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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is here already, with its frenetic pace of field projects, budgets, and the myriad of other activities that wildlifers address at this time of year. It also means that the TWS meeting in Reno, September 25th – 29th, is just around the corner. Hopefully, many of you will attend!

Planning has begun for next year's annual meeting of the NW Section. It will be held in conjunction with the Washington Chapter of TWS. The meeting will be held April 16-

19, 2002, in Spokane, Washington. Don Utzinger is leading the planning for the Washington Chapter. Specific information will be provided as plans are developed further. Anyone with an interest in helping plan the meeting, especially those of you with ideas about topics or sessions of interest to the Section, are invited to become involved. Just drop me an email (Jon_Haufler@emri.org) or give me a call (877) 388-7769.

- Jon Haufler

NORTHWEST SECTION CONNECTION

At The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting in September the new Northwest Section Representative to The Wildlife Society Council will be appointed. It is hard to imagine that my term as Section Representative is almost complete. As I look back on my service in this position, I want to thank the many dedicated volunteers in the various state and province chapters that I have worked with. Service at the chapter level is what makes your professional society work, and I would encourage each of you to become involved in your chapter affairs in some capacity. Certainly there is plenty of opportunity for doing so. Most chapters are continually looking for dedicated professionals who can

serve on committees, testify at hearings, develop position statements, run for board positions, help with chapter meetings, or even editing your chapter newsletter. I have done most of these activities in one capacity or another and have found them to be highly rewarding experiences. They were rewarding experiences in part because of the activities that were accomplished, but more importantly because of the relationships I formed in the process. Most wildlife biologists are a bit quirky in one fashion or another, but basically they are dedicated professionals and darn nice folks!

Certainly there is plenty of unfinished business that needs to be done. One of the most exciting activities that still needs work in each of your chapters is the Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage program. Through this program we record oral or written histories from the folks in your state or province who made fundamental contributions to wildlife conservation during early years of development of our profession. This is a neat opportunity to provide a service to your chapter, the international organization, and learn from conservation leaders in the process. Contact me or your chapter president to find out how to become involved.

Finally, I know there are additional issues in the chapters that the international

organization should be aware of. Please feel free to contact me about concerns or comments that you would like me to pass on to TWS Council. I may be a lame duck, but I can still quack on your behalf. Once again, I appreciate the interest, comments and suggestions that many of you provided me in the past and I look forward to working with many of you in some other capacity in the future.

Thanks for entrusting me with this position.

Daniel Edge
Northwest Section Representative to
TWS Council

2001 RECIPIENT OF THE NORTHWEST SECTION EINARSEN AWARD

The recipient of the 2001 Arthur S. Einarsen Award, Dr. John A. Crawford, has been a very active member of The Wildlife Society, a productive researcher, and a distinguished educator in the field of Wildlife Ecology in the Pacific Northwest for over 25 years.

He has been involved with The Wildlife Society since 1972. During this time, his service to the Society has been varied and extensive for the Oregon State University Preprofessional Chapter, the Oregon Chapter, and the national organization. He served as advisor to the OSU Preprofessional Chapter for 5 years. For the Oregon Chapter, he has served as a session chair at numerous meetings, chaired or was the member of 3 committees, served on the Chapter Board, and has been Secretary/Treasurer, President-Elect and President. He has served on National committees, reviewed numerous submissions to TWS publications, was the Index Editor for The

Wildlife Society Bulletin, and was an Associate Editor for The Journal of Wildlife Management.

Dr. Crawford has built an upland game bird research program that has engendered the respect and admiration of agency, academic, and private industry biologists throughout the western United States. He has made significant contributions to our understanding of the ecology and management of numerous upland species with the publication of over 80 manuscripts in refereed journals, numerous major reports and other publications, and over 40 papers presented at scientific meetings. His work on sage grouse spans over a decade and has resulted in the publication of 14 papers in refereed publications, and the completion of 10 Master's theses and 1 Doctoral thesis as of July 2000. This research deals with habitat ecology and management applicable to vast tracts of western rangeland and may well provide a basis for the recovery of sage grouse

populations throughout the west. The importance of his work is widely recognized as evidenced by his recent selection to the Board of Directors of the North American Grouse Partnership. A recent "Award of Excellence" from the Order of the Antelope further acknowledged his contributions.

As an educator, Dr. Crawford has inspired thousands of undergraduates, as well as directing the programs of 37 Masters and 7 PhD candidates during his tenure at Oregon State University. He has received superior reviews from students taking his courses and has a reputation (both within and outside the Department) for having high

quality standards and a strong code of ethics. These standards have provided inspiration and a strong sense of accomplishment to many students. He challenges students to learn the limits of their capabilities and to develop mental discipline. Dr. Crawford teaches his students more than wildlife biology, he teaches them how to be successful.

The Einarsen Award is the Northwest Section's highest award and is to be awarded to an outstanding individual in the wildlife profession. Dr. John Crawford certainly meets that criterion.

