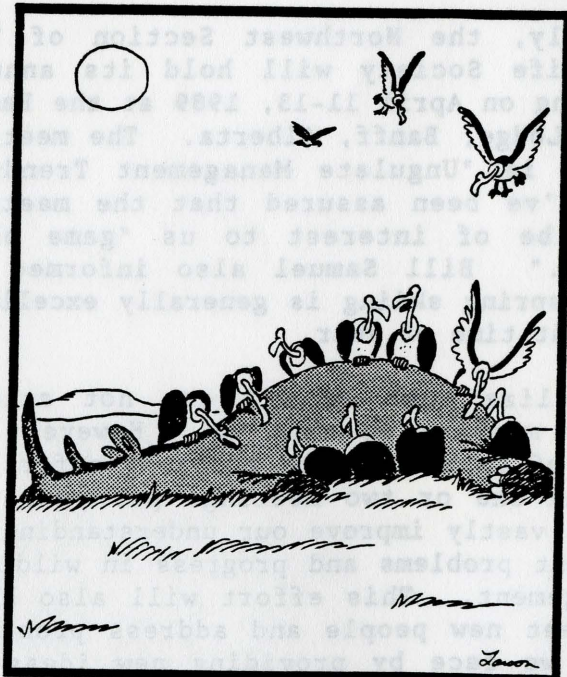
CHAPTER MEETINGS

Winter Meeting 1989

The winter meeting of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is scheduled for February 23-24, 1989, at the Red Lion Downtowner in Boise. This year's meeting will begin on Thursday and end at noon on Friday. We truly hope for a large turnout, as we can all benefit from it.

This year's theme is "Partnerships in Wildlife: The Good, the Bad and the Future." We plan to explore programs and interactions between public agencies and private groups, and progress and problems in interagency coordination.

Three training sessions will be offered at the meeting, with probable topics including radio-telemetry materials and techniques, monitoring/inventory methods, and habitat restoration techniques. John Varley, Chief of Research in Yellowstone Park, is scheduled to speak about Yellowstone fires during the Thursday evening program. Please plan to attend. A call for papers is included in this newsletter.



"Just think ... Here we are, the afternoon sun beating down on us, a dead, bloated rhino underfoot, and good friends flying in from all over. ... I tell you, Frank this is the best of times."

One final note: Please send slides or prints from past Idaho Chapter auctions, trips or events to Bob Martin, IDFG, 600 S. Walnut, Boise ID 83707. We will put something together for Thursday night.

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).

Membership in The Wildlife Society

The Wildlife Society is only as strong as its members. Anyone interested in joining The Wildlife Society at the national level can obtain an application form from Jerome Hansen (208/334-5057). When a person joins, he/she receives periodicals selected for the calendar year.

Executive Board Meeting, Northwest Section TWS

Jack Connelly attended the Executive Board meeting in Moscow on 29 August. The annual meeting was discussed at some length. Brad Griffith (the Section's newsletter editor) has moved east and is now Assistant Unit Leader of the Maine Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

Geoprocessing and Surveying Conference - "A User's Perspective"

This conference will take place on March 8-10, 1989, in Boise, Idaho.

Presentations, vendors, workshops, tours, poster sessions and more, will help users understand how this technology can help them. For more details, call Geoprocessing at (208)345-5274.

FISCAL REPORT

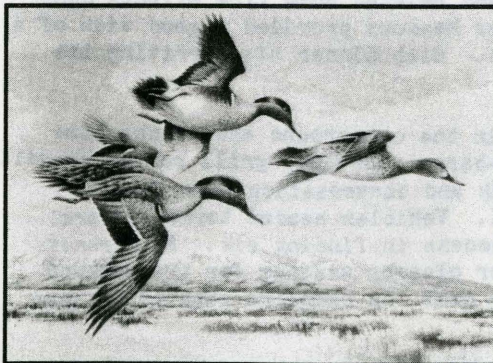
The Idaho Chapter's funds are held in a non-profit premium checking account at the First Interstate Bank in Boise. The account totaled \$5,969.00 on 10/31/88. The current interest rate earned is 4.3%, adding about \$25 to the account each month.

