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Society News

Conservation Affairs

Trumpeter Swans - The Chapter will be sending a letter to the Secretary of the Interior Department, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Regional Directors in Portland and Denver expressing our support for continued emphasis of trumpeter swan range expansion efforts and populations restoration. It appears that funding for this program may be in jeopardy.

Idaho Wilderness Legislation - Congressman Larry Larocco has introduced the Idaho Wilderness, Sustainable Forests and Communities Act of 1993, HR 1570, in April. The Chapter shall review the provisions for additional wilderness acres and released area and submit comments as the process of Idaho roadless land resolution continues. Lisa Lombardi (882-1444, P.O. Box 8596 Moscow, ID 83843) is a chapter member interested in pooling information from chapter members on the priorities and need for wilderness classification. These might include TES species, areas important for connectivity, etc. Please contact her to provide input and help pool the chapter's expertise.

Sagebrush Control - the Chapter intends to stay informed on the matter of Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development proposals by the Soil Conservation Service that involve chemical treatment of sagebrush. The Conservation Affairs Committee needs your input and help on these and other important matters affecting wildlife resources in Idaho. Please contact me or committee chairperson Jeri Williams for more information on these topics.

Spending Our Money from Treasurer Geoff Hogander

As Treasurer and Finance Committee member, I am asking you, the membership, for some guidance on spending our money.

The membership I've talked to generally feels that our first priority for spending should be for the benefit of Idaho wildlife and people. Our current priorities for spending money are: **Chapter business** (newsletter, annual meeting), **Education and outreach** (scholarships, symposia, publications, educational programs through schools, 4-H, etc.), **Research** (priority on Idaho species - T&E, unique to state, natives), and **Goodwill/awards** (awards or donations given in the Chapter's name to people or organizations who have directly or indirectly benefitted wildlife).

Annually we get more requests than we can fund and some requests can become ongoing programs, i.e., Scholarships or sponsorship of contests. The requests come in at all times of the year. Our membership votes on those requests which can be delayed until the annual meeting and the Finance Committee decides on the rest. Do we want to make a policy that the requests made before the membership at the annual meeting have first dibs on the available money? In that case, if we have enough requests at the meeting all our annual spending could be used up. If we want some money set aside for "emergencies", how much should it be? What is an "emergency"? Should we set limits on how much we give to any one request? Do we want to get involved in long-term programs that require annual obligations?

Our annual income is approximately \$3000. We use about \$1,000 for newsletters and Chapter business which leaves about \$2000 unobligated. The Finance Committee has suggested that we spend this largesse in the following priorities: 60% Education, 15% Research and 20% "emergencies" (an undefined term as yet), and 5% Goodwill.

Perhaps you are happy with the way things are. If not, please let me hear from you so I can write a policy that truly reflects the desires of the membership.

Selling our Mailing List: Before the last meeting I contacted some mail order companies asking for donations to our raffle/auction. At least two indicated that they would donate a prize if we gave them a list of our members willing to get their catalogs. I think it would be a good idea. Do YOU want to be on more mailing lists? Let me know if you feel differently on this one as I will interpret a non-response as consent.

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

President Paul Moroz called the meeting to order 3:33 p.m.

Minutes of April 24, 1992 meeting were approved as read.

Geoff Hogander, treasurer, reported a treasury balance of about \$4,900 prior to the 1993 meeting.

Committee Reports:

Conservation Affairs

Committee has responded: 1) with a letter to the scoping request on wolf reintroduction. 2) with a letter of the draft EIS on the Bombing Range Expansion and 3) with a letter on the Clearwater National Forest Management Strategy Report. The need for ASCS and SCS to comply with NEPA for projects they administer was investigated. It was found that they do need to comply with NEPA, however, their current operating procedures do not appear to meet NEPA requirements. A motion was passed to have the Conservation Affairs committee, with the assistance from Randy Smith and Tony APA draft a letter to the state ASCS director that would discuss NEPA requirements.

Membership Committee

Paul Moroz reported that he coordinated the Idaho Chapter membership drive with the National TWS membership drive. Paul offered a new member coupon worth \$5.00 toward 1993 membership. Nine new members used the coupon. An estimated 20-30 new members joined the Chapter during the membership drive.

