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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spotted owls, salmon, prairie dogs, sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, where will it all end? It seems like every few months brings a new petition to list a species or subspecies under the Endangered Species Act. Are all of these actions justified? Are they politically motivated? Do they represent a failure on our part as professional biologists? Are the actions in the best interest of the species? In September, these thoughts were running through my mind as I contemplated pending petitions on sage and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and prepared to attend the International Grouse Conference. Along with 4 other biologists from the Pacific Northwest, I was fortunate to spend a week in Northern Finland during mid-September attending this meeting. One of the take home messages from this conference was that there are biologists throughout the world that face problems similar to or more difficult than ours. We are not alone!

Attending the International Grouse Conference provided an opportunity to learn how declining populations and habitats are dealt with in other parts of the world. It helped reinforce my belief that we are on the right track. At one point, a biologist from one of the Scandinavian countries asked me if I thought their grouse research

was worthwhile. I certainly did, but found it interesting that such a question would be asked. Our conservation plans, research and management programs are often models for the rest of the world. Indeed, people from other parts of the world seem to look at North American biologists as leaders, perhaps role models. Despite our ever increasing workload, declining wildlife populations and decreasing habitats, there is good reason to feel a sense of accomplishment. Even though our responsibilities may emphasize more and more the conservation of rare species, this does not necessarily reflect failure on our part. What might the status of those species be if we were not doing our jobs? The Finland meeting caused me to think more positively about the work that I'm involved in. Perhaps that's one of the most valuable aspects of this kind of meeting. So take a minute, sit back, and think of the things that went well this past year. Dwell on the positive. May you all have a happy, prosperous and successful 2000!

- Jack Connelly

SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Teaming with Wildlife" remains a hot topic in wildlife circles with passage of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) now pending in the U.S. Congress. The annual TWS conference in Austin, Texas, was no exception. If passed, CARA would provide a federal funding source, somewhat patterned after Pittman-Robertson, to support nongame and wildlife recreation programs by individual states. Without a doubt, its passage could potentially change the face of wildlife conservation and recreation programs that the states are now expected to manage while increasing benefits to the resource and the public. Many within the wildlife profession would welcome such change as long overdue, whereas for others, any departure from the status quo will require a major paradigm shift.

The Wildlife Society, largely through the tireless effort of Tom Franklin (TWS Policy Director), has been a key player in moving this legislation through Congress. Needless to say, the business we're in is a small part of a large political process. We all like to think that we can make a difference that will benefit a cherished public resource—and we do. However, elected officials or political appointees make public policy decisions. These decisions shape the landscape on which we operate. Policy decisions are influenced by those who "show up." Have you noticed that whining and carping at the water cooler or in the coffee room doesn't really bring about a lot of change but only raises the level of hopelessness?

TWS offered everyone at the annual conference in Austin an opportunity to contact their congressman to urge them to vote for CARA. They provided a pre-printed

postcard and offered to pay the postage. The folks at TWS also looked up names of congressmen for those who, believe it or not, didn't know who their congressman was, —cradle to the grave care at its very finest. What struck me was the number of times I overheard someone say, "I don't know who my congressman is."

You know most of us in this business really are old enough to vote. And the math is pretty simple too. Whether your state is represented by one member of Congress, or fifty, each of us is represented by only one congressman —and by two senators. This shouldn't be too difficult to keep track of especially for those with a couple of graduate degrees.

Seriously folks, CARA is a very important piece of legislation that could affect most of us in our professional lives. Whether you favor it or not, you just might do yourself and your profession a big favor if you let your elected representatives know how you feel about it and perhaps why.

- Gary Dusek



**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT
2000 ANNUAL NORTHWEST SECTION MEETING
WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA**

**Hosted by
The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

March 6-10, 2000

"WILDLIFE SURVIVED Y2K: WHAT NOW?"

The Idaho Chapter will host the NW Section Meeting in Post Falls, Idaho. The NW Section includes members from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, the Northwest Territories, Oregon, Washington, and the Yukon. The meeting will include workshops, symposia and a general paper session. Updates to the NW Section Meeting can be found on the Idaho Chapter website (www.ictws.org).

LODGING

The 2000 meeting, symposia, and workshops will be held at the Cavanaugh-Templin's Resort in Post Falls, Idaho. The entire hotel, with 167 rooms, has been reserved at the U.S. Federal per diem rate for the year 2000 for both single and double occupancy. Deluxe and Riverview rooms will be charged an extra \$15.00. These rates will be subject to 5% state sales tax and 2% room tax.

