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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This newsletter is my first opportunity to share some personal philosophy and ambitions with Chapter members at large. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as Chapter President for the next 2 years. I look forward to working with each of you and hope to learn much from this position. I intend to give this post my all during that time, and then remain involved in Chapter activities in some other capacity after 1994.

Working as Chapter Treasurer over the past 4 years, I've come to see the Idaho Chapter as a rich collection of professional talents and energy across the State. Together, we are able to accomplish things we find difficult on our own. Our strength in numbers is enhanced by our breadth of experience and interests. I don't see our diversity of opinions on some issues as a detriment, but rather an attribute that aids our innovation. I do see my role as facilitating consensus when action is needed.

I plan to build upon the achievements made by past Presidents, especially Chuck

Blair and Jack Connelly. I sense that much of the membership wants to see an elevated level of Chapter participation in proposals that may affect wildlife around the State. The Conservation Affairs Committee will take the lead role in coordinating this effort. Many of us want to find more funding for important research, education and management relating to wildlife resources. The Finance Committee will explore our options for increased fundraising. While all the committees serve to initiate and coordinate particular functions, I encourage all Chapter members to contribute what they can to the efforts you feel are most important to you.

In two years time, I will feel satisfied with my term as President if members have been encouraged to contribute, motivated to take action and supported in their struggles by this organization we call the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society. During my tenure, I will rely on your advise - and your help - to make this Chapter pertinent to each of us. In advance, I thank you for your part.

1992 ANNUAL MEETING - AN
OVERVIEW

The plenary session was very enlightening. Dr. Jack Ward Thomas' keynote address on the spotted owl controversy was much more than a recap. Jack's insights, perspectives and advice to those of us who work in bio-political world added much to the discussion of this issue. His professionalism is beyond reproach and he provides quite a role model.

Following the key note address, other issues, including the listing of the salmon, animal damage control, agency appeals, were covered in a panel discussion titled: **Crisis in the Northwest - Key Issues for the 1990s**. Panel members were Dr. Jack Ward Thomas, Dr Warren Eastland (APHIS), Bob Ruesink (Fish and Wildlife Service), Dr. Winni Kessler (Forest Service) and Allan Thomas (BLM). Again, a lot of valuable information and insights were provided.

After the morning plenary session, the concurrent sessions began. Separate session topics included: **Threatened and Endangered Species, Making Better Management Decisions, Harlequin Duck Research and Management, Big Game Species, Game Birds, Nongame Birds, and Watchable Wildlife**. Another tough choice involved deciding which of the two workshops to attend: **Negotiating Environmental Disputes - Promises and Perils** by Melanie Rowland or **Reviewing Environmental Documents -**

Where's the Beef? by Warren Eastland.

Plenty of food and drink and visiting marked the evening social. Dr. Jim Peek was presented the prestigious Einerson Award. Jim, in his usual humble manner, attributed all his success to his students. In addition, Dr. Jack Connelly, Chapter President, was presented the richly deserved Wildlife Professional of the Year Award by Awards Committee member Jim Unsworth. Following these awards, many valuable items were auctioned off by auctioneer extraordinaire, Sam Mattise.

The business meeting was not as exciting as the social but it was jam packed with many items and issues to resolve.

Alan Sands, Vice-President

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL
BUSINESS MEETING, April 24,
1992.

President Jack Connelly called the meeting to order and thanked all Chapter members for their support during the time of his presidency. Jack gave special thanks to outgoing officers and committee members for all their help. The members thanked Jack for his work.

New Idaho Chapter officers were introduced:

Paul Moroz, President
Alan Sands, Vice-President
Justin Naderman, Secretary
Geoff Hogander, Treasurer

Paul was installed as the new President by Jack C. and assumed duties of the office immediately. Minutes of the 1991 business meeting were approved as read.

Treasury balance on April 1, 1992 was \$5,092. This was approximately \$2,000 less than a year ago and reflects a \$2,000 donation to the Idaho State University Edson Fichter Scholarship Fund.

A preliminary estimate of net proceeds from the 1992 fund raiser was \$770. This was less than previous years and obviously occurred because no recreation trips were offered and because art print matting and framing costs increased.

