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## President's Message

Things are changing. Whether this makes you uncomfortable or gives you hope for a better future, the world is going to be different tomorrow. We in the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society have an opportunity to influence some of the changes that will affect wildlife. NAFTA has passed and will have impacts on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border. We should use the professional bonds between chapters in the U.S. and Canada to develop plans for monitoring impacts on wildlife, and we should take a leading role in creating solutions for problems. The National Biological Survey officially exists. The wildlife Society – at the state, section, and national levels – should be first in line to help the NBS set priorities before it becomes mired in pork-barrel ecology or dissipates its resources chasing impossible goals.

Management of public and private forest lands is undergoing a revolution. The Northwest Section, its chapters, and its members have played an important role in this revolution. We should continue our efforts to protect forest ecosystems while working to develop sustainable timber harvest strategies that are designed to accommodate the needs of wildlife.

Agriculture is also changing. Livestock grazing and row crop production traditions are being challenged. Economic forces are changing the demographics of rural areas. The USDA has recognized these changes and sanctioned a search for sustainable agricultural systems which give consideration to water quality, native vegetation, and wildlife as well as crop pro-

duction efficiency. The wildlife society should leap at the opportunity to participate in this search.

How do we get our input into these changes? I certainly do not have all the answers, but here are a few suggestions. Greg Green, Vice-President of the Northwest Section, is trying to put together some workshops for the Northwest Section. These could help us develop ideas to support wildlife through these changing times and raise money so the Northwest Section can become a more active player in issues. Greg's phone number is (206) 451-4296. Please, give him a call with your suggestions.

Greg and Dennis Flath, President-Elect of the Montana Chapter, are putting together the program for the 1994 Northwest Section meeting. Details are given in this

newsletter. Give either of them a call if you have a paper you would like to submit or ideas for panel discussions. The Washington and Oregon Chapters were successful in their bid for the 2nd Annual Wildlife Technical Conference. This conference will be held in September 1995 in Portland. The Northwest Section is planning on sponsoring a symposium in conjunction with this meeting. Give Greg Green a call if you have ideas for the symposium or contact Larry Mangan, the Steering Committee co-chair for the Portland meeting (503-756-0100), to get details on how you can participate in other parts of the meeting.

By the way, Greg, Dennis, and Larry, if you are besieged by phone calls, I apologize for opening the gates, but nothing would please me more than to have that much interest expressed by Section members.



## ***1994 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Section TWS in conjunction with the Montana Chapter TWS***

The 1994 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Section TWS will be held in conjunction with the Montana Chapter March 9-12 at Cavanaugh's in Kalispell, Montana. The agenda begins at noon on March 9, and concludes at 5:00 pm on March 11, with field trips available on Saturday, March 12.

Cavanaugh's is a modern hotel/convention center attached to the Kalispell Center Mall, northwest Montana's largest shopping center. Conveniences include a restaurant, lounge, solarium swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, and casino, as well as easy walking access to other downtown businesses. Northwest Montana offers many recreational diversions before and after the meeting, including downhill skiing at the internationally noted Big Mountain, cross-country skiing on groomed trails or backcountry areas such as nearby Glacier National Park, and snowmobiling.

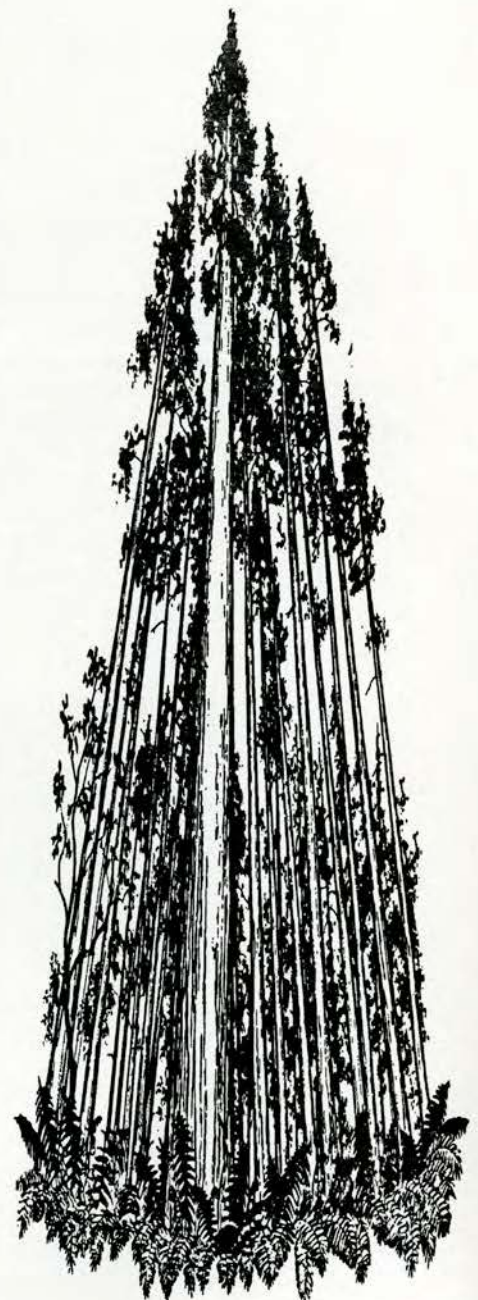
Although a final agenda will be mailed prior to the meeting, for those of you interested, the tentative agenda includes:

