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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Goodbye Michael

About a dozen or so years ago I was sitting at home, tying a few flies and contemplating a day on the Henry's Fork when the phone rang. The caller wanted to talk to me about a job. I informed him that my temporary jobs were filled but asked him to send me a resume, just in case. He responded with—"hey, I don't want a temporary position, I want your job!" Brash, outspoken, to the point, and one of the brightest biologists I've ever known, that was Michael Gratson.

Sadly, Michael died in a helicopter crash on December 28. In this, my last President's Message, I would like to reflect back on Michael and some of his contributions to our field. Michael did not get my job, but he did become a research biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He held that position for the last 9 years.

Michael was an avid outdoorsman. He liked to bowhunt, train bird dogs, fish, and in general enjoy the out-of-doors as much as anyone I know. Michael was also a brilliant scientist who was not afraid to think critically and occasionally stir the pot. In the late 1980's Michael and Tom Bergerud (Michael's major professor during his doctoral studies) edited a very important book about grouse. They dedicated that book to "those who walk in the Leopold

tradition." In many ways this dedication summarizes Michael's approach to wildlife management. Like Leopold, Michael had broad interests and could readily see the big picture.

As one of his co-workers recently observed, "Gratson not only thought outside of his nine dots, he lived outside of them." This tendency to do things his way became evident early in his career when he designed an experiment to evaluate big game sightability by using paper clips in a parking lot. I'm not sure the rest of the research staff would have had the courage to discuss this approach, let alone implement it and then try to explain the results to a very conservative Wildlife Bureau Chief. Michael did!

Michael then took on the challenges of adaptive management. He published an important paper on the topic in the Transactions of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in 1993. This paper had broad implications not only for elk, but all game management.

Although Michael's current research was primarily centered on elk, he kept his interest in grouse. In 1998, Michael co-authored the Birds of North America species account on sharp-tailed grouse.

This project allowed him to write about grouse behavior—one of his favorite subjects.

When Michael died he was at it again. He was involved in a project designed to index mountain lion populations. He had recently presented some of the preliminary data at a mountain lion workshop, where interest among his peers was high. He was like a “kid in a candy store” when he returned to

Lewiston – he couldn’t wait to begin collecting additional data.

There has been a popular phrase floating around over the last couple of years—“I want to be like Mike” referring to a well-known basketball player. The next time you hear that phrase, don’t think Jordan—think Gratson. Michael Gratson served as a role model for all of us. Michael truly walked in the Leopold tradition.

- Jack Connelly

NW SECTION CONNECTION HELP CELEBRATE OUR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION HERITAGE

I recently traveled to my home town of Memphis, Tennessee to attend my father’s death and funeral. Although a sad occasion at times, it was mostly a celebration of a wonderful life. We laughed until we cried as the extended family (we are talking a large family here) and friends shared Dad, Pop, Uncle Bill or just Bill stories. I suppose we all have regrets at times like that, but I found myself wishing Dad could be there to tell his side of the story—some were a bit hard to believe. The wildlife profession has lost several its founders in the last few years—many of whose stories have been lost forever. The Wildlife Society recognizes the importance to the profession of capturing these histories and last fall launched Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation History (COWCH) with the objective of collecting oral histories and memorabilia from the folks who lived and participated in the early development of the wildlife profession. The COWCH committee, composed of all the section representatives to council, are working on ideas for a permanent museum to house and display this history. However, we recognize the importance of collecting the oral histories now before anymore are lost and have developed a protocol for interviewing the founding wildlifers in each chapter. How can you help? Each chapter has designated a COWCH historian who

will be conducting these interviews, and these people are likely to need assistance.

Imagine listening to stories about the profession from the people you always looked-up to when you started your wildlife career. Contact your chapter’s COWCH historian and offer to go on one of the interviews—I guarantee you will learn a lot from the folks who dug those trenches before wildlife was even on the sports page. The Northwest Section has offered a small grant to each chapter to defray costs of getting the oral histories recorded. Get involved and help record these histories—these memories are too precious to loose. Hope to see you all in Banff at the Northwest Section meeting in March.