NORTHWEST SECTION AWARDS

The Arthur S. Einarsen Award was established in 1966 to recognize outstanding service to the wildlife profession by individuals residing in the area encompassed by the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Administrator Award was designed to recognize and reward excellence in the areas of wildlife program development and administration. The Awards Committee encourages nominations from the

membership of the Section by 4 January 2002 for both awards. Nominations benefit from supporting documentation so please contact Lowell Suring, Committee Chair, for more details if you have deserving candidates in mind. **Lowell Suring, Rocky Mountain Research Station, 316 East Myrtle Street, Boise, Idaho 83702; phone: (208) 373-4351; FAX: (208) 373-4391; e-mail: lsuring@fs.fed.us.**

2001 TOUCHSTONE AWARD

The Wildlife Management Institute's Touchstone Award was awarded to Gayle Joslin and Heidi Youmans during a special ceremony at the 66th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Washington D.C in March. The Touchstone Award is an international award that recognizes persons in natural resources management whose ingenuity and initiative have resulted in a program or product that notably has advanced sound resource management and conservation in North America.

Gayle and Heidi, employees of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, co-authored *Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife: A Review for Montana* as volunteers on behalf of the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society. The manual, published in September 1999, assists natural resource managers in addressing impacts of motorized and non-motorized recreation on wildlife. You can view the report and the associated online bibliography at www.montanatws.org.

2002 ANNUAL NORTHWEST SECTION MEETING AND WORKSHOPS
hosted by the Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Spokane, WA
April 16-19, 2002

**"Adapting to a Changing Society:
The Future of Wildlife Research and Management"**

The 2002 meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Spokane Valley, in beautiful Spokane, WA. Mark it on your calendar and make room reservations now!!

Theme: This year's session will focus on the future of wildlife management and research in two primary areas:

1. How is our changing society affecting the future of our profession? What can we do to adapt to those changes and even to take advantage of them to improve wildlife management and research?
2. What are the latest tools for research and management? What do we see as the future of those tools as well as some of our old ones?

Changes in societal values, demographics and wealth are dramatically affecting how the public views and uses wildlife, and how they view wildlife management and managers. How the profession adapts (or fails to adapt) to those changes will largely determine the future of the profession. This session promises to focus on innovative ways to respond to changes now and in the future. In addition to the usual topics reporting on the latest research and management, the 2002 session will focus on:

- tapping into increasing societal wealth for funding;
- communication skills and tools;
- working with "opposition" groups to avoid ballot initiatives and other actions that may adversely affect wildlife management and research;

- understanding what our publics want and being responsive to them;
- the latest in management and research tools and their future;
- the future of older tools in light of changing societal values;
- approaches to working with the public to preserve those older tools.

Workshops are yet to be finalized but likely topics include:

- Use of DNA in wildlife research and management;
- Animal damage control with an emphasis on non-lethal methods;
- Communication skills and tools.

Schedule is tentatively as follows:

<u>4/16 Tuesday</u>	PM	Workshops
<u>4/17 Wednesday</u>	AM	Workshops
		General Registration
	PM	Plenary Session
	Eve.	Social
<u>4/18 Thursday</u>	AM/PM	Concurrent Sessions
	Eve.	Banquet
<u>4/19 Friday</u>	AM	Concurrent Sessions
	PM	Field Trips

Lodging: The Doubletree Hotel Spokane Valley has reserved a block of rooms at the

very special rate of \$65/night U.S. (single or double occupancy), \$75/night U.S. (triple or quad.). Reservations can be made at **1-800-222-TREE** (1-800-222-8733). Make reservations early and be sure to request the group rate for The Wildlife Society.

If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, or would like to volunteer to help

with the event, please contact Don Utzinger (WA Chapter president-elect) at utzinger@fidalgo.net or (360) 853-7806. A detailed announcement and call for papers will be printed in the next newsletter, as well as on the WA Chapter web site at www.washingtonwildlifesoc.org. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

CHAPTER NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon Chapters: No web sites)

Alaska

The Alaska Chapter worked on drafting a new position statement regarding oil and gas exploration and development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The new position was approved and released on July 3, 2001. Anyone interested in this new position statement can read it on the Alaska Chapter's web site.

Oregon

2001 for the Oregon Chapter of TWS (ORTWS) continues to be a busy year. Our legislative liaisons have had a very busy legislative session that just ended for the year. Of all the bills ORTWS worked on this session, probably the most time was spent on elk ranching. Because of an interesting coalition of scientists, environmentalists, hunters, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the original bill was stopped. Senate Bill 41 would have turned regulation of cervid ranching over to the Department of Agriculture, and opened up the field to anyone who wanted to get

into the business. Late in the session, the bill was resurrected, but limited to allowing the slaughter and sale of elk meat in the state. Opponents saw this as a foot in the door, leading to pressure in the future to open up the licensing limitation, but when the governor bought off on the concept, the battle was over. For the present, we can feel secure that the immediate danger of game ranching in Oregon is over, but this issue will likely return next session.

In August, the chapter, along with the Oregon Bat Working Group, will host a three-day workshop on the identification and monitoring of bats. Another tracking workshop is planned for late 2001 with Dr. James Halfpenny instructing beginning and advanced techniques for tracking and monitoring forest carnivores. The first tracking workshop held in January 2001 was very popular with attendees. Other workshops are in the planning stages for the year along with our annual conference scheduled for February 11-15, 2002 on the Oregon Coast. We hope to see you at the national conference in Reno in September!

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