Other hotel rooms are available in Post Falls, and reservations can be coordinated through Cavanaugh-Templin's Resort. Templin's will offer shuttle service for people staying at other hotels in Post Falls once Templin's is booked full.

Cavanaugh-Templin's Resort also provides shuttle service to and from the Spokane International Airport (about 30 miles) for a fee of \$15.00 (one-way). All conference delegates will receive complimentary parking in the hotel lots. Templin's Resort is the only resort listed in the Idaho Watchable Wildlife Guide that provides the opportunity to view such an abundance and diversity of wintering waterfowl. The Resort has over 10,000 square feet of riverview conference space with excellent restaurant facilities and other amenities.

TRANSPORTATION

Alaska Airlines is offering special airfares to conference delegates for travel into and out of Spokane, Washington. Except for their regular lowest airfare between Spokane and other selected cities such as Portland and Seattle (currently \$88.00), Alaska Airlines will offer a 5% discount on all of their other published round trip airfares. For those older than 62, Alaska Airlines also will offer their senior citizen discount of 10%. These discounts will apply from March 4 to 12, 2000. To receive any of these discounts, please call Global Travel at 1-800-735-6363 and mention that you are attending "The Northwest Section, The Wildlife Society" meeting. To take advantage of these discounts, be sure to book your flight early.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM--2000 ANNUAL MEETING
NORTHWEST SECTION & IDAHO CHAPTER
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
CAVANAUGHS--TEMPLIN'S RESORT
Post Falls, ID
March 6 - 10, 2000

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Annual Meeting Registration	Cost	Total
Thursday-Friday, March 9-10, 2000		
<u>Early Registration -post-marked on or before February 1st</u>		
Member	\$ 70.00	_____
Student	\$ 45.00	_____
<u>Late Registration--after February 1st</u>		
Member	\$ 91.00	_____
Student	\$ 58.50	_____

Symposium Registration		
Tuesday-Wednesday, March 7-8, 2000		
Old Growth Forest Symposium and/or Shrub Steppe-Shortgrass Prairie Symposium		
<u>Early Registration -post-marked on or before February 1st</u>		
Member	\$ 60.00	_____
Student	\$ 40.00	_____
<u>Late Registration--after February 1st</u>		
Member	\$ 78.00	_____
Student	\$ 52.00	_____

Symposium and Annual Meeting Registration		
<u>Early Registration -post-marked on or before February 1st</u>		
Member	\$100.00	_____
Student	\$ 65.00	_____
<u>Late Registration--after February 1st</u>		
Member	\$130.00	_____
Student	\$ 84.50	_____

Membership Dues:		
Idaho Chapter	\$ 10.00	_____
Northwest Section	\$ 5.00	_____

Social/Auction/Awards Banquet

- Do you plan to attend the Thursday evening awards banquet (included in registration)?
 Yes No
 Are you bringing a guest (if so, add additional cost/person)? \$ 17.00/person _____
- Do you plan to attend one or both of the Workshops on Monday (no cost)?
 Yes No
- Do you plan to attend the Wednesday evening social?
 Yes No

Total Amount Paid _____ \$ _____

Please make checks payable to (in US\$ only): **Idaho Chapter, TWS**. Sorry, NO purchase orders or credit cards will be accepted.
Please mail your registration form with payment to: Tony Apa, Treasurer, Idaho Chapter TWS, 1990 Poplar Ave. Twin Falls, ID 83301. **Form can be downloaded from website: <http://www.ictws.org>.**

REGISTRATION (US \$)

On-site registration will be available (*without the discount*) at the conference headquarters. For registration information, contact Michelle Commons at (208) 324-4359, FAX: (208) 324-1160, email: mcommons@idfg.state.us or register via the Idaho Chapter website (<http://www.ictws.org>).