W. Daniel Edge Northwest Section Representative

Chapter Historians:

Alaska – Vacant Position (contact Gino Del Frate, Chapter Pres.)
Alberta – Margo J. Pybus
Idaho – Chuck Harris
Montana – Dr. Harold Picton
Oregon – Bill Neitro
Washington – John Lehmkuhl

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

2001 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING, NORTHWEST SECTION AND ALBERTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

CO-HOSTED BY THE ALBERTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, AND
ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES SERVICE

MARCH 2-4, 2001; BANFF PARK LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTRE,
BANFF, ALBERTA

COORDINATING SCALES OF MANAGEMENT, DECISION MAKING AND PLANNING

is the focus of the plenary session, which will open the conference (starting at 1:30PM, March 2, in the Castle/Assiniboine Rooms). Fish and wildlife programs sometimes suffer from a lack of coordination among efforts organized at different administrative levels (e.g., community, regional, provincial or state, national, international). The session will review what have been and/or continue to be major stumbling blocks to more effective integration of programs across administrative jurisdictions, whether "bottom-up" or "top-down" approaches are taken. **Dr. David Schindler**, an internationally renowned scientist and conservation activist at the University of Alberta, will provide an overview of the challenges from a scientific standpoint. **Dr. John Donihee**, an expert in both natural resources and wildlife law in Canada and the U.S.A., from the Canadian Institute of Resources Law, will share his perspectives on legal constraints and challenges. **Dr. Hal Salwasser**, Dean and Director of Forest Research Laboratory, College of Forestry, Oregon State University, will present the administrative perspective, based on his years of experience developing and implementing ecosystem management at national, regional and state levels. **Jamie Pinkham**, representative for the Idaho Nez Perce Tribe, will present challenges from the perspective of the

community and, in particular, Native Americans.

The two following days will be filled with contributed papers on a wide range of topics in wildlife and fisheries research and management, from jurisdictions throughout the Northwest Section. If you have any questions on the conference, or want to volunteer to help, please contact the conference coordinator, Mr. Arlen Todd (phone: 403-297-7349; fax: 403-297-2843; e-mail: arlen.todd@gov.ab.ca).

Location and Transportation

The Banff Park Lodge is situated in the world-renowned town of Banff, in the heart of historical Banff National Park. Surrounded by the majestic Canadian Rockies, the hotel is situated at **222 Lynx Street**, just one block from the town center, and a short walking distance to excellent shopping, restaurants, museums, and other points of interest.

Banff is located in southwestern Alberta, about 130 kilometers (80 miles) west of Calgary, on the TransCanada Highway (Highway 1). Banff is only a ninety-minute drive from the Calgary International Airport, where cars can be rented from all major rental companies. Regular bus service operates directly from the airport to the Banff Park Lodge, as well (**Banff Airporter-- call 1-888-449-2901;**

Brewster—call 403-221-8242). Advance reservations for the bus trip are either required or highly recommended.

Lodging

The conference and meetings will be held at the Banff Park Lodge and Conference Centre. The deadline to make reservations at the special conference rate was January 15, 2001, however, **as long as rooms are still available**, the Lodge will continue to honor the special conference rate for conference attendees.

The special conference rate is \$115 **Canadian**/room/night, for single or double occupancy, plus 12% tax. For third and fourth occupants in a room, add \$15 (Canadian)/person/night (plus tax). Children under the age of 16 may stay at no additional charge. The rates mentioned above are extended to delegates of the conference both three days before and three days after the conference. When making reservations, you will need a valid credit card number or check or money order deposit. Deposits will be returned, when requested, if notice of cancellation is received by the Banff Park Lodge at least 48 hours prior to the expected time of arrival. To make reservations, call the Banff Park Lodge and Conference Center at 1-800-661-9266 (**mention that you are attending the Wildlife Society meeting, Alberta Chapter**).

A variety of other hotels and motels are located near the Banff Park Lodge, including Brewster Mountain Lodge (403-762-2900), Homestead Inn (403-762-4471), and Bow View Motor Lodge (403-762-2261). However, discounted rates have not been arranged at any of these locations.

Registration

Please take advantage of early registration discounts by completing and returning the

registration form (see page 7) with full payment (**in Canadian funds only**) by **February 7, 2001**. Partial registrations will **not** be accepted. On-site registration will be available at the conference. On-site registration will commence at 10:30AM, March 2, on the Mezzanine Level of the Banff Park Lodge (Alpine Meadows area).

