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NORTHWEST SECTION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is again time for elections for the Northwest Section of TWS. A slate of candidates is presented in this newsletter along with a ballot. Please take the time to review these candidates, and send in your ballot.

In addition to my activities with the Northwest Section, I am on the Certification Review Board. The Board has been asked to review the criteria for certification of wildlife biologists. Central to this review is revisiting the question of what is a professional wildlife biologist? I think that the definition of a professional wildlife biologist has three primary components: knowledge of the subject area, professional work experience, and proper ethical behavior. Knowledge can come from formal education, continuing education, or with work experience. The specific requirements that a biologist needs to meet have seen some changes over the last 25 years, but are still basically consistent with the requirements first passed by Council. Are these still appropriate today? Professional work is just that, working as a professional

wildlife biologist. This again requires the definition of a professional biologist. What distinguishes a wildlife biologist from a wildlife technician, ecological consultant, forest ecologist, or any number of other work categories? Ethical behavior has some clear boundaries, such as working within laws, not plagiarizing, and treating others with professional respect. To me it also has additional requirements of using and advocating the best science, as wildlife biology is a field of science. This means being careful to differentiate between personal opinions in one's work as a professional biologist and what is supported by science, even when one's opinions may be in vogue by various groups or employers. How do we measure this standard? These are the components of certification that will be discussed in the near future by TWS. I invite your input and ideas on certification and professionalism. If you have ideas, please send me an email.

Jon Haufler

NORTHWEST SECTION CONNECTION

There have been no meetings of TWS Council since the last NW Section

Newsletter, although frequent email communications have enabled Council

members to weigh in on a variety of issues. One item of interest is the selection of Calgary, Alberta as the venue for the 2004 Annual Meeting. Several Council members noted that we'd not yet had a TWS Annual Meeting in Canada. The excellent proposal developed jointly by Alberta and Manitoba members convinced us that the time was right. The decision was not easy, however, as a fine proposal from the Alaska Chapter was also in the final running.

In the last newsletter, I shared my enthusiasm for the Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage (COWCH) Project. This project is seeking to capture and preserve the thoughts, recollections, and impressions of "pioneers" and others who have had important roles in the evolution of

the wildlife profession. Carried out at the TWS Chapter level, the project depends on members to arrange interviews with our profession's greats so that their wisdom and stories can be captured on videotape and transcripts. I'm pleased to announce that Ellen Campbell has agreed to serve as the COWCH Coordinator for the Northwest Section. If you have conducted an interview, or are thinking of doing so, please contact Ellen at (907) 586-7919. She will make sure that the contributions from the NW Section find their way safely to TWS, to be archived and used by this and future generations of wildlifers.

Winie Kessler
email: wkessler@fs.fed.us

2004 TWS CONFERENCE IN CALGARY!

The Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ACTWS) is very pleased to announce that they will be hosting the 2004 Annual TWS Conference in Calgary. Partners in the event are expected to include the Manitoba Chapter of the Wildlife Society, the University of Alberta Student Chapter, the Lethbridge College Student Chapter, and many wildlife employers in the province.

More information will follow in the weeks and months ahead.

Thanks to all who supported our bid to host the conference! I look forward to working with all interested members in making this conference a great success!

Arlen Todd
Alberta Chapter President

GRIZZLY BEARS: A WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING AND MANAGING SMALL POPULATIONS

Call for Papers

A 2-day workshop on enhancing small populations of grizzly bears in the US-Canada trans-border area and creating and managing new populations in linkage zones will be held in conjunction with the winter meeting of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee. The workshop is **tentatively scheduled for December 16-17, 2002 in Sandpoint, Idaho**. The International Association for Bear Research and Management, local, state, provincial, and

federal governmental agencies interested in grizzly bears, and the National Wildlife Federation will coordinate the workshop. Invited papers will be presented by Mark Boyce, Lisette Waits, Chris Servheen, Matt Austin, Rick Mace, Dave Mattson, Greg Schildwachter, Wayne Kasworm, John Boulanger, Wayne Wakkinen, Mike Proctor, and others. A panel discussion is planned with local political leaders and citizens. Pertinent papers on this topic from Europe and Asia are encouraged. Proceedings will be peer reviewed and published.