	Professional		Student	
	Early	After Feb. 1, 2000	Early	After Feb. 1, 2000
Workshops	Free	Free	Free	Free
Symposium Only	60.00	78.00	40.00	52.00
Meeting & Symposium	100.00	130.00	70.00	91.00
Meeting Only	70.00	91.00	50.00	65.00

Student Travel

Section-sponsored travel grants (\$200) are available to student chapter officers who are attending the NW Section meeting in Post Falls or who are giving a paper or poster. The number of grants is limited and given on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact Gary Dusek at (406) 994-6362, email: gdusek@montana.edu.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Workshops

A workshop entitled "Watchable Wildlife" will be organized on Monday 6th. The program will start at 8 AM and will take the entire day. In the morning, there will be presentations on Environmental Education, and Recreational Viewing of Animals, Conservation and Ecotourism. A field trip is organized for the afternoon where topics concerning Conservation and Ecotourism will be addressed. This workshop is organized by Scott Robinson, Bureau of Land Management, Coeur d'Alene Field Office, 1808 North Third Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 Office: (208) 769-5000, FAX: (208) 769-5050; email: scott_robinson@blm.gov. Contact Scott for additional information.

There will be a Workshop on Identification of Amphibian and Reptiles of the Northern and Intermountain West (hands on experience) on the afternoon of Monday, 6th. Contact Chuck Peterson for additional information (petechar@isu.edu).

Symposia

Two symposia are organized in conjunction with the Northwest Section annual meeting.

The first symposium, entitled "***Endangered Forest Ecosystems Of The Inland Northwest: Can We Do Nothing And Conserve Biodiversity?***" will be held on Tuesday, March 7. The organizers are Carolyn Mehl (wema@micron.net), Wildlife & Ecosystem Management Assoc., Boise, Idaho and Brian Kernohan, Boise Cascade Corporation, Boise, Idaho. This will be a full day symposium with approximately 11 speakers. Each speaker will have 25 minutes to present a topic plus 5 minutes for questions. There will also be time at the end of the symposium for additional questions and discussion with the audience.

Recent analysis and current understanding about historical landscapes of the inland forests of the Pacific Northwest, indicate a number of forest ecosystems have undergone significant change. Consequences of these changes are only now being evaluated and understood relative to objectives for biodiversity conservation. Solutions to concerns over impacts to wildlife are receiving considerable discussion and debate. This symposium will focus on a number of forest ecosystems that are thought to have undergone significant change from historical conditions and the implications of these changes on objectives for biodiversity. For more details, contact Carolyn Mehl.

A second symposium, entitled "***Management of Shrub Steppe and Shortgrass Prairie Ecosystems in a 21st Century Democracy***" will be held on March 8th. The primary purpose of this symposium is to discuss ecological issues involved with shrub steppe and shortgrass prairie ecosystems. Secondly, the symposium will discuss the public policy involved in management of these ecosystems, and especially the wildlife species that inhabit them. The symposium has a deliberate political overtone. Although most biologists dislike dealing with politics, the future of many wildlife species in the sagebrush steppe and shortgrass prairie ecosystems are inexplicably linked to public policy, public land, and the political system that is driven by public opinions and policy. For more details, contact: Michelle Commons, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 868 East Main, Jerome, ID 83338, Office: (208) 324-4359, FAX: (208) 324-1160, email: mcommons@idfg.state.id.us

Both symposia will be very informative and should generate lively discussions and debate. These types of events are only as good as the audience that attends, so please do not miss this unique opportunity to learn and exchange your ideas with wildlife professionals from across the Northwest, including Canada! General information about the symposia and the meeting can be found on the web: <http://www.ictws.org>. Check out the web page for updates to the program.

General Paper Session

The General Paper Session will start on Thursday, March 9th, and will continue through Friday afternoon, March 10th. There will be at least 6 sessions: Big Game (10 papers), Conservation Biology (8 papers), Landscape Management/Habitat Management (5 papers), Nongame Birds (8 papers) Nongame Animals (3+ papers) and Game Birds (5 papers).

None of the sessions will be concurrent. In addition, several poster papers will be presented. A full program is posted on the Idaho Chapter website (<http://www.ictws.org>). Participants are encouraged to check the website for updates

Volunteer Outreach

The Idaho Chapter – TWS Communication Awards Committee is seeking volunteers to review presentations and abstracts at the Section Meeting. While serving on the Review Panel is hard work for the volunteers, it is important to recognize the contribution that each speaker makes at the Section Meeting. Professional and student presentations/abstracts would be reviewed. Volunteers would review and evaluate roughly 8-10 30-minute presentations per day. Each reviewer would then fill out a standard evaluation form for each presentation and deliver it to the Committee Chair for the record. The more reviewers on the panel the less the overall workload per volunteer. We would like to have each NW chapter well represented on the Review Panel. If you are planning to attend the Year 2000 section meeting and would like to contribute towards its success, please contact Alan Dohmen, Committee Chair at (208) 879-5012 (H), (208) 879-4321 (W), email (home): alandohmen@hotmail.com, email (work): adohmen/r4_s-c@fs.fed.us (internet) or adohmen/r4,s-c (ibm). Your help and support for this portion of the Section Meeting will be much appreciated.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Monday, March 6th