1994 Chapter Meeting

Arrangements for the 1994 annual meeting were approved. The meeting will be held at Templins in Post Falls, Idaho March 2-5, 1994. Scott Robison and Sandy Jacobson are co-chairs. The possibility of coordinating the Chapter meeting with another meeting will be investigated by

Signe Sather-Blair, Jeri Williams, and the Executive Committee. Possibilities include: workshop on amphibians and reptiles, rare animals species working group, and Partners in Flight. Please contact Alan Sands if you would like to contribute ideas or energy to our 1994 meeting.

General Business

Jack Connelly and Tom Hemker agreed to form a nomination and election committee later in the year.

Hadley Roberts expressed his appreciation for Chapter support for his book, Birds of South Central Idaho. Special thanks go to Wayne Melquist, Jack Connelly, Jerry Gregson and Chuck Trost for their support. Hadley offered a free copy of the book to all Chapter members who attended the 1993 meeting.

The Chapter's response to the Clearwater Forest Report was discussed. The report dealt with both resource management and personnel attitudes. The Chapter's response addressed both issues to some degree.

Some members felt the Chapter's response to issues should be limited to resource management only. Others felt the Chapter was justified to respond to both issues. President Paul Moroz said the Chapter's letter was reviewed and discussed with the Executive Committee and Tom Franklin, Field Director for TWS. Tom thought the letter was appropriate, but recommended that most personnel issues should be left to agency grievance procedures.

A motion was passed to have a committee develop a standing policy for the Chapter to follow when personnel issues are involved. Members of the committee are: Wayne Melquist, Larry Donohoo, Signe Sather-Blair, and Rich Howard.

Geoff Hogander, treasurer, briefly discussed the need for the Chapter to develop guidelines for requests for financial assistance. Although the Chapter is not a granting or philanthropic organization, it has provided limited financial assistance to individuals and groups from revenues generated from the annual fundraiser. The number of requests are increasing, but currently the Chapter has no guidelines for the financial committee to follow. Geoff agreed to develop draft guidelines, place them in the newsletter, and solicit member response.

Jenny Taylor requested the Chapter give financial assistance to the Inland Empire Natural Resource Youth Camp. Assistance would involve a financial contribution and meeting with the board of directors. A motion was approved to contact the Washington Chapter, TWS to see if they are interested in co-sponsoring the camp with the Idaho Chapter. Jenny agreed to contact the Washington Chapter and get back in touch with the Executive Committee.

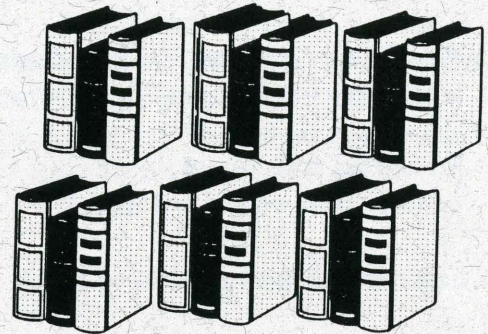
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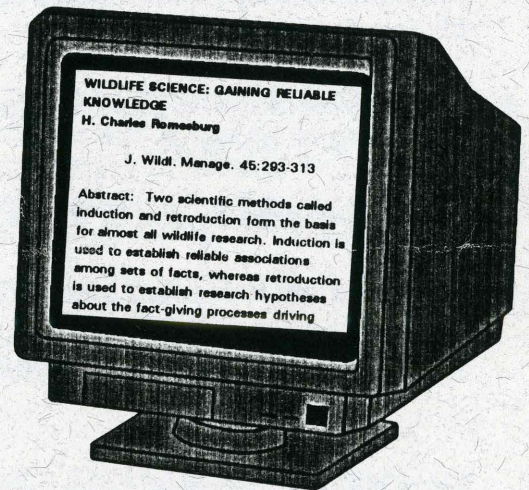
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Highlights of the Executive Committee Meeting, March 27

Jeri Williams will draft a letter to Congressman LaRocco addressing broad issues relative to wildlife and wildlife habitats and offer Chapter support in resolving the wilderness issue in Idaho.

