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# IDAHO CHAPTER

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## IDAHO CHAPTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The newsletter may seem a little larger this time. There are two reasons for its increased size. First, we are trying to expand the "news and notes" section. This section provides a means of letting members know whose doing what as well as who is going where. This part of the newsletter also provides a vehicle for keeping members up to date on the latest issues, concerns and controversies within our field. The only problem is that my sources for this information are fairly limited. I could use a lot more input from members, especially with regard to news of members and challenges facing the wildlife profession. So, if you have some information that you think might be of interest to Idaho Chapter members please share it with me or one of the other officers and we will get it into the newsletter.

The second reason for the increased size is that its election time. Tom Hemker and his committee did a fine job of rooting out volunteers to run for Chapter offices. In fact, it appears that Tom got so carried away that he volunteered himself - that's the kind of enthusiasm we like to see! Seriously, we have a great slate of candidates, so please take the time to review the nominees and vote for the candidates of your choice. I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in the election process. Although the duties associated with each chapter office are not overwhelming, they can take up a substantial amount of time during parts of the year.

### MEETINGS OF INTEREST

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 5-10, 1992. Workshop on statistics for biologists. WEST, Inc., Durango, Co.

Topics range from basic statistics & stat. software to habitat selection functions and randomization tests. (Mary A. Muller, WEST, INC., 1406 S. Greeley Hwy., Cheyenne, WY 82007. 307/634-1756).

January 6-10, 1992. Natural Resources Communication Workshop (& possibly 13-17 Jan.), sponsored by the Western Section, TWS. Deadline for applications-8 Nov. 1991: course fee \$350. Calif. State U., Chico, CA. (Dr. Jon K. Hooper, CA State U., Chico, CA 95829-0560. 916/898-5811).

March 27-April 1, 1992. The Wildlife Society Annual Mtg. (incl. Annual Council Mtg.), Radisson Plaza Hotel Charlottee & Charlottee Convention Center, Charlotte, NC. (Harry E. Hodgdon, Exec. Director, TWS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2197. 301/897-9770).

March 27-April 1, 1992. 57th North American Wildl. & Natural Resources Conf., Radisson Plaza Hotel Charlotte & Charlotte Convention Ctr., Charlotte, NC. (L.L. Williamson, Wildlife Manage. Institute, 1101 14th Street, N.W., Suite 725, Washington, DC 20005. 202/371-1808).

April 22-24, 1992. Joint meeting of the Northwest Section and Idaho and Washington Chapters, The Wildlife Society. University Inn, Moscow, ID. (Contact-Kerry Reese, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843. 208/885-6435).

April 27-May 1, 1992. The 8th Biennial Wild Sheep and Goat Council Symposium. Holiday Inn, Cody, WY. (Contact-Kevin Hurley, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, 932 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443-2115. 307/864-9375).



## CALL FOR PAPERS

You are cordially invited to attend the 8th Biennial Northern Wild Sheep & Goat Council Symposium on 27 April - 1 May 1992 at the Holiday Inn in Cody, Wyoming. Should you plan to present a paper or poster, please submit an abstract by 15 December 1991 to: John Emmerich, 1992 NWSGC Publications Coordinator, Wyoming Game & Fish Department, 260 Buena Vista, Lander, WY 82520. 307/332-2688. Fax 307/332-6669. Decisions on acceptance of abstracts will be notified by 15 January 1992. Camera-ready final papers written in Journal of Wildlife Management format are due 15 April 1992. Final papers and abstracts should be printed using letter gothic, 12-pitch standard type. Please do not use dot matrix printers. Details on registration, meeting agenda, lodging, transportation, social activities, etc., will be mailed out in January 1992. If you need more information, please contact: Kevin Hurley, 1992 NWSGC Conference Chair, Wyoming Game & Fish Department, 932 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443-2115. 307/864-9375. Fax 307/864-5116.

## NEWS AND NOTES

Mark Robertson, An Idaho Chapter member for the last 3 years has moved on to greener (or at least different) pastures. Mark has taken a position with the Bureau of Land Management as an Area Biologist in Meeker, Colorado.

Mike Gratson (EG&G Inc., Idaho Falls) has accepted a position as a Research Biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Mike will be stationed in Lewiston.

Mike McDonald (Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game) has accepted a position as Landowner/Sportsmen Coordinator with the Department of Fish and Game in Jerome.

Martha Wackenhut (Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game) has accepted a position as Landowner/Sportsmen Coordinator with the Department of Fish and Game in Pocatello.

Bob Martin (Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game) has accepted a position as Environmental Coordinator with the Department in Idaho Falls.

Cecil Brown has retired from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Jim Unsworth (Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Idaho) has moved to Boise where he will take a position as Principal Wildlife Research Biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Daryl Meints (Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Idaho) has recently accepted a position with the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game as a Regional Wildlife Biologist in Pocatello.

Gina Ballard (Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Idaho) has returned to Michigan to begin a Ph.D. program at Michigan State University.