- Wednesday:        Registration  
                         Concurrent workshops begin at 1:00 pm  
                         Light entertainment and refreshments, 6:00 pm
- Thursday:            Conference opening  
                         Plenary and concurrent technical sessions  
                         Social hour beginning at 6:00 pm  
                         Awards banquet, 7:00 pm
- Friday:                Concurrent technical sessions  
                         Business luncheon  
                         Double panel debate on wolf recovery  
                         Section business meeting beginning at 4:30 pm
- Saturday:            Short field trip to Big Mountain and vicinity  
                         Long field trip to Flathead River floodplain, Flathead  
                         Lake, and Swan Valley  
                         (Field trip registration will be required, as space is  
                         limited.)

Cavanaugh's has guaranteed 110 rooms; reservations must be made by February 9 to insure space. The toll-free number for reservations is 1-800-843-4667 and the direct line is 406-752-6660. Identify yourself as a participant in The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting to ensure best room rates. For those of you who wish to hold adjunct meetings, two conference rooms (capacity 20 and 50 people, respectively) are available at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have need of one of these rooms for your group, contact Dennis Flath (406-994-6354).

## **Call for Papers**

Please consider providing a paper at the upcoming Annual Meeting! The theme of this year's meeting is "The Interface Between Wildlife Management and Land Management". Abstracts should be sent to Dennis Flath, Montana Dept. Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1400 S. 19th, Bozeman, MT 59715 (406-994-6354) prior to February 15, 1994. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, plus 5 minutes for questions. Room is available for a limited number of poster displays.



# *Nominees for Northwest Section President-Elect*

Paul Moroz has canvassed the troops and has come up with three candidates for the office of President-Elect of the Northwest Section. Please review the background and views of the candidates, mark the ballot for your choice, and return it to Paul Moroz at the indicated address by February 15, 1994.

## **Robert D. "Bob" Everitt**

**Personal:** I am a life-long resident of the Pacific Northwest and was born in Boise, Idaho on July 10, 1952. I grew up in Idaho and lived for a few years in Oregon before moving to Washington. I have been married for 15 years and have two boys, aged 14 and 11.

**Education:** I attended the University of Washington where I received a B.S. degree in Zoology in 1974 and Botany in 1975. Later I returned to the University and completed the requirements for a M.S. degree in wildlife Science (1980).

**Present Position:** Since 1991 I have been the Regional Manager for the Washington Department of Wildlife's Puget Sound Region.

**Former Positions:** I began my professional career with the National Marine Fisheries Service in 1973 employed as a research biologist where I worked on several marine mammal projects. I became a research biologist for the Washington Department of Wildlife in 1980 and later took a field management (area) biologist position. In 1983, I became the Regional Wildlife Biologist for the department's Puget Sound Region.

**TWS Activities:** I have been a member of the Wildlife Society since 1980 and qualified as a Certified Wildlife Biologist in 1983. I have been active in the Washington Chapter since 1985 and served as the secretary/treasurer of that organization from 1987 to 1991. I have also been involved with the conservation committee and executive board. I have also joined TWS's Wildlife Planning and Administration group.

**Other Professional Affiliations:** I am a member of the Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology and the Pacific Seabird Group. I was a charter member of the Society for Marine Mammalogy.