Suggestions for topics and presenters, as well as abstracts for volunteered papers, should be submitted by March 31, 2002 to Sterling Miller, 240 North Higgins, Suite 2, Missoula, MT 59802 (406) 721-6705, FAX (406) 721-6714, millerS@nwf.org.



NORTHWEST SECTION EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Lowell Suring

Present Position: In early 2001 Lowell Suring transferred to a Forest Service position in Boise, Idaho where he serves as Wildlife Ecologist for the Interior West.

Previous Positions: Following completion of his M.S. Degree, Mr. Suring accepted a position with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; first in their Biometrics Section, then with their Endangered Species Unit. Following a stint as a Research Assistant at Colorado State University, he accepted a position with the Fish and Wildlife Service in New Mexico. Mr. Suring then moved to the Chippewa National Forest in Minnesota as Forest Biologist, then as Planning Biologist. He transferred to Alaska where he served as a Wildlife Ecologist on the Tongass National Forest, the Chugach National Forest, and in the Regional Office.

Education: Mr. Suring received his undergraduate degree in Wildlife Biology from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and completed his M.S. Degree in Wildlife Science at Oregon State University (thesis: Habitat use and activity patterns of the Columbian white-tailed deer along the lower Columbia River).

TWS-Related Activities: Mr. Suring has been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1969 and is a Certified Wildlife Biologist. He is a charter member and 1st President of the University of Wisconsin –

Stevens Point student chapter. Mr. Suring served the Alaska Chapter as President (2-yr. term), as a member of the Executive Committee, and as Chair and member of numerous committees. He has been a member of the Northwest Section since 1984 and has served as chair of the Award's Committee since 1996.

VICE PRESIDENT

Terry Bowyer

Present Position: R. Terry Bowyer is a Professor of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, where he has held joint appointments in the Institute of Arctic Biology and Department of Biology and Wildlife for the past 15 years. He has served as Department Chair and Deputy Director of the Institute. His research interests include the ecology, behavior, evolution, and management of large mammals; he has >100 scientific publications on those topics. Dr. Bowyer teaches wildlife courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels, and has mentored 19 graduate students to the successful completion of their degrees.

Previous Positions: For 6 years in the early 1980's, Dr. Bowyer taught wildlife-related courses to undergraduates at Unity College in Maine. He was also employed as a California State Park Ranger (PI) while pursuing his education.

Education: Dr. Bowyer earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Humboldt State University in 1970 and 1976, respectively.

He received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1985. He has continued his education by attending numerous workshops and symposia at professional meetings.

TWS-Related Activities: Dr. Bowyer is a long-time member of The Wildlife Society, and has served as President of Maine and Alaska chapters, as well as on numerous committees of those chapters. He helped organize a Symposium on Sexual Segregation in Ungulates at the 4th Annual Conference of TWS in Snowmass, Colorado, and is a member of the College and University Wildlife Education Working Group. He was an Associate Editor for the Wildlife Society Bulletin during 1988-89. He received the Outstanding Publication Award (monograph category) from TWS in 1998, and was honored with the Arthur S. Einarsen Award from the Northwest Section in 2000.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Marion Cherry

Present Position: Forest Wildlife Biologist, Gallatin National Forest, Bozeman, Montana since 1988

Previous Positions: Zone Wildlife Biologist, Fillmore and Beaver Ranger Districts, Fishlake National Forest, Utah 1980-1988; Biological Technician, Bureau of Land Management, Richfield, Utah 1979; Research or Teaching Assistant, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 1976-1979

Education: A.B. from Catawba College, Salisbury, NC; M.S. in Wildlife Science, Utah State University, Logan, Utah; M.S. in Range Science, Utah State University, Logan, Utah; graduate work at Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

TWS-Related Activities: Member since 1976; Board Member, Utah Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 1987-1988;

Secretary/Treasurer of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 2000-2002; Contributor to the *Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife: A Review for Montana*, (coordinated by G. Joslin and H. Youmans) a product of the members of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 1999.

