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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a long time between newsletters-although I haven't received any complaints. The reason for the delay is twofold. First, I have had an extremely busy spring and summer. Second, not much (with respect to the chapter) has been going on.

Although spring and summer have not been real busy from our Chapter's standpoint, there are a few things that may be of interest. Several Chapter members attended the Northwest section meeting in Silverdale, WA during April. The meeting was reasonably well attended and the weather was wonderful (so was the sea food). Chuck Blair has now taken over as Section President and got things rolling with one of the most interesting Executive Board meetings we have had in some time-most people actually stayed for the entire board meeting. Besides a number of thought-provoking papers, the highlight of the section meeting was the presentation of the Einarson Award to Chuck Meslow.

The Chapter also helped sponsor the Western States Sage and Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop in Pocatello this past July. The meeting was attended by almost 100 people, including a big game biologist from Salmon. (Rumor has it that he misread the term "lek" and thought the meeting was about elk).

Several Chapter members have also been organizing next year's meeting. We are moving out of our "comfort zone" and going to try something different for the 1992 meeting. This meeting will be held jointly with the Washington Chapter and the Northwest Section. It will also take place in Moscow rather than Boise. Needless to say, it should be a large, but enjoyable, meeting.

Finally, the Chapter was involved in commenting on proposed predator management activities on the Caribou National Forest.

Enough of this chit-chat and on to the the guts of this message. The Idaho Chapter **needs volunteers** to run for elected offices. We will be holding elections late this fall for the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. I hope to have 2 or 3 individuals run for each office. A nominations committee is being established to solicit nominations and put together a slate of candidates. Tom Hemker has agreed to chair this committee (in other words be the chief arm-twister) and will be selecting committee members in the next two weeks. If you are interested in running for office or would like to nominate someone else, please contact Tom (334-2920) or one of the current officers. A word of caution - if you intend to nominate an individual make sure that person will agree to run and is a member of our parent organization (a qualification for all officers).

## MEETINGS OF INTEREST

November 6-10, 1991. Raptor Research Foundation's Annual Meeting. Westin Hotel, Tulsa, OK. (Contact-Ms. Keven Colbert, 918/336-2473).

January 21-23, 1992. Fire in Pacific Northwest Ecosystems: exploring emerging issues. Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR. (Contact-Conf. Asst., 503/737-2329).

January 20-22, 1992. International Conference On Improving Hunter Compliance With Wildlife Laws: The Roles of Management, enforcement, and Education. Bally's Hotel Casino & Pepermill Hotel Casino, Reno, NV. College of Natural Resources, (Contact Kirk Beattle, Univ. of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**Jim McDonough Award:** The Jim McDonough Award is an annual award presented by The Wildlife Society, consisting of a plaque and a monetary sum of \$500.00, given to no more than one recipient per year.

The fund has been set up by Jim McDonough as a trust to T.W.S. Jim was employed by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for approximately 40 years. His efforts included research on cottontail rabbits and white-tailed deer. He has been very active in Northeast Section affairs and has worked with various branches of the Deer Society in Ireland.

The Awards Committee has attempted to capture his wishes in the following criteria. We are hoping to provide some recognition for the good, dedicated professional who has been "slogging it out," but may have gone unrecognized. Mr. McDonough's intent is to have this award's identity tied to the thousands of "unknown workers" who contribute so much to this profession on a day-to-day basis.

### Criteria

The nominee must be:

1. A member of The Wildlife Society and a member of the respective Section and Chapter if any in which that individual resides.
2. A Certified Wildlife Biologist.
3. A person who has made, or is making, a significant contribution to the wildlife profession by being an active member/participant of The Wildlife Society, especially at local levels (i.e., Chapter and Section). The individual must have made (or is still making) contributions that reflect well on professional biologists through program implementation and development of new techniques or approaches in an area or in a state or province. The person should be the kind recognized by fellow workers as a solid contributor and a "true professional" who previously has not received a major award, citation or prominent recognition.

If you wish to nominate a candidate(s), please send the nominee's full name, present position, address and phone number; nominator's and endorser's names, addresses and phone numbers; and a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination to: Ollie Torgerson, Missouri Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102 (314/751-4115). **NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 1991.**

## Conservation Education Award

The Wildlife Society is now accepting nominations for the 1991-92 Conservation Education Award in the category of "audio-visual works." The Conservation Education Award encompasses the broad field of renewable resources conservation and management, but wildlife and their habitats are expected to be the focus of nominated works. The award may be presented to an artist, film maker, TV/radio commentator, photographer, or other creative worker whose accomplishments effectively convey sound conservation concepts and practices to the public.