**Professional Interests:** Threatened and Endangered Species, marine ecology, and population census techniques.

**Views:** I am interested in becoming more involved with the activities of the Northwest Section. I believe that my past experience with TWS and my professional background have prepared me to take on the task of President-elect and will enable me to perform those duties well. I bring to the job an interest in seeing the section more involved and supportive of the good work being accomplished by the individual chapters. In my view, the section should provide the leadership and guidance on issues of concern to both chapters and national. This bridge will help ensure that the issues national are involved with reflect local concerns, expertise, and knowledge. It will also ensure that actions and issues taken on by the chapters reflects the larger objectives of the Society. I see the nineties as a critical crossroads for wildlife management in this region of the country. We will all need to step up to the challenges presented in the coming years. This position is one way I can help.

## **Dale E. Towell**

**Personal Data:** Born July 30, 1951 in Sweet Home, Oregon. Married; 2 children.

**Education:** Ph.D. Oregon State University, 1987 (Wildlife Science); M.S. Texas A&M University, 1976 (Wildlife and Fisheries Science); B.S. Oregon State University, 1973 (Wildlife Science).

**Present Position:** Wildlife Program Coordinator, Natural Resources Policy Bureau, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). Principal duties include review of environmental documents and legislation affecting wildlife resources and management, long-range planning, wildlife mitigation and compensation.

**Former Positions:** Principal Wildlife Research Biologist and Wildlife Staff Biologist, Idaho Fish and Game (1984-1988); Wildlife Research Biologist, Oregon Fish and Wildlife (1978-81); Wildlife Research Biologist, Oregon Coop. Wildlife Research Unit (1977-78); Technical Writer/Editor, USDA Forest Service (1976-78).

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## ***Nominees...cont.***

**TWS Activities:** Member since 1969; Certified Wildlife Biologist since 1982; Professional Development Certification 1990. Served on numerous national committees: Certification (1992-93); Proper Care and Use of Wildlife in Field Research (1989-91); Publications (1988-89); Wildlife Damage Control (1984-86); Publications Awards (1982-84, 1978-80).

**TWS Positions:** Northwest Section Newsletter Editor (1992-present); Northwest Section Vice President and Annual Program Chair (1991-93)

**Principal Wildlife Resource Interests:** Preservation of wildlife resources and management options through a combination of sound public policy and law; integration of research with management applications; bighorn sheep research and management; hunting; wildlife art.

**Views Regarding the Northwest Section:** the Northwest Section is the setting for the lightning-rod public lands issues on the national agenda – spotted owls, old-growth forest management, forest health, public land grazing policy, mining on public lands. The current administration is seeking state-of-the-art knowledge and professional guidance in dealing with these problems. That knowledge resides in part among members of this Section – among professionals willing and able to provide guidance in dealing with these complex issues. The next few years provide a significant opportunity to participate in these discussions. The Northwest Section, through the professional expertise and experience of its membership, can and must become a participant in resolution of these issues.

**Reason for Seeking Office:** I know many of you throughout the Northwest, both personally and professionally as we have worked together on a wide range of issues. I have been privileged to participate in Section business as a member of the Executive Board and as Newsletter Editor. We have, together, made the Northwest Section of the Wildlife Society a voice for wise management of fish and wildlife on public lands in two countries. That is exciting; even more than that, it is a legacy that will outlast our individual professional careers. I welcome an opportunity to continue to work with each of you to make that legacy even stronger in the future, and will continue to support the section in whatever role my talents and time may be useful.

### **Frederick Franklin Gilbert**

Hons. BSc. Biology (Acadia University)  
MSc, PhD Zoology (U. of Guelph)

**Formerly:** Big Game Project Leader – Maine Inland Fish and Game Faculty Member of U. Maine, U. Guelph, and Washington State University; Director, Ecological Services for Planning; Director, Wildlife Biology Program (WSU); Interim Chair, Department of Natural Resource Sciences (WSU).

**Currently:** Dean, Faculty of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, University of Northern British Columbia.

**TWS Activities and Positions:** Previously chaired committee on Canadian Concerns. Member Einarsen Committee (NW Section), Urban Wildlife Committee, Leopold Award and Honorary Members Committee, Long-range Planning Committee, Nominations Committee (NW Section), Membership Committee (NE Section), Ontario Rep to Executive Council (NE Section).