Carolyn Sime

Present Position: Wildlife Biologist, Research Program / Grey Wolf Planning Coordinator, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Previous Positions: various seasonal positions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (1988-1994)

Education: B.S. Biology, Fish and Wildlife Management option and M.S. Fish and Wildlife Management, Montana State University (1983, 1991)

TWS-Related Activities: Member Montana Chapter since 1988; Member NW Section since 1990; Secretary-Treasurer Montana Chapter 1994-96; Student Awards Committee, Montana Chapter since 1999; Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife Committee member 1998-1999; NW Section Representative Student Affairs Committee 1990-91; certified Wildlife Biologist, 1999.

**THANK YOU
OUT-GOING OFFICERS**

Ellen Campbell
Secretary-Treasurer
1998-2002

Fred Samson
Vice President
2000-2002

**2002 ANNUAL NORTHWEST SECTION and WASHINGTON CHAPTER
MEETING AND WORKSHOPS**

hosted by the Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Spokane, WA

April 17-19, 2002

(Workshops April 16-17)

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

Please note: By the time you receive this, updates will already be posted on the web site:

www.washingtonwildlifesoc.org

Are you concerned about ballot initiatives that affect wildlife management? Is there a conflict between public opinion and accepted management and research tools? This years 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 traditional and non-traditional sources of funding;
- communication skills and tools;
- working with special interest 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 educating the public about wildlife management.

Plenary Session

Tom Beck, Colorado Division of Wildlife bear biologist, has written several essays addressing the social implications of hunting management. Tom will talk about societal changes that the wildlife profession should be responding to, and offer his insights into what some of those responses should be. **Zane Cornett**, a communication consultant that specializes in natural resource management, will address communication in the context of listening to and talking with the public or other professionals who might not agree with our views and/or converse in scientific terms. Zane, together with

Elaine Twigg-Cornett, will also be presenting a full day workshop prior to the plenary session (see pg. 9). Other speakers (not yet confirmed) may include:

- **Tom Franklin**, TWS Policy Director (How societal changes in the future of the profession fit with established TWS policies and what changes, if any, might be needed.)
- **Wayne Pacelle**, The Humane Society of The United States (Ideas about how we might work better together in the future to avoid ballot initiatives. Wayne has organized many of the ballot initiatives that have affected wildlife management across the US.)

Panel: Professional Ethics and Credibility

A panel discussion on ethics and credibility will follow the plenary session. This is a recent addition to the agenda and is timely due to recent media coverage of lynx and grizzly bear hair sampling methods. Panel members are yet to be determined. The goal will be to determine how to regain lost credibility in this situation, focus on what constitutes ethical behavior in similar situations and how to avoid future incidents that damage the credibility of the profession.

Location and Transportation

All meetings and workshops will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane Valley (North 1100 Sullivan Road, Spokane, WA). The facilities are located just off I-90 at exit 291, 15 minutes east of downtown Spokane, 20 minutes west of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and 20 minutes from Spokane International Airport. The hotel provides complimentary transportation for their guests between their facilities and the airport, train or bus stations [direct dial hotel at (509) 924-9000]. Nine airlines service

Spokane; Amtrak connects daily from Seattle, Portland and Chicago; and four bus lines are available (Greyhound, Empire Lines, Northwestern Stages and New Way Tours).