Pre-conference Field Tour (tour runs 8:45-11:45 A.M., March 2)

A bus tour of the Bow Valley portion of Banff National Park (lead by staff of Banff National Park) will cover issues including elk relocation and management, predator restoration, highway restoration, and fire-wildlife interactions. Fabulous scenery and wildlife viewing opportunities will be featured, as well! Pre-register by February 7th and pay the \$20 (Canadian) fee for the field trip (see registration form on page 7). If you register for the field trip, you will be contacted with instructions, at least one week before the conference.

Reception and Wildlife Auction Fundraiser

The welcoming reception and social (including no-host cash bar) is on Friday evening, March 2, beginning at 7:00PM. **Dr. Paul Paquet**, a well renowned carnivore researcher with the World Wildlife Fund, will provide a key-note address on ecological research in mountainous ecosystems in and around Banff National Park. The fundraiser auction of wildlife-related items will follow. Proceeds go entirely to the Alberta Chapter's student scholarship fund.

Paul Jones is our auction coordinator. **Please contact Paul with commitments to provide auction items** (phone 403-382-4357 or e-mail: paul.jones@gov.ab.ca). Small and big-ticket items, custom-made ones, new purchases or used items will all be gratefully accepted.

Banquet

The banquet is included in the registration fee and is on Saturday evening, March 3. After dinner, a well-known wildlife scientist and natural resources administrator, Dr. Morley Barrett, will share wisdom and witticisms, in a presentation entitled **"Reflections on the Wildlife Profession"**. Annual awards of the Northwest Section will be presented that evening, as well.

Poster Session

A poster session will run during March 2 and 3, beginning at 10:30AM, March 2. Posters on management, research, monitoring, new techniques, and work just getting underway will be included.

Wildlife Photo Contest

Conference registrants are invited to submit their favorite original photos for a contest at the conference. Contact Troy Sorensen, if you are interested (phone 780-778-7116; e-mail troy.sorensen@gov.ab.ca). Further details are posted on the Alberta Chapter's web site (www.albertadirectory.com/actws).

Contributed Papers Sessions

Concurrent sessions for contributed papers are scheduled to run all day Saturday (March 3) and the early part of Sunday morning (March 4).

The conference will end with a final, plenary session: "Wildlife Management in Protected Areas: Case Studies from Banff National Park" on Sunday afternoon (March 4).

Student Awards

Cash prizes will be given to students for the Best and Second-best Contributed Papers (\$100 and \$75, respectively), as well as for the Best Poster Paper (\$100). Prizes will be awarded on Sunday.

Business Meetings

The annual business meeting of the Northwest Section is scheduled for the latter part of Saturday afternoon (March 3). The business meeting of the Alberta Chapter will take place late on Sunday morning (March 4).

Lunch and Alberta Chapter Awards

A lunch is included in the registration fee and is on Sunday, March 4. The annual awards of the Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society will be presented during the lunch.

Corporate Donations

Corporate donations have contributed significantly to the quality and viability of TWS meetings organized in Alberta in the past. If you or your employer are/is in a position to make a financial donation in support of the upcoming conference, please consider doing so. Donations both large and small will be gratefully accepted! Please make checks payable (preferably in **Canadian funds**) to **Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society** and mail to **ACTWS, Box 4990, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 5G8**. Thank you, again, for your generosity!

Donations received before March 1, 2001 would be most appreciated! Donors will be recognized in the printed conference materials, and verbally acknowledged at the conference, as well.

Other Attractions

Five world-class areas for downhill skiing are situated within easy travelling distance of the Banff Park Lodge (most of them have regular bus service to and from the lodge). Cross-country skiing should be exceptional in early March, too. For further information on other attractions, visit the web site of the Banff-Lake Louise Tourism Bureau (www.banfflakelouise.com).