**Research Interests:** Forest Management practices relationships to wildlife communities; behavior and physiology of wildlife species; wildlife management.

**Statement:** The NW Section has minimal participation by Canadian wildlife professionals. Regional issues transcend the international boundary and it is important to find ways to facilitate professional interactions. One way to accomplish this might be to emulate TWS's Task Force approach to issues that are regionally based. We share numerous resources in common and despite legislative differences we need to more effectively pool expertise and target what knowledge deficiencies exist.

As UMBC is committed to establishing strong undergraduate and graduate programs in wildlife biology and management I

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# Chapter Activities

**ALBERTA CHAPTER:** The Alberta Chapter TWS is actively planning for our next annual meeting, to be held in Calgary on March 25 and 26, 1994. Program organizers are encouraged by the large number of requests to be on the program. Indeed, the oral program is complete and late-comers will be asked to prepare posters rather than oral presentations. The meeting will be held on the campus of the University of Calgary, with the goal of encouraging student involvement in the meeting and all chapter activities. The focus will be on forestry/wildlife interactions and the intensive research programs underway throughout large tracts of the aspen parkland in Alberta. Other Chapter activities include input towards resolution of the problems of feral horses within a designated National Wildlife Reserve on a military base, introduction of the Chapter, and offers of advisory expertise to the new Ministers of Environmental Protection and of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Development, and initiation of a review of provincial management plans for certain game species in Alberta. – Margo Pybus

**IDAHO CHAPTER:** The Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting will be held March 3-5 at Templin's Convention Center in Post Falls, Idaho. The theme of the 1994 annual Meeting will be: "Implementing Ecosystem Management". A workshop on identification of amphibians and reptiles of northern Idaho will be included. The chapter is now soliciting papers for the meeting; if you are interested, contact Alan Sands (208-384-3067), Bill Mullins (208-334-1931) or Michael Gratson (208-743-6502) as soon as possible, and if you're willing to help on committee work, contact Alan Sands. The chapter will host the first annual Interagency Rare Animal Workshop on March 2, 1994 in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This workshop is designed to review and update the listing of rare, threatened and endangered animals of Idaho published by the Idaho Conservation Data Center. For more information, contact Jeri Williams at 208-334-1931. Following the meeting, the Idaho "Partners in Flight" working group on neotropical birds will meet on Saturday afternoon, March 5, at Templins. For more information on this meeting, please contact Terry Rich at (208-384-3153).

The Idaho Chapter will be conducting its elections for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Elections are for a two-year term, and these officers, along with the past President, form the executive committee for Chapter business. For more information on the nomination process, contact Tom Hemker at 334-2920. The Chapter is also continuing to seek nominations for the 1994 "Professional of the Year" award. Please contact Dr. Kerry Reese (208-885-6435) with your nominations as soon as possible. The Idaho Conservation Affairs Committee is reviewing the draft EIS on the proposed Idaho Training Range; if you have an interest, contact Jeri Williams (208-334-1931), and continues to work on issues regarding development of Idaho Wilderness legislation. – Paul Moroz

**MONTANA CHAPTER:** Much of the effort in the Montana Chapter is being devoted to planning for the upcoming annual meeting, to be held in conjunction with the Northwest Section. Details are presented elsewhere in this Newsletter. In addition, election of new Chapter officers for 1994 is currently underway, and Montana Chapter members are reminded to get their ballots in by the January 31 deadline. For a roster of candidates, see the Chapter Newsletter for November. – Wayne Kasworm

**OREGON CHAPTER:** The Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting will be held February 7-10 at Sun River (contact Kate Boula at 503-427-3231 or 503-963-3930 for details). Membership in the Oregon Chapter now exceeds 650, giving the Chapter increased flexibility to become active in conservation issues. The Chapter has hired 2 part-time lobbyists – Stephan Kafoury, a former state legislator and Roy Ellicker, an attorney and wildlife biologist – to provide technical information and assistance to Oregon legislators. Key among their accomplishments to date was restoration of \$400,000 to the non-game program of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. The Conservation Committee has reviewed several environmental documents for the Chapter, and has drafted a position statement on management of desert wilderness and grazing, provided to federal agencies and state and federal legislators. Four new scholarships for wildlife students in Oregon were sponsored in 1993, and the Chapter has even been active internationally, by sponsoring Peruvian biologist Silvia Sanchez to attend the recent International Wildlife Congress in Costa Rica and by sponsoring TWS memberships for organizations in Russia and Thailand. For members at home, the Chapter has provided financial support on such issues as the Endangered Species Act, elk management, bat biology and identification, pond turtle biology, and forest insects and diseases. Workshops on landscape ecology, biostatistics, wetland ecology, and management of exotic wildlife are planned in 1994. – Mike Wisdom