Media that may satisfy the criteria of the audio-visual category include slide presentations, videos and film, photographic works, paintings and drawings, lectures, and television or radio broadcasts. Artwork (including photography) may be in the form of a portfolio, published text, or brochure and must be accompanied by appropriate text or captions. Candidate works should have been completed or published no earlier than 1988. Evaluation criteria include conservation message, quality of visual materials, quality of audio or text, technical accuracy, originality, interest, and potential audience.

A nomination statement and 5 complete copies of the materials should be sent to the following address: Beth Giron Pendleton, USDA Forest Service, Wildlife & Fisheries, P.O. Box 96090, 201 14th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20090-6090. The additional copies are necessary to facilitate timely review of nominations by the judging committee. All nominations must be received no later than 1 October 1991, but submissions should be made as early as possible to permit adequate review. The nominations should include a point of contact and commercial phone number, name and affiliation of nominee, brief explanation of the use and intent of the presentation, and any other information considered relevant to the committee's deliberations. Because if the volume of materials expected and the lengthy review process, materials usually cannot be returned.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Geoff Hogander (Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Land Management) was presented the Wildlife Professional of the Year Award at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

Steve Schmidt (Wildlife Biologist, Idaho Department of Fish and Game) was presented with the award for best student paper at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.

**Helen Ulmschneider (Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) was presented with the award for best student paper at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.**

**Jim Hayden (Wildlife Manager, Idaho Department of Fish and Game) was named as editor of the newsletter for the Northwest Section of the Wildlife Society.**

**The Bureau of Land Management has developed a new computerized log that lists projects or activities taking place on public lands. Projects included on the list are those requiring documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act. More information can be obtained by contacting Butch Peugh at the Idaho State BLM Office (208/384-3706).**

**The Bureau of Land Management has also published a proposed rulemaking concerning new bonding requirements designed to ensure reclamation on all mining operations. Contact the Idaho State BLM Office for more information.**

**The Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Volunteer Program offers people of all ages the opportunity to become personally involved with projects that benefit wildlife and habitat. No matter what your background or interest, there's a way you can be involved!**

**Without volunteers, many important projects cannot happen. With your help, they can evolve from mere wishful thinking into tangible benefits for wildlife and people.**

**As you donate your skills, labor and expertise, you'll discover a new sense of ownership in Idaho's wildlife resources. You'll learn more about the needs of wild creatures. And, you'll meet people who share your interests and sense of concern about the natural world.**

**Department people are looking forward to joining with you and other volunteers to protect and enhance Idaho's rich wildlife heritage. Working together, we can accomplish a lot, for today and for tomorrow.**

**If you want to be an Idaho Wildlife Volunteer, contact the Idaho Fish and Game office in your region.**

**Coeur D'Alene (208) 765-311  
Lewiston (208) 324-4350  
Boise (208) 334-2658  
Jerome (208) 525-7290  
Pocatello (208) 232-4703  
Idaho Falls (208) 525-7290  
Salmon (208) 756-2271**

## **LEGISLATIVE ALERTS**

-- **The Senate has approved legislation giving the Justice Department authority to override all federal regulations that hint of taking private property rights. Conservationists fear that the measure, if adopted by the House, would neutralize federal programs that protect wetlands, wildlife, water quality and other environmental resources.**

**The legislation originally was offered as S. 50 by Senator Steve Symms (ID). No hearings were held on the bill, yet Symms managed to get it attached to the Senate's Federal Highway Act reauthorization bill (S.1204), which was approved by the Senate last month.**

**The Symms bill codifies a 1988 executive order (E.O. 12630) issued by President Ronald Reagan. It authorizes the Justice Department to review and rule on each agency's regulation procedures to determine if private property is protected. Senators opposed to Symm's amendment argued that the true purpose was to expand the definition of private property taking so that agencies could not regulate such things as water and air pollution, soil erosion, wildlife habitat protection and private uses of public land.**

**Conservationists are responding that the "takings" clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has protected private property well for more than 200 years. That clause bans the government from taking private property without just compensation.**

**The matter now is before the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, chaired by Congressman Robert Roe (NJ).**

-- **Lonnie Williamson of the Wildlife Management Institute has captured the essence of a major concern that has state fish and wildlife directors caught in the middle between their governors and resource conservation interests:**

**The White House is pushing a rule change that may cost state fish and wildlife agencies more than \$33 million annually in interest earned on fishing and hunting license revenues. That money could be diverted from fish and wildlife conservation into other state programs.**

**The Federal Aid in Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs are funded with special taxes supported and paid by**

sportsmen on hunting and fishing equipment. These monies are apportioned to fish and wildlife agencies, where they are matched (75%-25%) by those agencies.