Lodging

The Double Tree Hotel, Spokane Valley has reserved a block of rooms at the special rate of \$65/night U.S. (single or double occupancy), \$75/night U.S. (triple or quad.) plus tax (~10%). Reservations can be made at **1-800-222-TREE** (1-800-222-8733). Be sure to request the group rate for The Wildlife Society and make your reservations early. (We will owe significant financial penalties if an adequate number of rooms are not credited to TWS. Special rates are also subject to room availability.)

Schedule

4/16 Tuesday

1:00-5:00 PM Workshops
(separate fee required)

4/17 Wednesday

8:00-12:00 AM Workshops
(separate fee required)
12:00-1:00 PM General Registration
1:00-5:00 PM Plenary Session
and panel discussion
7:00-9:00 PM Social

4/18 Thursday

8:00-12:00 AM Concurrent Sessions
12:00-1:30 PM Lunch (WA Chapter
business meeting)
1:30-5:00 PM Concurrent Sessions
7:00-9:00 PM Banquet

4/19 Friday

7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast (NW Section
business meeting)
8:30-12:00 AM Concurrent Sessions
PM Field Trips

Workshops

Two workshops are planned for April 16th and 17th, preceding the main session. The planned workshops include Practical Genetics for Wildlife Biologists and Effective Interpersonal Communication for Professionals.

PRACTICAL GENETICS FOR WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS

The role of genetics in wildlife management has grown considerably in the last 5 years. From mollusks to bears, professional biologists are finding practical applications for genetics studies. For biologists to evaluate genetic information -- or even participate in conversations on this subject -- they need to be fluent in the language of this science. This workshop will provide basic information on genetics and its application to wildlife management.

Agenda

April 16, 2002

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| 1:00 – 1:15 | Introductions and workshop objectives
<i>Dr. Carol Aubry (USFS)</i> |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Basic Genetics
<i>Dr. Carol Aubry (USFS)</i> |
| 2:30 – 2:45 | Break |
| 2:45 – 3:45 | Molecular Genetics Techniques
<i>Melanie Murphy (University of Idaho)</i> |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Break |
| 4:00 – 5:00 | Molecular Genetics Techniques, continued)
<i>Melanie Murphy (University of Idaho)</i> |

April 17, 2002

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| 8:00 – 9:00 | Non-invasive genetic sampling of Lynx distribution and movements
<i>Dr. Michael Schwartz (USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station)</i> |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Break |
| 9:15 – 10:00 | Defining Conservation Units for Listing
<i>Dr. Susan Haig (USGS)</i> |
| 10:00- 11:00 | Defining populations across the landscape
<i>Dr. Lisette Waits (University of Idaho)</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Break |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | Defining conservation units for spotted owls
<i>Dr. Susan Haig (USGS)</i> |

For further information contact Don Utzinger at utzinger@fidalgo.net or 360-853-7806 (or 509-826-0420).

EFFECTIVE INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION FOR PROFESSIONALS

Have you ever been in a meeting or conversation where you just couldn't "get through"? We all have. Do you want to: Clarify your own interests, as well as others?; Know what to do when someone won't let go of their position?; Learn subtle language choices that can create a significant shift in the message you are delivering, (i.e. say what you really mean)? This highly interactive workshop will give you tools and insights to help you be a more effective communicator. You will leave this workshop with the communication skills necessary for successful interactions with your co-workers, partners, and the public. You will have learned effective ways to make significant contributions to collaborative efforts and insights that will keep you from getting stuck in the business-as-usual debates over who is right or wrong.

"Effective Interpersonal Communication for Professionals" will be led by Elaine Twigg-Cornett and Zane J. Cornett, from Integrations, a professional development firm based in Eugene, Oregon. Elaine and Zane have extensive experience working with natural resource professionals, as well as many years studying and practicing effective communication, teaming, and collaboration techniques. They come to us highly recommended by TWS members and other natural resource professionals.

All practicing professionals would benefit from this opportunity. This is a workshop you definitely want to attend so sign up now! Space is limited.