- 8 AM – 5 PM Workshop: “**Watchable Wildlife**”.
Organizer: Scott Robinson (scott_robinson@blm.gov)
- 8:00 - 8:15 Welcome (Scott Robinson)
- 8:15 - 8:30 Introductions (The Players)
Beth Paragamian (Watchable Wildlife Coordinator)
Bob Ralphs (FS Wildlife Biologist)
Larry Kaiser (BLM Forester)
Mark Taylor (IDFG)
Scott Robinson (BLM Wildlife Biologist)
Terry Kincaid (BLM Recreation Planner)
Wayne Melquist (IDFG Nongame Biologist)
Workshop Participants
- 8:30-10:00 Environmental Education
Sammy Snag; Travelling Trunks and Classrooms; Water Awareness Week; and
Migratory Bird Day Paper Placemats
- 10:00-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Conservation
Backyard Wildlife, Widget and Bird Rehabilitation
- 11:30-1:30 Project Design
Blackwell Island
Field Trip (Box Lunch)

- 1:30-2:00 Break
- 2:00-3:00 Coeur d'Alene Eagle Watch Week
- 3:00-3:30 EcoTourism
- 3:30-3:45 Break
- 3:45-4:15 Getting Things Done
- 4:15-4:30 Wrap Up
Concluding Remarks (Scott)
Evaluations
- 1-5 PM Workshop: "**Identification of Amphibians and Reptiles of the Northern and Intermountain West**".
Organizer: Chuck Peterson (petechar@isu.edu).
- 7-9 PM Registration

Tuesday, March 7th

- 7-8 AM Registration

Symposium: Endangered Forest Ecosystems Of The Inland Northwest: Can We Do Nothing And Conserve Biodiversity?

Organizers: Carolyn Mehl (wema@micron.net), Wildlife & Ecosystem Management Assoc., Boise, Idaho and Brian Kernohan, Boise Cascade Corporation, Boise, Idaho

- 8:15-8:30 Brian Kernohan, Carolyn Mehl and Jonathan Haufler, Boise Idaho. Endangered Ecosystems.
- 8:30-9:00 Helen Smith and Stephen Arno, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Missoula. Montana Ponderosa Pine – Understanding the Changes: A Comparison of Historical to Current Conditions.
- 9:00-9:30 John Erickson, Boise National Forest, Boise, Idaho. Ponderosa Pine – The Endangered Ecosystem: Implications to Objectives for Biodiversity Conservation.
- 9:30-10:00 Dale Bartos, US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Logan, Utah. Aspen Systems – Understanding the Changes: A Comparison of Historical to Current Conditions.
- 10:00-10:15 Break

- 1015-10:45 Robert Campbell, US Forest Service, Fish Lake National Forest, Richfield, Utah. Aspen Systems – The Endangered Ecosystem: Implications to Objectives for Biodiversity Conservation.
- 10:45-11:15 Bob Keane, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Missoula, Montana. Whitebark Pine – Understanding the Changes: A Comparison of Historical to Current Conditions.
- 11:15-11:45 Katherine Kendall, USGS – Glacier Field Station, West Glacier, Montana. Whitebark Pine – The Endangered Ecosystem: Implications to Objectives for Biodiversity Conservation.
- 1145-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:00 Bernard Kovalchik, Colville National Forest, Colville, Washington. Forested Riparian Systems – Understanding the Changes: A Comparison of Historical to Current Conditions.
- 2:00-2:30 Carolyn Mehl, Wildlife & Ecosystem Management Associates, Boise, Idaho. Forested Riparian Systems – The Endangered Ecosystem: Implications to Objectives for Biodiversity Conservation.
- 2:30-3:00 Western White Pine and Western Larch – The Forgotten Ecosystems: Implications to Objectives for Biodiversity Conservation.
- 3:00-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:00 Jonathan Haufler, Boise Cascade Corporation, Boise, Idaho. Endangered Ecosystems: The Controversy Over Action versus Inaction?
- 4:00-5:00 Discussion
- 6 - 9 PM Registration