Preliminary Program

Friday, March 2nd

- 8:45 - 11:45 AM Pre-Conference Field Tour (Bow Valley portion of Banff National Park)
- 10:30 AM Registration
- 1:30 PM Welcome and Introductory Remarks (Elston Dzus, Jack Connelly, Bill Fisher)
- 1:50 - 5:15 Plenary Session: "Coordinating Scales of Management, Decision Making, and Planning", moderated by Evelyn Merrill. Presentations by David Schindler, John Donihee, Hal Salwasser, and Jamie Pinkham. Concluding Panel Discussion
- 7:00 PM Social and Reception, Cash Bar
- 7:45 PM Key-note Presentation by Paul Paquet
- 8:30 PM Fundraiser Auction for Student Scholarships, Auctioneer Brett Calverley

Saturday, March 3rd

- 8:20 - 3:00 PM Contributed Papers Sessions (concurrent) on broad range of topics
- 3:00 - 3:20 Coffee Break
- 3:20 - 5:15 Annual Business Meeting, Northwest Section
- 6:00 PM Banquet, After-dinner Speech by Morley Barrett ("Reflections on the Wildlife Profession") and Annual Awards of the Northwest Section

Sunday, March 4th

- 8:20 - 10:00 AM Contributed Papers Sessions (concurrent)
- 10:00 - 10:20 Coffee Break
- 10:20 - 12:00 Annual Business Meeting, Alberta Chapter
- 12:00 - 1:30 PM Lunch and Alberta Chapter Awards
- 2:30 - 4:30 Plenary Session: "Wildlife Management in Protected Areas: Case Studies from Banff National Park" and Closing Remarks (Arlen Todd)

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 2001 ANNUAL MEETING, NORTHWEST SECTION
March 2-4, Banff Park Lodge & Conference Centre, Banff, Alberta**

Complete one form per person, please, to simplify our paperwork

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ Province/State _____ PC/Zip _____

Phone (Office) _____ Home _____ E-mail _____

Conference registration (no partial registrations)	Cost	Total
Friday-Sunday, March 2-4, 2001		
Early registration, post-marked on/before Feb. 7 th		
Regular member	\$55.00	_____
Student member	\$35.00	_____
Late registration, after Feb. 7 th (on-site, please)		
Regular member	\$70.00	_____
Student member	\$45.00	_____

Banquet and lunch (included with registration)

- Do you plan to attend the Saturday evening banquet (please circle)? **Yes No**
- Are you bringing a guest (if so, add additional cost)? \$35.00 each _____
- Do you plan to attend the lunch on Sunday (please circle)? **Yes No**
- Are you bringing a guest (if so, add additional cost)? \$22.00 each _____

Pre-conference Field tour (morning, March 2, 2001) \$20.00 _____

Total Amount Paid _____

Do you have any special needs (i.e., vegetarian)? If so, please specify _____

Please make checks payable (only in **Canadian** funds) to: **Alberta Chapter, TWS**. Purchase orders and credit cards will **not** be accepted. Please mail your registration form, with full payment, to: Arlen Todd, President-elect, Alberta Chapter TWS, Natural Resources Service, EP Building, Suite 100, 3115 - 12 Street NE, Calgary Alberta T2E 7J2. **Form can be downloaded from website:** www.albertadirectory.com/actws

Cancellation policy: A full refund will be provided when requested before January 15, 2001. For cancellations on or after January 15, 2001, there will be a handling fee of 25% of the total bill.

CHAPTER NEWS

Check Out these Web Sites for more details on Chapter Activities!

Alaska: <http://mercury.bio.uaf.edu/~ak-tws.organizations/>

Alberta: <http://albertadirectory.com/actws/>

British Columbia: No web site

Idaho: <http://www.ictws.org/>

Montana: <http://www.montanatws.org>

Northwest Territories: No web site

Oregon: http://osu.orst.edu/Dept/fish_wild/tws/

Washington: <http://www.WashingtonWildlifeSoc.org>

Yukon: No web site

Idaho

The Idaho Chapter will hold its annual meeting 7-10 March 2001 in Boise. The biennial rare animal workshop will be held 7 March with a focus on reviewing and updating the Idaho Species of Special Concern list and reviewing the recently updated U.S. Forest Service Sensitive Species Lists from Regions 1 and 4. Idaho Partners in Flight, Idaho Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, and the Idaho Bat Working Group will also meet.

On 8 March we will host a special predator management session to review historical predator control/management activities in Idaho; review the effects of predator management on big game, upland game, and waterfowl species; and hear reports on current predator research projects being conducted around the state. General paper/poster sessions will be held 9-10 March.

On a sad note, Michael Gratson, Idaho Department of Fish and Game senior wildlife research biologist, was killed along with helicopter pilot, Mike Haygens, on Thursday, December 28, when their helicopter crashed. They were conducting mountain lion surveys along the Lochsa River near Lowell, Idaho. Idaho Fish and Game Wildlife Technician Matt Lucia

survived the crash. The mountain lion surveys were part of a complex elk/habitat/predation study, which addresses the underlying mechanisms in the decline of the Lochsa elk herd.