Old Business - Jack Connelly reported on the Edson Fichter Scholarship Fund. The Chapter placed \$2,000 into the fund in 1991 with plans to add \$2,000 per year until the annual trust revenue is \$500. Because of the lower receipt obtained from the fundraiser and a smaller treasury balance, a motion was made to donate only \$1,000 to the fund in 1992. The motion passed unanimously.

Idaho Outfitters and Guides regulations governing Chapter members offering trips for the Chapter's fundraiser was discussed. Alan Sands, Walt Bodie and Sam Mattise agree to obtain clarification on the legality and liability to the Chapter and members offering trips and report back to the Executive Committee.

Tom Hemker reported that the Education Committee set up at the 1991 Chapter Meeting to develop educational programs has made little progress because of low member participation and interest. Members interested in helping develop educational programs around the State should contact Tom. Perhaps with additional participation and dialogue on this issue, a stronger program can be developed by the Chapter to initiate some good ideas.

Howard Hudak reported that the letter he drafted on behalf of the Chapter recognizing Don Oman is not finalized because the issue of recognition seemed to resolve itself with changes in Forest Service personnel. A motion was made and passed unanimously that Howard finalize the letter recognizing Don for his professional integrity. This was to be completed by Don in two weeks. The Wildlife Society (National) will send a certificate of recognition for the Chapter executive committee to send with the letter if appropriate.

New Business - After some discussion, a motion was approved to hold the 1993 Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society Meeting in late February at the Red Lion Downtowner Inn, Boise. Alan Sands, Jeri Williams and Tom Hempker will arrange and organize it. However, they will need additional help, so pitch in!

A motion to hold the 1994 Chapter meeting in Coeur d'Alene, ID, passed unanimously. Sandy Jacobson, Scott Robison, and Jim Hayden will look at availability of facilities, etc. and report back in the fall Chapter newsletter. The opportunity for this annual meeting to be held in conjunction with other Chapters is also being investigated.

Following some discussion, a motion passed unanimously to have the Conservation Affairs Committee investigate whether the ASCS is required to complete a NEPA document to projects they administer and supply federal funds for. Members felt that projects involving wetland drainage, sagebrush removal, conversion of native lands to agriculture, etc. should perhaps be preceded by a NEPA review and documentation. Randy Smith agreed to assist the Committee on this and the Committee will report back to the Executive Committee for the fall Chapter newsletter.

Jack Connelly encouraged members to pay Chapter dues, as provided, through the National TWS membership application. This reduces the chance of forgetting to continue Chapter membership because you were/are unable to attend the annual Chapter meeting. Note - Justin Naderman, Chapter Secretary, has restructured the membership file to record the calendar year each member is paid up through. The number on your mailing label (check now, please!) shows the year

your membership with the Idaho Chapter will expire.

A motion made to increase Chapter dues from \$5.00 to \$15.00 (students remain at \$5.00) failed, but a second motion to increase dues to \$10.00 (students remain at \$5.00) passed. The new dues structure will begin with the 1993 membership year.

Chapter support for wolf reintroduction was discussed. Jim Peek said the issue was Priority 11 at the National TWS level with plans to review and comment on the EIS when it is released. A motion was passed to have the Conservation Affairs Committee investigate the issue and advise the Executive Committee on direction/involvement within 30 days. Jim Peek agreed to assist the Committee with this.

A proposal to expand the Air Force bombing range in southwest Idaho continues to change. The Conservation Affairs Committee agree to track the issue and advise the Chapter on what's happening and appropriate action/involvement through the newsletter.

Dean Rose requested \$500 Chapter support to help sponsor sending the Idaho State winning 4-H Wildlife Habitat judging team and its coach to the national contest. The Financial Committee will review Dean's request/proposal and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

A discussion about some means, and necessity of, recognizing outstanding wildlife managers/biologists by the Chapter occurred. The Awards Committee agreed to examine the issue further and report back to the Executive Committee.

Tom Hempker presents the Pheasants Forever Award for Professional of the Year to Dean Rose!! Congratulations Dean.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Justin Naderman, Secretary

CONSERVATION AFFAIRS

Gray Wolf EIS - Steve Nadeau drafted a letter for the executive committee review and signature. A final letter was sent on May 14, 1992. Issues discussed in the letter included consideration of biodiversity and ecosystem analysis versus single species management; clarification of the potential economic, or the absence of, impacts to local communities and monitoring of manipulated transplants versus natural dispersal into the Yellowstone area. Jeri Williams expects to review the draft EIS for the Chapter if the group is still interested in pursuing the issue.