The Executive Committee agreed to place \$2,500 of the Chapter's unencumbered assets into a short-term bond fund which returns 7.5-8.0% interest.

The Executive Committee voted to have all dues \$10.00 (no student discounts) but to retain student discounts on the annual meeting registration.

Dean Rose was given \$250 by the Executive Committee to support students in the 4-H wildlife habitat judging contest.

A request from Ruth Shea and Gary Will to encourage the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continue funding for trumpeter swan range expansion. The Conservation affairs committee will work with Gary to draft an appropriate response.

There was discussion about requests from non-members for the Chapter to respond to wildlife issues. The Committee believes that it is appropriate to respond to Idaho wildlife issues, it is important for wildlife professionals to become involved in and support the Chapter. The Region 3 Wildlife Council sent a letter to the Chapter explaining a change in their bylaws that would limit membership on the Council to groups with hunting and fishing interests. The Executive Committee will respond with a letter encouraging the council to maintain contact and communicate with all wildlife interest groups.

Jack Connelly suggested that the Awards Committee be made up of: immediate past award winner (Chair), immediate past chair, and two members appointed by the President. A Chapter membership directory will be available this summer and will include alphabetical listing of all members and addresses and phone numbers and employers. All members will be sent a copy.

A complementary copy of the next newsletter will be sent to nonmembers who registered at the annual meeting and to all Forest Service district offices, Bureau of Land Management district offices, wildlife refuges and Idaho Fish and Game regional offices.

Geoff Hogander will poll Chapter members via the newsletter on their feelings about giving the Chapter membership list to some catalog businesses that, in turn, donate items to the Chapter fundraising efforts.

Paul Moroz emphasized that chapter members only donate viewing or study trips to the Chapter fundraiser. Fishing, hunting, and floating trips require a outfitters and guides license.

The Executive Committee agreed to donate \$1,500 to the Edson Fichter scholarship fund this year.



VIEWPOINT

JERRY DEAL

As we peer across the threshold of a new millennium, the need for a fresh paradigm for natural resource management is compelling. While values and techniques have evolved over the past century, extensive testing of traditional management approaches has provided the opportunity to learn a great deal. This process has led to the concept of sustainable ecosystem management, by which land is managed at a broad scale for the long-term needs of society rather than short-term economics or some limited number of uses. Principles of landscape structure and function, biotic diversity and natural variability are integrated with objectives for commodity production and future conditions in a context of social values and political processes.

During the Idaho Chapter meeting in March, an evolution to this perspective within the Wildlife Society was evident, demonstrating a progressive willingness to move beyond single-species management and provincial interests of agencies to reflect a broader range of values and adaptability in management activity. Including presentations on amphibians and reptiles, bird songs, timber management and rural development along with more traditional wildlife management topics clearly signals a change. Several speakers also shared ideas on how resource professionals can adapt to the changing environment in which management proceeds. Ultimately, it will be this environment of human values, social needs and political will power which determines the success of any effort toward sustainable ecosystem management. While the will exists and opportunity is still available, we should take the initiative.

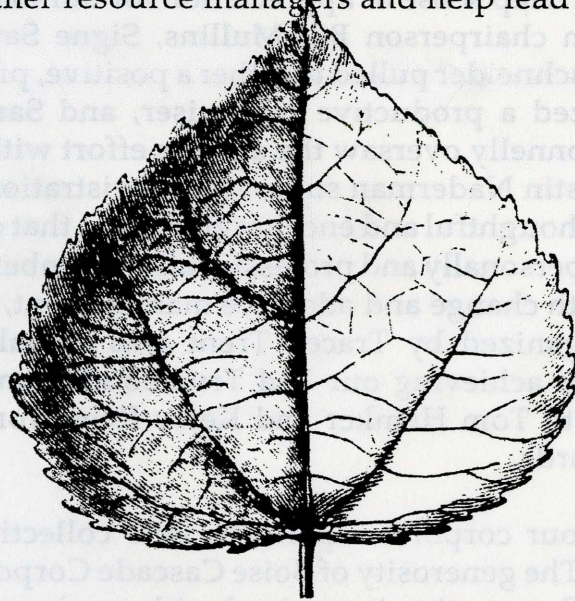
Not to be confused with preserving ecosystems in a purely "natural" state, sustainable ecosystem management requires action. Nevertheless, understanding natural ecosystem functions will help determine what practices are possible and how to interpret monitoring results. Objectives include minimizing subsidies and retaining system resilience, so clear goals reflecting these qualities are essential in the planning process. However, goals need to go beyond the current concept of multiple use. Although forest health improvement and rangeland restoration are being targeted at a large spatial scale in some areas of the state, the underlying focus is still generally commodity use.