The primary expenditures the Chapter must cover this winter will be associated with the annual meeting planned for February 23-24, 1989, at the Red Lion/Downtowner in Boise. The chapter summer field trip cost about \$80.00. We also must now pay the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter.

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IDAHO CHAPTER SUMMER '88 MEETING RECAP

This summer's field trip to the Bear Valley area north of Lowman was attended by about 26 folks including Chapter members, non-members and children. Not only did the outing provide us an opportunity to get together and visit informally, but also introduced some participants to another part of scenic Idaho. Besides, we needed the rain. As it turned out, scheduling the field trip on August 5-7 had an effect similar to washing your car beneath a blue sky. In the midst of a summer-long drought, we suddenly had hard rains, dark clouds and lightning on Saturday. Such harsh weather might have turned some outfits back, but this hardy crew persevered and had a good time just the same.

Lindle Offenbacher was the first to arrive at Elk Creek Guard Station on Friday evening and was joined by Paul Moroz and son Ryan toward sundown. This small but eager group conducted the first elk watching session and had a small but adequate success. One cow elk fed across Tennessee Creek meadow. Minutes later, a mule deer doe came by and encircled the three trying to figure out just who these aliens were. Eventually darkness fell and it was time to head to camp. At about 2 am, the first rain in a month fell hard on the happy campers. The storm clouds remained through breakfast and were intent on seeing what was for lunch.

At mid-morning, Whitehawk Mountain was shrouded in clouds and incoming lightning moved the point of gathering to Bear Valley Creek. There Jay Gore lead a discussion on the wolf recovery plan and potential in the area. Larry Donohoo related past sightings and management efforts intended to promote wolf recovery. This discussion continued into the tailgate lunch period. Several sandhill cranes hunted for earthworms at a distance and raptors soared above the wide meadow.

Following the lunchbreak came an overview of the anadromous fish habitat improvement work sponsored by the Sho-Ban Tribe. Old dredge tailings have been stabilized and the stream banks reshaped using Bonneville Power Funds as mitigation for hydroelectric dam construction. The high-tech channel work was more intensive (and expensive) than some would expect to see on private land.

The group then headed downstream along Bear Valley Creek to examine cattle grazing effects upon riparian habitats in the area. Cattle were on the allotment at the time and the immediate effects could be seen. Perceiving long term trends proved to be more difficult and the discussion involved positive and negative scenarios for the future condition. Another stop along Bear Valley Creek led the group to an adult chinook salmon hiding under an overhanging bank. With only a large tail showing, the importance of maintaining instream cover was more obvious than the fish that was making use of it.

Elk Creek Guard Station was the next stop where Paul illustrated the extent of the 1987 Deadwood Fire on some large maps and related some fire effects upon wildlife habitat. A brief ride toward Poker Meadows provided a good view of a portion of the burn and subsequent green-up. With dinner time arriving the caravan headed to Bear Valley Campground.

Several late-comers were setting up tents in the campground and dinner time brought the entire group together. A half-barrel charcoal grill served us well to cook on and keep us warm. Food and drink and conversation were mixed until it was time for optional Elk Watch II. Vehicles headed toward several different meadows with varying levels of success in finding elk. As darkness came and stars brightened, the prospects for clearer weather for the weekend improved. More conversation and a nightcap near the campfire eventually lead to shutdown back at camp.

Sunday morning at camp involved a relaxed breakfast and gathering of belongings. Before noon, all was packed and the outing came to a close. Several routes home were taken beneath clear skies and high mountain scenery. Despite the unexpected summer storm, the second annual summer meeting turned out positively. We thank those who participated and look forward to the next summer meeting. As of yet, no one has come forward with a proposal so please consider your area for '89!

IDAHO CHAPTER
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

24-24 February 1989
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 31 DECEMBER 1988.

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.



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