The workshop will be April 16, 1:00 – 5:00 PM; and April 17, 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

For further information contact Ken Bevis at beviskrb@dfw.wa.gov or (509) 457-9309.

Social

Wednesday evening (4/17) the reception will include a no-host bar with hors d'oeuvres provided. This is a great opportunity to relax after traveling, get reacquainted with old friends/associates, and meet new ones. We hope to see you there!

Banquet

The Thursday (4/18) evening banquet is included in the registration fee. The Washington Chapter will present awards. New officers will be announced and installed. There will be after dinner entertainment (yet to be determined).

Field Trips

Field trips will occur Friday afternoon. They are still in the planning process. Check the web site at www.washingtonwildlifesoc.org

Call for Posters

A poster session will be held throughout the main conference (excluding workshops) from 1:00 PM Wednesday (4/17) through noon Friday (4/19). We are seeking presentations on wildlife research, management, monitoring, and new techniques related to wildlife science. Authors with preliminary data are encouraged to submit posters. Students are especially encouraged to submit posters. Tables will be available. To submit a poster send title, authors, a brief abstract, phone number, e-mail address, and any special needs (including any electrical connection requirements) to Peter Singleton at psingleton@fs.fed.us. Peter can also be contacted at (509) 662-4315 ext. 226.

Photo and Art Contest

This is your annual opportunity to share your photographs, drawings, paintings, carvings, sculptures, needlework, or other artistic creations. Competition is open to all meeting registrants and has the following rules.

1. Items must have been created by the participant.
2. Items must fit into one of the following categories:
 - a) landscapes/habitats
 - b) mammals
 - c) birds
 - d) other wildlife
 - e) humans and wildlife
 - f) humor
3. One item per category per person.
4. Items must not be offensive.
5. No previous TWS contest winners.
6. Judging will be by vote of all attendees. Photos will be judged separately from all other items.
7. Photographs must be prints in the size range of 5"x7" to 16"x20" and must be mounted on stiff backing or matted. No glass or framing please.

Bring your art items to the Registration Desk. There will be a small registration fee. Entrants are responsible for retrieving their art items after the contest.

For additional information contact Mark Nuetzmann at mnuetzmann@yakama.com or (509) 865-6262

Students

Student attendance and presentations are always welcome and encouraged. Incentives to assist students include:

- Reduced registration fees
- Financial assistance with travel
- Student mentoring session

For information on financial assistance with travel contact Don Utzinger at utzinger@fidalgo.net or (360) 853-7806 [or (509) 826-0420 if the first number is disconnected].

Call For Papers!

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

You are invited and encouraged to submit abstracts for presentations on wildlife ecology and management for the 2002 Joint Meeting of the Northwest Section and Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Presentations will be 25 minutes in length, including introduction of the presenter and time for questions. Abstracts will be printed in the program booklet as they are received; otherwise, written papers will not be associated with presentations.

Tentative session themes are as follows:

- Developing Practical Approaches for Multi-species Viability Planning
- Transportation Networks and Habitat Linkages
- Factoring Forest Pathogens and Natural Disturbances into Wildlife Management
- Habitat Restoration and Wildlife Population Responses
- Global and Local Changes
- Old/New Tools: DNA, GIS, Satellites and other tricks and gizmos
- Interfacing With the Public: Outreach and Partnerships
- Traditional and Non-traditional Sources of Funding
- Contributed Papers (include papers on any topic relevant to wildlife ecology or management)

Please submit the following info:

- Name, affiliation, mailing address, phone number and e-mail of lead author.
- The same information for the presenter if different from lead author.

- Names and affiliations of additional authors.
- Paper session for which the abstract is submitted (listed above), or poster session. If it doesn't fit any of the topics, select "Contributed Papers".
- Abstract (please use the following guidelines and example).