The Federal Aid acts require states participating in the programs to use license receipts only for administering the fish and wildlife agency. Two years ago, the Service issued a rule requiring that interest earned on the receipts also be directed to the agencies. This is the rule that some people in the White House want to quash (in the name of "New Federalism"), apparently at the behest of the National Governors' Association and state budgetary officials.

Interest on deposited hunting and fishing fees currently is directed to the fish and wildlife agency in 39 states. It amounts to \$33 million annually. It is an important source of funding in all the states, especially those that receive no general fund appropriations, which included nearly half of them. In some states, such as Wyoming which gets a large percentage of its budget (\$3 million annually) from fee interest, redirection of that money would be devastating.

Aside from purely fiscal aspects of the White House move, diverting fee interest is a direct slap at sportsmen who provide the bulk of the state fish and wildlife agency funding. Sportsmen license fees makeup 56 percent of the states' fish and wildlife budgets. Special taxes requested by and paid by sportsmen are an additional 25 percent. Interest on the license fees is another 2 percent. General appropriations, which also include sportsmen contributions, constitute only 17 percent of state fish and wildlife funding.

Sportsmen and conservationists feel betrayed by the White House position on this matter. They are writing President George Bush and their governors to request that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule stand.

Because the Idaho Chapter represents resource interests and does not need to be responsive to the governor, please join sportsmen and conservationists in opposing this rule change. Write the President at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20500, and take time to write your governor also.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The beginning balance for calendar year 1991 was \$7,282.42 which is held in a non-profit premium checking account at the first interstate bank in Boise. As of July 31, 1991, the account balance was \$5,236.63.

The larger expenses incurred so far through this calendar year are listed below:

- Donation to the Elk Vulnerability workshop - \$500.00.
- Donation to Edson Fichter Scholarship Fund - \$2,000.00.
- Payment to Red Lion Downtowner for winter meeting - \$2433.57.

Our chapter's earning to date are primarily associated with the annual meeting. About \$1,840 was taken in for registration for the meeting and another \$295 was collected in membership dues. The auction/raffle fund raiser raised \$2,106 for the chapter, comprised of \$485 bought in by raffle tickets, \$1,018 from items purchased during the open auction and \$603 earned from the silent auction.

A sincere thank you again goes out to all who support the chapter through donations of items, enthusiastic bidding and assistance during the fundraiser.

The following individuals and organizations have been especially helpful with the 1991 fundraiser:

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| Bill Bernt       | Mike Kochert        |
| Bogus Basin      | Phyllis Kochert     |
| Ski Resort       | Dave Lockwood       |
| Gary Burnett     | Dorothy Mattise     |
| Jerry Conley     | Sam Mattise         |
| Jack Connelly    | Richard McCabe      |
| Erica H. Craig   | Matt McCoy          |
| Gene de Reus     | Wayne Melquist      |
| Larry Donohoo    | Paul Moroz          |
| Ducks Unlimited, | Pheasants Forever   |
| Eagle Chapter    | Red Lion Downtowner |
| Edson Fichter    | Diane Ronayne       |
| Chuck Harris     | Roger Rosentreter   |
| Marilyn Hemker   | Rocky Mountain Elk  |
| Tom Hemker       | Foundation          |
| Rich Howard      | Lewis Tharp         |
| Idaho Department | Delmar Vail         |
| of Fish & Game   | Cydney A. Weiland   |
| IDF&G Nongame    | Barry Whitehill     |
| Program          | Wildlife Management |
| Idaho Wildlife   | Institute           |
| Magazine         |                     |

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## IDAHO WILDLIFE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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I want to join the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and enclose \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 (1 year), \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 (2 years), \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 (3 years) in payment of dues. This is a new/renewal membership. It is not necessary to be a member of the parent Wildlife Society to be a member of the Idaho Chapter. Membership is by calendar year. Make checks Payable to "Idaho Wildlife Society", and mail to: Idaho Wildlife Society, c/o Paul Moroz, 2081 N.W. 8th Street, Meridian, ID 83642.

### Directory Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer, Affiliation, School, or Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Justin Naderman  
Idaho Dept. Fish & Game  
1550 Lincoln Road  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's name, address, city, state, and zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
I am applying for membership in the Idaho Wildlife Society. I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ (3 letters) in payment of dues. I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ (3 letters) \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 in payment of dues. I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ (3 letters) \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 in payment of dues. I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ (3 letters) \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 in payment of dues.

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