## Office of Government Ethics Proposed Rule

The Wildlife Society is concerned about the potential impact of the Office of Government Ethics' proposed rule, "Standards of Ethical conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch," that appeared in the Federal Register on 23 July 1991. Although the proposal encourages federal employees to participate in programs and activities of professional/scientific associations, it effectively prohibits federal employees from serving on official time as an officer of the association or participating in the internal or business affairs of outside organizations. The Wildlife Society criticized the proposed rule and pointed out the significant educational, scientific, managerial, and technical benefits of federal employee participation in leadership positions of scientific and professional organizations.

## Controversy Over Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

The upcoming reauthorization of the Clean Water Act has drawn attention to Section 404 that regulates dredge and fill operations in the nation's wetlands. Some lawmakers see this as an opportunity to weaken the Act, thereby reducing restrictions placed on private land use. Five bills to amend S.404 have been introduced, but none supports the interests of conservation organizations. Currently, the bills with the most support in the House and Senate weaken existing standards for protecting wetlands.

The Environmental Protection Agency drafted a revised version of the wetlands delineation manual that outlines criteria for defining wetlands subject to Section 404 jurisdiction. Administration officials revised the draft to outline a weaker definition of jurisdictional wetlands and released it as the proposed 1991 manual on 14 August.

The Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetland originally was devised in 1989 as a scientific document providing federal agencies with a single consistent definition of wetlands. The proposed revisions, however, reflect political considerations that are



not scientifically founded. The Wildlife Society has alerted sections and chapters of the proposed manual changes and encouraged them to submit comments to the Environmental Protection Agency. The Wildlife Society also is developing comments that reflect national concerns.

### Moratorium Considered for 1872 Mineral Law Patenting

The Wildlife Society joined 23 conservation organizations in sending a letter to Congress in support of a moratorium on public lands "patenting." Senator Bumpers (D-AR) introduced appropriations bill language for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies to place the moratorium on land patenting for environmental and fiscal reasons. However, the Senate rejected Bumpers' amendment. The moratorium will be considered in conference committee. Current law allows public lands and their mineral rights to be sold for as little as \$2.50 per acre to any individual who discovers a "valuable mineral deposit." At present, there are 1.2 million mining claims totaling 20 million acres of public lands, including National Parks and Wilderness Areas. The Wildlife Society and co-signers argued that the moratorium would allow time for the development of comprehensive mining laws.

### IDAHO CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Idaho Chapter's funds are held in non-profit premium checking account at the First Interstate Bank in Boise. The most recent statement of account showed a balance of \$5,308.55 as of October 31. Approximately \$18.00 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 NW 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 more 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 1992 fundraiser, please contact Paul at home at 888-6482 or at work at 364-4260 or at the address shown above.

### **Idaho Chapter, TWS CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE**

#### President

**Nominee:** Jerome Hansen  
**Position:** Wildlife Biologist,  
Idaho Dept. of Fish  
and Game, Boise.

#### **Views:**

*I am running for president of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society because of a strong feeling that the Chapter can and will influence important resource issues in Idaho in the next two years and beyond. Among other things, the Chapter also provides an important forum for information exchange between professional biologists in Idaho. Both Jack Connelly and Chuck Blair have done an excellent job of steering the Chapter in the right direction in the last few years. I recently served the Chapter as vice-president and am prepared to take over the wheel at this time.*

**Nominee:** Paul Moroz  
**Position:** Wildlife Biologist,  
U.S. Forest Service,  
Emmett.

#### **Views:**

*I seek the position of Chapter President because I want to be directly involved with the membership throughout the state. Having known and worked with many biologists in Idaho, I'm impressed with the variety of perspectives and skills our membership holds. I want to help channel our energy towards identifying and resolving the priority problems that face Idaho's wildlife resources over the next two years -- specifically, by encouraging better communication and networking statewide.*

#### Vice-President

**Nominee:** Tom Hemker  
**Position:** Upland Game Supervisor,  
Idaho Dept. of Fish and  
Game, Boise.

#### **Views:**

*My vision of the future of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society includes three major goals. First, the Chapter needs to have increased involvement in the political process. As a professional organization, we need to make sure our voice is heard when significant decisions are made concerning natural resource*



issues. Secondly, the chapter needs to be active in educating the public about our profession and biological issues. I suggest an Adopt-A-School concept or some similar way for the public to get to know us as professionals. Other interest groups do this routinely and we need to develop a program that is both useful and not too time consuming for our membership. Finally, I see a need to continue to enhance the quality of our annual meetings so that biologists from throughout the state find it useful and fun to attend these events. Topics that have clear job application make it easier for folks to attend and get their supervisors to approve travel to these meetings. As Vice-President, annual meetings would be a large part of my responsibilities.

**Nominee:** Alan Sands  
**Position:** Wildlife Biologist,  
Bureau of Land Management,  
Boise.

**Views:**

The Idaho Chapter has grown in both membership and organizationally during the last ten years. High quality presentations and thoughtful panels are the norm of our annual meetings. We have become much more active on issues affecting wildlife resources in the state. And, our financial resources have expanded considerably, enabling the organization to establish scholarships and provide funds to other worthy causes. This didn't just happen. It happened because the Chapter has had very good leadership and a willingness of its officers and committee members to go the extra mile.