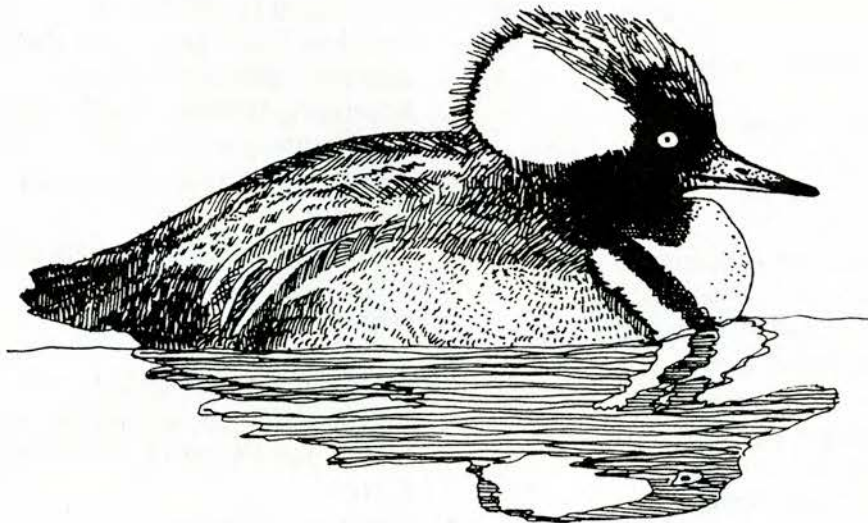
Abstract Guidelines & Format

- Submit by e-mail or regular mail (hard copy and floppy disk of electronic version).

- Use (or save as) Microsoft Word v7.0 or lower (much preferred), Word Perfect, or RTF format.
- Single space.
- Use a paragraph indent for the description portion.
- No hard returns within a paragraph.
- No more than 100 words.
- Submit abstracts by **3/15/2002** to: Don Utzinger at utzinger@fidalgo.net.

Format Example

Public, Jane Q., and John C. Private. **Example abstract for the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Section and Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society.** Name of Author's Organization, City and State/Province abbreviations. The text describing your presentation should begin here and follow the indented format as shown.



**Registration Form for the 2002 Annual Meeting and Workshops
Northwest Section and Washington Chapter of
The Wildlife Society
Workshops April 16-17 - Annual Meeting April 17-19
Spokane, WA**

Name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: Office (____) _____ Home (____) _____

Do you wish to be a student mentor? YES NO
 Will you be attending the following functions (costs are included with meeting registration):
 Thursday evening banquet? YES NO
 Washington Chapter Board/Business meeting lunch on Thursday? YES NO
 Northwest Section Business meeting continental breakfast on Friday? YES NO

If you have special diet needs please note them here: _____

ANNUAL MEETING Wed-Fri, April 17-19 Full registration includes Thursday evening banquet	POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31	AFTER MARCH 31	TOTAL
Regular Member	\$80	\$95	_____
Student Member	\$45	\$50	_____
Non-Member	\$95	\$110	_____
Student Non-Member	\$55	\$60	_____
Banquet only (e.g. for family member)	\$28	\$28	_____

**WORKSHOPS Both workshops start midday Tuesday (4/16)
and end midday Wednesday (4/17)**

Effective Interpersonal Communication for Professionals	\$85	\$100	_____
Practical Genetics for Wildlife Biologists	\$110	\$125	_____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Washington Chapter	\$10 regular/\$5 student	_____
Northwest Section	\$5	_____

TOTAL DUE (US dollars) _____

If paying by check drawn on a Canadian bank, multiply US dollars by 1.6 _____

Please make checks (sorry, no purchase orders or credit cards) payable to: WA Chapter of the Wildlife Society and mail registration form (s) with payment to:

**Cathy Raley
Forestry Sciences Lab
3625 93rd Ave. SW
Olympia, WA 98512**

Cancellation Policy: Full refund for cancellation through March 31. After March 31 a 25% fee will be deducted.