NEPA and ASCS - The committee is waiting for information from Randy Smith regarding ASCS compliance with NEPA. Hopefully, something will be accomplished by the next newsletter.

Air Force in Idaho - A scoping letter is being drafted now and will be submitted to the executive committee for review. Two issues that will be focused on are: 1) establishment of a need for the action; and, 2) consideration of alternatives to the Big Springs location. Jeri Williams will let the Chapter know the outcome in the next newsletter.

Future Issues - The committee is open to other issues that the membership would like to see addressed. Please call with your concerns and provide whatever information you can to help the committee get started on the issue.

Jeri Williams, Chair
Marilyn Hemker
Steve Nadeau

AWARDS

Jack Connelly, Mike Kochert, and Jim Peek, committee members, are working diligently on the issues facing this committee! A report will be provided in the next newsletter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Each year the Idaho Chapter gets requests from schools, professionals, organizations, etc. for financial assistance. The Finance Committee reviews these requests and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee on which requests to support.

In the past, we have contributed to the Fichter Scholarship (\$2,000), Hadley Robert' book (\$500), Henry's Fork Foundation for water for swans (\$500), the Elk Vulnerability Symposium (\$500), the Wolf Recovery Foundation (\$500), Western Raptor Symposium (\$1,000), Idaho Non-game Fund (\$100), Salmon Public School System for their Outdoor Classroom (\$500), Idaho Wildlife Viewing Guide (\$1,000), and other causes.

At present, Geoff is soliciting comments from committee members as well as from the Chapter at large about what our spending philosophy should be. Any comments?

Treasurer's Report -

Beginning Balance 1/1/92
\$5,252.46
Expenses:
Chapter Business 1/1-6/1/92
\$1,781.82
Fundraiser Costs 2/12-4/30/92
\$1,294.97
Annual Meeting Expenses 4/20-4/30/92
\$2,498.00
\$5,574.79 Total Expenses
Income:
Annual Meeting Income 4/30/92
\$5,157.56
Memberships 1/1-6/1/92
\$795.00
Interest 1/1-6/1/92
\$45.56
\$5,998.12 Total Income
Current Balance 6/1/92
\$5,675.79

Geoff Hogander, Treasurer
Jay Crenshaw
Rich Howard
Paul McClain

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter Committee was busy putting together this issue and discussing thoughts about what the newsletter should and could contain. We would welcome ideas from the members. Aside from the smaller items, such as including a "New Titles" section, containing a short list of some of the latest relevant professional references, we thought that an "Opinion" section or "Open Forum" section might afford an opportunity to members and invite participation. Any ideas?

Michael Gratson, Chair
Gregg Servheen
Jeri Williams

NEW TITLES/SOFTWARE

Rossi, R. E. et al. 1992. Geostatistical Tools for Modeling and Interpreting Ecological Spatial Dependence. Ecological Monographs 62:277-314.
Grenfell, B. T. 1992. Parasitism and the Dynamics of Ungulate Grazing Systems. American Naturalist 139:907-929.
Grove, R.H. 1992. Origins of Western Environmentalism. Scientific American 267(1): 42-47.

Peek et al. 1991. Restoration of Wolves in North America, Wildl. Soc. Tech. Rev. 91-1. 21 pp. Available from: The Wildl. Soc., 5410 Grosvenor Ln., Bethesda, MD 20814. members \$3.00, nonmembers \$5.00.

Plant Biology of the Basin and Range. 1990. eds. C.B. Osmond, L.F. Pitelka, and G.M. Hidy. Ecological Studies No. 80. Springer-Berlay, N.Y., N.Y. 375 pp.