Wednesday, March 8th

7-8 AM Registration

Symposium: Management Of Shrub Steppe And Grassland Ecosystems In A 21st Century Democracy

Organizers: Tony Apa and Michelle Commons, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 868 East Main, Jerome, ID 83338, Office: (208) 324-4359, FAX: (208) 324-1160, email: mcommons@idfg.state.id.us

Panel Discussion

- 8:00-8:10 Kerry Reese, President of ICTWS - Introduction and Welcome
8:10-8:15 Jack Connelly, President NW Section TWS - Introduction of Keynote Speaker
8:15-9:00 Keynote Speaker (Not Determined)

Moderator: Jack Connelly

- 9:00-9:10 Tom Dyer, BLM and USFS, Panel Discussion, Speaker
9:10-9:20 IDFG Commissioner, Panel Discussion (Not Confirmed)
9:20-9:30 Sterling Miller, National Wildlife Federation, Panel Discussion, Speaker
9:30-9:40 Dr. John Freemuth, Boise State University, Panel Discussion, Speaker
9:40-9:50 U.S. Senator, Panel Discussion, Speaker (Not Confirmed)
9:50-10:00 Washington State F & G, Panel Discussion, Speaker (Not Confirmed)
10:00-10:10 National Cattle and Beef Association Panel Discussion, Speaker (Not Confirmed)
10:10-10:30 Break - Set up for Panel Discussion
10:30-12:00 Panel Discussion
12:00-1:00 Lunch

Paper Presentations

- 1:00-1:30 Bill Haglan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Status and Future of Shortgrass Prairie Ecosystems (Not Confirmed)
1:30-2:00 Fritz Knopf, U.S. Geological Survey -
The Mountain Plover - It's Habitat Requirements and Status
2:00-2:30 Greg Schenbeck, Nebraska National Forest
The Black-tailed Prairie Dog: It's Status and Management
2:30-2:50 Break
2:50-3:20 Brenda C. Dale, Canadian Wildlife Service
The status and management of Baird's Sparrow and Sprague's Pipit in Canada
3:20-3:50 Clait E. Braun
Status and Future of Sagebrush Steppe Ecosystems and Sage Grouse

- 3:50-4:20 Steve Knick, U.S. Geological Service
Sagebrush Obligate Passerines, Are They Next?
- 4:20-4:50 John Musser, Washington Division of Fish and Wildlife
The Pygmy Rabbit and the Shrub-Steppe
- 6:30-8:00 NW Section Board Meeting
- 6-9 PM Reception

Thursday, March 9th

- 7-8 AM Registration
- 8:00-4:00 General Paper Session
- 4:00-5:00 ICTWS Business Meeting
- 5:00-6:00 NW Section Business Meeting
- 6-11 PM Banquet and Auction
Dr. Rodney P. Frey, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Idaho, will be the Banquet Speaker. His presentation is entitled "Landscape Travels by Crane and Coyote: The World of the Coeur d'Alene Indians". Professor Frey's talk is supported by the Idaho Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Friday, March 10th

- 7-8 AM Registration
- 8:00-5:00 General Paper Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWS Nashville 2000

The 7th Annual TWS Conference will be held September 12-16, 2000 in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference will feature technical paper and poster sessions, workshops, symposia, working group meetings, student activities, exhibits, and social events. Registration and Program Information will be available in June 2000.

Year-End Treasurer's Report:

End of Calendar Year 1999: Checking Account = \$2,710.01 (with no outstanding bills). Savings Account = \$20,205.50. A more detailed report will be available at the annual meeting. – **Ellen Campbell**

STILL SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Although we had hoped to provide a ballot in this newsletter, we do not yet have a full slate of nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Please help us find some good candidates!

The duties and terms of office are as follows:

President: Term is 1 year as President-Elect, followed by 2 years as President and 1 year as Past-President. Duties of the President-Elect include attending Executive Board meetings, preparing the budget for upcoming year, and getting familiar with operations. As President, runs board meetings, supervises officers, appoints committees, etc.

Vice President: Term is 2 years. Duties include liaison to hosting state chapter

for annual meeting, attending board meetings, filling in for President as needed and other duties assigned by Pres.

Secretary-Treasurer: Term is 2 years. Duties include maintaining files and records, receiving and disbursing funds, recording minutes of meetings, maintaining membership records, handling correspondence, and preparing financial reports.