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)

2002 Chapter Meetings

Alaska: May 2-4 (final dates); Fairbanks, AK (held in conjunction with Alaska Chapter of American Fisheries Society and the Society of American Foresters)

Alberta: March 7-9; Edmonton Plaza Hotel, Edmonton, AB

Idaho: March 14-15; Westcoast Hotel, Idaho Falls, ID

Montana: February 26-28; Fairmont Hot Springs (near Anaconda), MT

Washington: April 17-19; Doubletree Hotel, Spokane, WA (held in conjunction with the Northwest Section Annual Conference)

Alaska

The Alaska Chapter is busy planning our annual meeting for May 2-4 in Fairbanks, Alaska. This year we will hold a joint meeting with the Alaska Society of American Foresters and our theme will be "Coordinating Forestry and Wildlife Management at the Landscape Level". This will be an excellent opportunity for professionals in both fields of forestry and wildlife to make contacts and exchange ideas. For more information see the announcement in this newsletter.

Idaho

The Idaho Chapter will hold its annual meeting March 14-15 in Idaho Falls. Be sure to check your calendar since this is a change from previously selected dates.

The Chapter reviewed and submitted comments on the Recommendations for Grizzly Bear Management in Eastern Idaho. This would be the State's management plan following delisting of the Yellowstone population of grizzly bears. The states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming must have

management plans approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service before the population can be removed from the protections under the Endangered Species Act. Although not formally representing the Idaho Chapter on the Idaho Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Delisting Advisory Team that prepared the draft management plan, TWS member Dr. Jim Peek (University of Idaho) undoubtedly made sure the voice of professional wildlife management was heard and incorporated into the plan.



Call for presentations at the joint annual meeting:

**ALASKA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (SAF)
ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY (TWS)**

**“Coordinating Forestry and Wildlife Management at the Landscape Level”
May 2-4, 2002, Wood Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks**

The organizers of the joint annual meeting announce the call for oral presentations (TWS only) and poster abstracts (SAF and TWS). The meeting theme describes the need for the forestry and wildlife professions to work together in resource planning and management beyond the stand scale. We have invited speakers from several organizations and regions of Alaska to help define challenges and opportunities so managers can discuss practical issues for implementing projects at the landscape level. Statewide perspectives are being sought, although discussion will likely focus on how this topic applies specifically to the Tanana Valley in the Interior.

Registration information and the full meeting agenda can be found on society web sites at <http://mercury.bio.uaf.edu/ak-tws/> or <http://nrm.salrm.uaf.edu/~jfox/saf.html>. Full-time students will be admitted free for all technical sessions and are encouraged to participate. Maps of the campus and Fairbanks can be found at <http://www.uaf.edu/campusmap/>.

Abstracts for oral presentations (TWS only) or posters are due by April 15, 2002. Abstracts should be submitted electronically as Word documents or text files (preferably via e-mail as an attached file) to: Tony Gasbarro, Alaska Cooperative Extension Service, P.O. Box 756180, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99775-6180, tgasbarro@hotmail.com. Oral presentations will be 15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions; please indicate the type of projector needed (overhead transparency, slide, or LCD) and include a

brief biography for your introduction. Posters should be no larger than 3 ft x 4 ft and preferably suitable for pushpin mounting on a fabric wall.

Please limit the entire abstract (title, author names and addresses and body of abstract) to 250 words. Use Times New Roman 12-point font if possible, and stay within 1-inch margins. Use numerals to depict all numbers, and avoid the use of undefined acronyms. Typewritten abstracts will be accepted ONLY if the author does not have any access to electronic submittal options. Please ensure that the abstract is error-free to minimize editorial needs when preparing the bound abstract booklet.

Invited speakers may describe solely the theme of their presentation, whereas poster and oral TWS presentations on research topics should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, concise presentation of results, and a summary of conclusions. Title and author format should mimic the following example, with an asterisk to denote the presenting author:

Songbird use of harvest-retention patches in riparian white spruce

William Biologist^{1*} and Frank C. Forester²

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