Wildlife, forests, and forestry: principals of managing forest for biological diversity. Prentice Hall, New Jersey.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Biodiversity in Managed Landscapes. July 13-17, 1992. Sacramento, CA. for more info. contact: Bob Szaro, USFS, Forest Environ. Res., P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090 202/205-1524

Governor's Symposium on North America's Hunting Heritage. July 16-18, 1992. Montana State Univ., Bozeman, MT

National Watchable Wildlife Conference and Symposium, Sept. 9-12, 1992. Missoula, MT

VIEWPOINT

An Opinion by L. McNutt

After sitting through too many multi-agency meetings over the years, it has become apparent that we have some real problems -- problems that are

ultimately affecting wildlife and other resources.

It seems obvious that we are simply not communicating with each other. Sure, we are talking effectively, i.e., engaging in frivolous conversation, but true communication is lacking. What is the basis for our contention? Well, it seems the same old "problems" (e.g., old-growth, threatened and endangered species, access management) are rehashed time and again with the same players, the same script, and the same results -- everyone goes home with a warm fuzzy feeling, but nothing really happens or changes. Occasionally we take an incredibly bold step and agree to disagree!

In either case, the result is the same -- nothing happens and the resources commonly suffer. So sometime later we schedule another meeting to address "important issues of mutual concern" -- will it ever end? Wouldn't you expect some progress if we were truly communicating?

Is it political pressure (real or perceived) to cooperate or enter "partnerships" (regardless of how 1-sided) that dictates the outcome of these gab sessions? Or is it simply a lack of professionalism on our part? Are we all so comfortable in our carpeted, fluorescent worlds that we have lost touch?

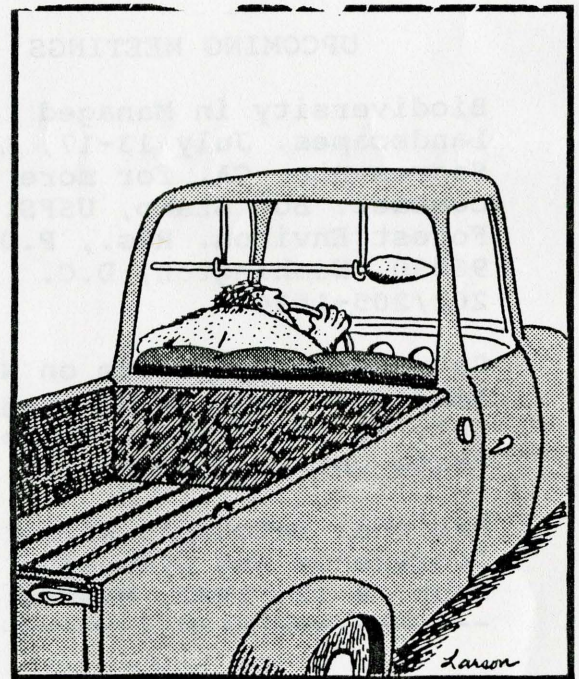
But wait! Don't the agencies and other groups have very

different mandates that drive their decisions and severely restrict what can actually be done? There is some truth to this, but we submit that it is mostly a smokescreen to protect turf and tradition. While we protect the turf, wildlife populations and habitat suffer.

When we cut through all the chaff and get down to basics, the important issue is simple -- to maintain and perpetuate the resources for which we are responsible. This criterion can be easily and appropriately applied to both Federal and State agencies. It should be apparent that the mandate goes well beyond paper games that we have become so adept at playing (e.g., grizzly bear security areas, 60:40 forage-cover ratios for elk). It means actually accomplishing something meaningful of the ground!

But why doesn't this happen? Why don't we simply take the bull by the horns and make it happen? Someone needs to get the ball rolling, but who? We are naive enough to hope our leadership would set the stage. But far too often, in our experience, leadership are the kings and queens of "Happy Talk". They seem more interested in developing partnerships and cooperative agreements that accomplish little toward the long-term well-being of the resources. Furthermore, it seems the "big picture" view these folks purport to understand has little to do with the resources the agencies are trying to manage.

It seems our best bet may be a grass roots effort, is it not? If biologists can get together and communicate, cut through all the chaff, and make meaningful progress on the ground, we can envision good things happening for the wildlife resources. Maybe then we can get away from treating wildlife as a constraint and manage them as an important component of the ecosystem and a valuable commodity in their own right.



IDAHO WILDLIFE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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.

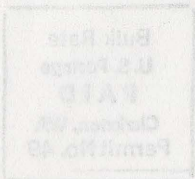
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