Michael was an active member of the Idaho Chapter and had served as our newsletter editor. Michael received his BS and MS degrees in wildlife biology from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and his PhD in zoology from the University of Victoria. His sharp intellect and wit, and his dedication to the wildlife resources and to being the best scientist he could be will be greatly missed. Michael's family has requested that donations be made to the Michael Gratson Scholarship Fund. These donations can be sent to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Clearwater Regional Office, 1540 Warner Avenue, Lewiston, ID, 83501.

Montana

Montana Chapter's 2001 annual meeting is planned for February 28 through March 2 at the Copper King Inn in Butte. The theme of the meeting will be "Wildfires." Given the large number and size of fires in Montana last summer it promises to be a timely topic. President-elect Frank Pickett is working out details of the meeting and they will be

announced as soon as possible. Our web site (www.montanatws.org) will have the meeting information posted also.

One of the ballot items for the recent elections in Montana was an initiative proposing to reform game ranching. Called I-143, it included features that would ban new game farms, canned hunts, and transfer of existing game farm licenses. A citizens group called Montanans Against the Domestication and Commercialization of Wildlife (MADCOW) led a large coalition of conservation and sportsmen's groups. The Montana Chapter supported I-143 based on our previously developed position statement that closely matched the proposed game farm reforms. I-143 narrowly passed with a margin of 51%-49% and widespread displeasure with canned hunts may have been the deciding factor. The game farming industry is expected to challenge in court as well as in the upcoming legislative session.

Oregon

The Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society has had a busy fall and winter planning for our annual meeting in February 2001. We launched into an exciting partnership this year, resulting in a joint meeting with the American Fisheries Society. The theme, "Fish and Wildlife: The Next Generation - Landscape and Landuse in a Booming Society" is comprised of concurrent technical sessions with fish, wildlife, and fish/wildlife topics. The intent is to provide some cross-training and a recognition of the linkages between fish and wildlife management issues.

Plenary speakers include Charles Wilkinson, professor at the University of Colorado, speaking on "Science and Passion: Sustaining Western Landscapes from Both Sides of the Brain"; Kathleen Dean Moore, professor of Philosophy at

Oregon State University, speaking on "All One River – field Notes for an Ethic of Care"; Ernie Niemi, with ECONorthwest, speaking on "Economic Transitions and Natural Resources in the Pacific Northwest"; Robert Liberty with 1000 Friends of Oregon, speaking on "The Changing Oregon Landscape and the Battle for Sensible Landuse"; and Russel Sadler, professor at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland, speaking on "The Next Generation of Biologists – A Perspective".

The Annual Meeting is preceded by a Symposium called "Conservation of Riparian Areas and Waterways: Considerations for Fish and Wildlife Habitat." It's intent is to encourage fisheries and wildlife biologists to work together on conservation of the system. It is shaping up to be an exciting week! A full agenda can be found on our web site at: http://osu.orst.edu/Dept/fish_wild/tws.

The Oregon Chapter is also proud to present a new membership brochure. Now available for distribution and downloading from our web site, the brochure outlines the Chapter's role in wildlife management and describes the benefits available to members. Check it out!

Washington

This year's Annual Meeting and Workshop of the Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society is scheduled for March 19-21 (Monday – Wednesday), 2001. The gathering will be centrally located in the state at the Best Western Hallmark Inn and Conference Center (exit #176 off I-90) in Moses Lake, Washington.

The "theme" of our annual meeting and workshop will be THE STATE OF THAT ART OF WILDLIFE KNOWLEDGE AND HOW WE'RE USING IT. We wish to emphasize our knowledge of wildlife

species and habitats and how we are using that knowledge to better manage those species and habitats. This "back to basics" theme is intended to present practical, hands on types of issues, methods, and techniques that field biologists can readily use.

Major topics for presentations will

include: Large Mammals; Waterfowl and Upland Birds; Furbearers and Carnivores; Birds, Small Mammals, Reptiles, and Amphibians; Forest Wildlife and Habitat Management; Shrub Steppe Wildlife and Habitat Management; Marine Birds and Mammals; and Other Contributed Papers.