**WASHINGTON CHAPTER:** Our 1994 Annual Meeting will be held March 1-4 in Wenatchee, Washington. Workshops on bird banding and neotropical migratory bird surveys are scheduled for March 3 and 4. On March 1, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Studies Unit will host a session for their research cooperators to present results from their projects. Contact Bob Naney at 206-826-3387 for more information. We have initiated a number of new programs and projects recently including an academic scholarship of \$500 which will be awarded annually beginning in April 1994. This scholarship will be available to undergraduate students attending college in Washington State. Additionally, the Washington and Idaho Chapters will be co-sponsoring the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp which is held annually in various locations in that region. Contact Beck Herbig at 206-821-1004 to obtain applications and information regarding the scholarship and youth camp. The final revisions of our Bylaws are near completion and they will be sent to the national TWS Office for review. And finally, the Washington and Oregon Chapters have been selected to host the 1995 TWS National Technical Meeting in Portland. This meeting is shaping up to be a major event, and more information will be available in future Chapter and Northwest Section Newsletters. – Greg Schroer

## Meetings of Interest

- March 1-4 **6th North American Caribou Workshop**, contact Mari D. Wood, B.C. Environment, 1011 4th Ave., 3rd Floor, Prince George, B.C. Canada V2L 3H9.
- March 2-5 **Idaho Chapter TWS Annual Meeting**, Templins Inn, Post Falls, ID; contact Alan Sands (208-384-3067).
- March 7-8 **Symposium on the Status and Management of Forest Grouse of Western North America**, Oregon State Univ., Corvallis; contact John Crawford (503-737-1971).
- March 18-23 **59th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference**, Anchorage, AK; contact Lonnie Williamson (202-371-1808).
- Mar. 27 - Apr. 1 **30th Annual North American Moose Workshop**, contact Lloyd Oldenburg (208-334-2920).
- April 18-21 **16th Biennial Pronghorn Workshop**, Hospitality House, Emporia, KS; contact Keith Sexson (316-342-5851).
- April 26-28 **Managing Landscapes and Ecosystems: A Practical Approach**, Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute and others; for information contact Bev Connolly (503-963-7122) or Charlie Johnson (503-523-6391).
- May 2-6 **Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Conference**, Cranbrook, B.C.; contact Anna Wolterson (604-426-1450).
- August 29-31 **Sustaining Rangeland Ecosystems**, La Grande, OR. Society for Range Management and the Oregon Chapter TWS. To submit a paper contact David A. Pyke (503-750-7307); direct questions to John Tanaka (503-963-7122).
- Sept. 21-25 **The Wildlife Society First Annual Conference**, Albuquerque, NM; for information call (301-897-9770).
- Oct. 22-26 **National Symposium on Urban Wildlife**, Seattle-Bellvue, WA; contact Lowell Adams (301-596-3311).



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would have the direct opportunity to involve Canadians in the activities of the Northwest Section. With my work experience in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia I could bring an understanding of the differences and similarities between Canadian and American interests to the executive board.

Having said this I know that there are two other fine candidates for this position. Knowing both as I do, I believe that either would be a good choice for President-elect of the Section and should I not be elected, I would work with whomever is to help ensure that the objectives I believe to be important for the Section can be achieved.

The strength of the Section ultimately depends on the commitment of individuals from throughout the region. We need to show that a professional organization can make a difference and be an important support base for wildlife professionals especially in difficult times. If we can generate a resolve to be more than an annual meeting and a newsletter, it must be through a network of professional support structures. I know how difficult this is with all the other responsibilities we have but I consider it essential for the Society and professional well-being. Should I be elected, I will do my best to try and make it happen.



# **Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society**

## **Ballot for President-Elect**

Vote for one candidate and return the ballot by  
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