If you are interested in being a candidate for one of the offices, please contact Nancy Warren at (406) 758-5325 or via email at nwarren/r1_flathead@fs.fed.us. Please provide your full name, current position, previous positions held, education, and activities and ideas related to The Wildlife Society.

CHAPTER NEWS

Alaska

Items currently under consideration by the Chapter Executive Board include support for passage of the federal Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 (CARA) and consideration of a proposal to add the Cook Inlet population of beluga whales to Alaska's endangered species list. CARA would provide additional federal funding for state wildlife programs (including nongame species) and for state and federal land acquisition, among other programs potentially beneficial to wildlife. Addition of the Cook Inlet beluga population to the State's endangered species list would allow the commissioners of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Alaska

Department of Natural Resources to take appropriate management actions on land (including subtidal) under their respective jurisdictions to preserve habitat used by the population.

In its Summer/Fall newsletter, the Executive Board of the Alaska Chapter requested volunteers for an *ad hoc* Exploratory Committee to investigate the feasibility of the Chapter hosting the TWS Annual Conference in 2003 or subsequent year. Only Winston Smith responded to the Board's request (thanks, Winston!). Any additional Alaska wildlifere interested in working on this issue should contact Roger Post (email: rpost@mosquitonet.com) as soon as possible. Without several more

committee volunteers, the Executive Board will be forced to inform TWS Council that the Chapter is not interested in pursuing a TWS Annual Conference.

The Alaska Chapter needs Regional Representative (all regions), President-Elect (Southeastern), and Secretary-Treasurer (South-central) nominees for its Executive Board. Alaska wildlifers wishing to help the Chapter by running for a position should contact Anne Morkill (email: amorkill@worldnet.att.net) or Roger Post (email: rpost@mosquitonet.com) as soon as possible. Current President-Elect Gino Del Frate will assume office during the Chapter's upcoming Annual Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Alaska Bird Conference, February 29 to March 3, 2000, in Sitka, AK. A field trip to view St. Lazaria Island, part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, is planned given sufficient registration. Contact Steve Brockmann (email: steve_brockmann@fws.gov) for meeting information or Mike Brown (email: mbrown/r10_ketchikan@fs.fed.us) for information on submittal of abstracts by February 15.

Several other meetings quickly follow the Alaska Chapter meeting in Sitka. First, a special symposium is scheduled for March 31 to April 2, 2000, in Fairbanks, AK to honor Leopold Award recipient Dr. David R. Klein. The Alaska Chapter will contribute \$500 in support of the symposium, which will feature numerous posters and 25 invited papers to appear in a special issue of *Alces*. Contact Dr. Patricia E. Reynolds (email: patricia_reynolds@fws.gov) for information on submitting poster abstracts by February 1. Following the Klein Honorary

Symposium by two weeks, the 10th Northern Furbearer Conference will occur in Fairbanks on April 17-18, 2000. Contact Tom Paragi (email: tom_paragi@fishgame.state.ak.us) for meeting information or Merav Ben-David (email: fnmb@uaf.edu) for information on submitting abstracts by February 15.

Northwest Section members are invited to visit the Alaska Chapter web page at www.mercury.bio.uaf.edu/~ak-tws.organizations/ to read our newsletters and position statements.

Alberta

A student chapter is being formed at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. The Chapter officers are: President: Bruce Harrison (email: rbh1@ualberta.ca), Vice President: Leslie McInenly (email: mcinenly@ualberta.ca), Treasurer: Tanya Hope (email: thope@ualberta.ca), Secretary: Tara Szkorupa (email: tszkorup@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca). Chapter advisers are Dr. Fiona Schmiegelow (email: fiona.schmiegelow@ualberta.ca) and Dr. Mark Boyce (email: boyce@ualberta.ca). Troy Sorensen has developed a great web site for the Alberta Chapter. It has recent newsletters, the chapter history, membership application forms and much more. The address is: www.albertadirectory.com/actws Alberta Chapter annual meeting and conference will be at the Lethbridge Lodge, March 10 and 11, 2000. The plenary session is "Overlapping Landuse Practices: Challenges in Wildlife Conservation." Consult the Alberta Chapter website for the latest information.

"Thus chimpanzees, I realized, although freer to act the way they feel than we are, are not entirely uninhibited. As they get older, they usually give up the frustrated tantrums of childhood, although they may let off steam by charging through the undergrowth, sometimes slapping a bystander who gets in the way. An outburst of swearing and table thumping can sometimes do the same for humans." – Jane Goodall.

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