Invited speakers will present ½ hour talks on the biology and management of white-tail deer, mule deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, cougar, black bear, coyotes, lynx, turkeys, geese, waterfowl, sage and sharp-tail grouse, wood ducks, pygmy rabbits, Caspian terns, and raptors.

We will also include a session on **Wildlife Advocacy** and the pros and cons of involvement by this chapter of The Wildlife Society. This should be a lively discussion with much interaction among members.

The USDA, Wildlife Services will present a workshop on WILDLIFE CONTROL PROBLEMS, TOOLS AND METHODS during the afternoon of March 21st. This workshop will address large mammals, small mammals, waterfowl, fish eating birds, other birds and capture devices, chemical controls, hazing, equipment, fencing, and methods to best use these tools to control wildlife.

You are invited to submit abstracts for presentations or posters for the meeting. Presentations will be 25 minutes in length, plus 5 additional minutes for questions. If you wish to submit a presentation, please provide us with the following information: Name, affiliation, mailing address, phone,

and e-mail of the lead author; names and affiliations of additional authors; paper session for which the abstract is submitted (listed above) or contributed papers, or poster session. Abstracts should be in Journal of Wildlife Management style. Please use the following guidelines: submit information by e-mail; use Microsoft Word or WordPerfect or RTF format; single space; no hard returns with a paragraph; no more than 100 words. **Submit abstracts by 2/10/01 to:** Paul C. Fielder, Chelan County PUD, P.O. Box 1231, Wenatchee, WA 98801 or paul@chelanpud.org.

Our hosts at the Best Western are being very supportive by waiving meeting room fees and offering lodging at the government rate of \$55/night. Contact the Best Western for reservations at 1-888-448-4449 and ask for the room rate for the **Wildlife Society**.

Registration fees of \$60 (\$20 for students) will include a business meeting lunch (free lunch), banquet ticket (free dinner) and the USDA Wildlife Control workshop (free workshop).

For more information about the workshop or if you would like to present a paper, contact: Paul C. Fielder at: paul@chelanpud.org or 509-664-2892 ext. 4299.

Remember to check out our new web site @ www.WashingtonWildlifeSoc.org!



MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Oregon Chapter, TWS, February 21-23, 2001, Portland, OR.

Montana Chapter, TWS, February 28 - March 2, 2001, Butte, MT.

Northwest Section/Alberta Chapter, TWS, Annual Conference, March 2-4, Banff, Alberta.

Idaho Chapter, TWS, March 7-10, 2001, Boise, ID.

Washington Chapter, TWS, March 19-21, 2001 @ Moses Lake, WA.

Society for Ecological Restoration *Northwest Chapter*, April 2-6, 2001, Bellevue, WA. The Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) is an international organization with chapters in Australia, Canada, India, the United Kingdom, and seven divisions covering the United States. Formed in 1988, SER has over 2,500 members. The Northwest Chapter, SERNW, includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and parts of Montana, California, and Wyoming. The April Conference, titled "Restoration and Recovery: Beyond Good Intentions" will focus on monitoring and adaptive management. Plenary sessions will feature Charles Wilkinson, Professor of Law, Colorado State University, and Rosina Beirbaum, Associate Director for the Environment, Executive Office of the President. (more information @ www.halcyon.com/sernw or contact Melissa Keigley at 206-547-9641 or 206 685-2692).

Thirteenth International Conference on Bear Management and Research, May 21-25, 2001, Jackson Hole, WY (more information @ <http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/bears>).

Society for Conservation Biology Annual Meeting, July 30-August 1, 2001, University of Hawaii @ Hilo, Hawaii (more information @ www.conservationbiology.org).

The Wildlife Society's 8th Annual Conference, September 25-29, 2001, Reno/Tahoe, Nevada (more information at www.tws@wildlife.org).

JOIN THE NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY!

Members are entitled to quarterly newsletters, voting privileges at business meetings and for section officers, and a voice in determining Section policy on issues of concern to the membership.

We encourage members to pay Northwest Section dues (\$5.00) when annually renewing National TWS dues. For information on paying Section dues through National, please contact the National Membership Coordinator, Mary, at 301-897-9770 or mary@wildlife.org. If you would like to maintain Section membership only, please pay through your state chapter or contact Ellen Campbell, Northwest Section Secretary-Treasurer, at 907-586-7919 or ellencampbell@fs.fed.us.

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