Planning must factor in natural variability and long-term change in resource response, climate and society as well. The hierarchy of annual, 5 and 10 - year proposals should be formed only in the context of their contribution to long-range objectives. Action can start now with adaptive management techniques based on experimentation to utilize feedback for refining methods and applying lessons learned. Interagency cooperation is also important to ensure compatible

applying lessons learned. Interagency cooperation is also important to ensure compatible objectives. Some changes in policy and legislation are necessary, but resource managers don't have to wait to start making decisions within their authority based on thinking at a broader scale of time, space, species, and functions.

Leadership from wildlife professionals is essential. However, perhaps because each of us has a clear but unique idea of what we mean by sustainability, a lack of well-defined goals and objectives may doom resource management to proceed on the course of the past. It may be difficult to challenge some of those old paradigms, and new constituency may be needed. A broad base of support for sustainable management is unlikely to be forthcoming from many of the short-range economic interests or narrowly focused groups such as "wise use" proponents, preservationists, animal rights activists and even some recreational interests who currently influence management policy. They must still be heard, but a much broader potential support base may be exploited in an educated public with an interest in the social and physical environment in which their progeny will live. We should find out what they want for the future and help them make informed decisions with the most accurate and unbiased information we can.

Aldo Leopold proposed the concept of a land ethic long ago. Today in Idaho we can implement this philosophy through sustainable ecosystem management. The Society of American Foresters has urged abandoning sustained-yield management and favors adoption of this new approach. Former Region 1 Forester John Mumma recently proposed a change in management of rangelands to emphasize the total values of the land and not just meat production. I urge members of the Wildlife Society to join other resource managers and help lead the way to a sustainable future.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This being the first newsletter since the Chapter's annual meeting in Boise, I'd like to reflect on the event. First, I was left with a deep sense of appreciation for our members and friends. With Alan Sands serving as program chairperson Bill Mullins, Signe Sather-Blair, Jeri Williams, Michael Gratson and Helen Ulmschneider pulled together a positive, professional, and enjoyable program. Tom Hemker organized a productive fundraiser, and Sam Mattise served as our entertaining auctioneer. Jack Connelly oversaw the awards effort with the assistance of Chuck Harris. Geoff Hogander and Justin Naderman supervised registration. I thought our keynote speaker Tom Kovalicky offered thoughtful and encouraging ideas that could help us better adapt to changing environments, both personally and professionally. Members of the panel discussions gave me insights into coping with change and adaptive management, while the nominal group process riparian discussion organized by Tracey Trent was revealing. I congratulate Jim Schneider and Jack Connelly for achieving our Ted Trueblood Communications Awards for 1993. Congratulations also go to Tom Hemker and Kerry Reese for receiving the Chapter's Professional(s) of The Year Awards.

My gratitude also goes out to our corporate sponsors, who collectively contributed \$600 to covering our meeting expenses. The generosity of Boise Cascade Corporation, CH2M Hill, Idaho Power Company, and Potlatch Corporation is received with much appreciation.

Finally, I encourage everyone to consider becoming a candidate for Chapter officers in 1994. All positions expire their two-year terms this winter. While some incumbents may choose to run again, I will not seek another term as president. Though I have enjoyed the challenge of this post, I want to focus my energy toward my son's school activities and upbringing. Please call me, Jack Connelly, or Tom Hemker if you want more information on running for office yourself, nominating others to run or to serve as election chairperson.