The organization is on the right track. Growth in membership, professionalism, conservation affairs, and finances needs to continue. I would like to assist in this growth.

I have been an active member of the Wildlife Society for 18 years and affiliated with the Idaho Chapter for the last 15 years. During that time, I have served on the Awards Committee, Conservation Affairs Committee, and the Annual Meeting Program Committee and Auction Committee.

**Secretary**

**Nominee:** Bob Martin  
**Position:** Environmental Coordinator,  
Idaho Dept. of Fish and  
Game, Idaho Falls.

**Views:**

I want to see this Chapter continue its tradition of organizing a high quality professional meeting annually; and I want to see us make the news more often, especially in water rights and flow issues.

**Nominee:** Mike McDonald  
**Position:** Landowner/Sportsmen  
Coordinator, Idaho  
Dept. of Fish and  
Game, Jerome

**Views:**

Because of the nature of my position with Fish and Game, I would encourage the Society to be a more active participant in acknowledging the valuable contribution private land makes to a variety of wildlife in Idaho. This type of recognition would be a big step towards promoting and improving relations between private landowners and the variety of user groups we have in the state.

**Nominee:** Justin Naderman  
**Position:** Wildlife Biologist,  
Idaho Dept. of Fish  
and Game, Idaho Falls.

**Views:**

I would like to see the Chapter become more active and visible in Idaho wildlife issues. There are many wildlife related issues including education, habitat manipulation, forest management, grazing management, sport hunting, anti-hunting and wildlife-hunter-landowner problems that the Chapter should be actively involved in. Some of these issues have been discussed at annual meetings and after the meeting we come home and feel good about what was discussed, but nothing is done to address the issue outside our membership circle.

I would like to see working groups formed from the membership to take these issues to the arena necessary to seek solutions. The diverse backgrounds of our members, their employers and distribution throughout the state provides an excellent opportunity to form productive working groups on almost every issue in the state.

If elected, I will work with other officers to make your Chapter more active and visible.

**Treasurer**

**Nominee:** Geoff Hogander  
**Position:** Wildlife Biologist,  
Bureau of Land Management,  
Pocatello.

**Views:**

I feel that the Wildlife Society needs to continue playing an active role as an advocate for wildlife and habitat management. We can support our members when difficult choices need to be made and inform the public of the need to conserve our nation's resources.

**Nominee:** Brian Pilcher  
**Position:** Biologist, Plum Creek  
Timber Co., St. Maries.

**Views:**

I am seeking involvement in our Idaho Chapter. I have always valued the state TWS chapters as clearinghouses for current research results and insight into issues. This clearinghouse function becomes more important as we find the limits of our resources and a



*need to manage complex systems for a multitude of values. Whether serving as chapter treasurer or not, I will strive to foster introspection and diversity in our exposure to ideas. A second chapter function, one that is not exercised by all chapters, is active participation in issues as purveyors of scientific information. This has more commonly taken the form of position statements. But I am advocating "in-person" TWS presence to help focus and resolve biological issues. This form of involvement will be limited because of our daily needs to "clock in" with our respective employers, but by targeting one or two issues and strategizing, we can accomplish this goal. And if this goal is all ready being realized, then I could look forward to facilitating its continuation.*

**Nominee: Bruce Zoellick**  
**Position: Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise.**  
**Views:**

*I am running for Treasurer because I would like to assist with Chapter efforts in providing opportunities for professional and career development to the chapter membership. While a member of TWS chapters in Arizona and California, I felt my career and professional development was greatly aided by training opportunities and information networks sponsored and provided by those TWS chapters. I would like to return the favor and help the chapter provide opportunities for professional development for wildlife biologists in Idaho.*



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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: \_\_\_\_\_



IDAHO CHAPTER 1992 BENEFIT AUCTION AND RAFFLE

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 April 23, 1992. The proceeds from this event go into the Chapter's budget to help cover meeting expenses, scholarships, education and other activities.

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 January 15, 1991. 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. This year, we can not auction any hunting, fishing, boating, photography, biking, or hiking trips unless provided by a licensed Idaho outfitter and guide. Field outings associated with your work duties may be auctioned, such as big game transplants.

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

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Authorized by \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Item \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Conditions (Limitations, restrictions or instructions) \_\_\_\_\_

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Approximate Retail Value \_\_\_\_\_

This donation becomes the property of and all proceeds go to the Idaho Chapter, The Wildlife Society. It will be auctioned during the annual meeting scheduled April 23, 1992. Donor agrees to provide services as described above to the winning bidder. Thank You.

\_\_\_\_\_ would like to help conduct the auction/raffle.  
Name

Fundraiser Coordinator: Paul Moroz, 2081 N.W. 8th Street,  
Meridian, ID 83642  
Home phone: 888-6482  
Work: 365-4382