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## President's Message

### WHO IS CERTIFIED?

Certification is a program implemented by TWS for the benefit of members. How many of our chapter members are certified? How many members of the states in the Northwest Section are certified? Before I answer these questions, let me review the certification program.

TWS began the certification program to evaluate the educational and professional experience of wildlife biologists to insure high professional standards in all activities devoted to wildlife resources. A Certification Review Board, comprised of TWS members, assesses each applicant as a peer-evaluation program. Acceptance as a Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB) constitutes recognition by TWS that an applicant meets the minimum educational, experience and ethical standards specified for professional wildlife biologists. Current application fee for CWB is \$130, for Associate Wildlife Biologist (AWB, a person completed the educational requirements, but not the experience requirements) is \$90.

Who is certified? I examined the 1998 TWS Membership Directory and Certification Registry to count state chapter members and their certification status. I included the 5 states in the Northwest Section for comparison (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of chapter members, percent certified as CWB and AWB, and total.

State	Number	%CWB	%AWB	Total%
Nevada	88	29.5	2.3	31.8
Montana	236	25.0	1.7	26.7
Idaho	189	22.8	1.1	23.9
Alaska	308	20.1	1.9	22.0
Oregon	351	16.5	2.0	18.5
Washington	322	14.6	2.2	16.8

Nevada leads with nearly a third of its members certified, Idaho is solidly in the middle with nearly a quarter of our members certified, and Washington trails with only 16.8% certified. The 3 largest state chapters with over 300 members have the lowest percentage of certified members.

Should the percentage of members certified be higher? If so, why? Each of us, students excluded, knows that we are a professional by virtue of our job. Our paychecks validate it. Being certified may mean little to many of us, and no one wants to spend \$130 on a piece of paper. However, what does it say about our involvement in TWS

and the profession of wildlife biology and management if we are not certified? Most of us meet the requirements but haven't taken the time to apply (and write the \$130 check). If we believe that being a wildlife biologist is different from being a biologist, or a zoologist, or a botanist, or a conservation biologist, and that being a wildlife biologist provides us knowledge and insights valuable to management, perhaps we should bite the bullet and become certified. I encourage each of us to consider it. Information and the application can be downloaded at [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org). I will apply for certification by the end of 1998. Kerry Reese©

*EDITOR'S NOTE: having gone through the certification process 2 years ago, I would be willing to assist anybody that is interested.*

## Editorial

### NEW BLOOD NEEDED - SEEKING A NEW EDITOR

While putting together the last couple of newsletters I found myself just going through the mechanics rather than consciously thinking about the form and function, and ways to improve the newsletter.

I (with help from Daryl Meints for part of the time) have been newsletter editor for the past 3 years. It is time for new blood; somebody with a vision and the ambition to take the newsletter to greater heights. I will formally relinquish the responsibility as editor at the 1999 Annual Meeting. Anybody interested in serving your Chapter as editor - please contact me.

I've truly enjoyed serving the Chapter as editor, and hopefully have made a positive contribution to our collective efforts. Thanks are extended to all of you that have assisted me. I look forward to continued service to the Chapter, and would gladly consider future opportunities. BBC ©

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## Letters To The Editor

Additional thoughts on Kerry Reese's Presidents Message, "The Constancies of Wildlife Management". I have another constant.

Upon graduating from college a couple times many years ago, and entering the field of wildlife management for the federal government (USFWS, USFS, and BLM) I found that the university did not prepare me for the job I was expected to do. This has remained a constant.

**CONSTANT X.** The academic university system professors do not have enough specific land management experience to prepare their graduates for the work they will be doing in public land management agencies, or to direct their research to meet the needs of land managers.

Between my B.S. and M.S. I worked for 2 years as an Assist. Manager/Biologist on the National Bison Range in Montana. During this 2 year period I had the opportunity to do some great hands on wildlife management. When I went back to college I discovered that my field experience - of 2 years - gave me a much better insight into the techniques and biology that my professors were telling me about, than they had themselves.

A professor of wildlife management, and related fields, tend to enter the professorship immediately upon graduation with their PhD. And begin their career as a teacher. Their research will give them more field experience, but many choose fields of highly academic value with little management value. Their knowledge gets passed on to their students, and the cycle begins again.

As interest builds over the values and management of public lands, the management of these lands is under greater and greater public scrutiny. It is becoming more and more important that we have scientific answers to land management problems. With the tremendous variety of critters that inhabit public lands it is a humanly impossible task to understand the habitats and needs of all this variety of wildlife. It is becoming increasingly important that we have the specific scientific habitat management information that is needed to make the tough management decisions for each of this grand host of species.

It is becoming increasingly important that the managers and the academic community communicate and understand the needs of land management in today's world. Academia needs to be focused on the real and critical needs of land managers. When I asked myself in what forum this communication needs to take place, one obvious answer is The Wildlife Society meetings and committees. John Augsburger, Burley ☺

## Feature Articles

### 1999 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

The annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society will be held at the Grove Hotel downtown Boise from March 4-6, 1999. Please note that the annual meeting will be preceded by a 1-day workshop entitled "**Workshop on the Status and Management Classification of Idaho Native Fauna**" at the Grove Hotel on March 3. The meeting will be held concurrently with The Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Both organizations will share the plenary session on March 4, which will focus on the Snake River Anadromous Fish Recovery and the Role of Dams. The morning sessions of the AFS will address the general biological, social, and political issues surrounding anadromous fish recovery in Idaho. The afternoon sessions will focus specifically on the role of dams in recovery. Directly after the plenary session the TWS will convene a special symposium focusing on the role of riparian systems to Idaho's fauna. The meeting will start at 8:00 AM on Thursday, March 4, and continue through noon on Saturday, March 6, if needed. A more detailed agenda will be distributed in January. Please note that the annual auction and buffet will be held on Friday evening, March 5, in conjunction with the AFS.

Several speakers have already expressed their interest in the above mentioned TWS symposium; if you wish to present a paper at this symposium or organize a special session or a presentation that is longer than the standard 20 minutes, contact Toni Holthuijzen at 208-388-2352 or [tholthuijzen@idahopower.com](mailto:tholthuijzen@idahopower.com).

General sessions will be held and members are strongly encouraged to present papers on all aspects of the ecology and management of wildlife and habitat. Presentations shorter than 20 minutes, especially updates on management issues and activities around the state, are welcome.

Reservations can be made at the Grove Hotel, 245 South Capital Blvd, Boise, ID 83702 by calling 208-333-8000, or [fourdiamond@msn.com](mailto:fourdiamond@msn.com). A block of 75 rooms has been reserved through February 14, 1998. A special rate of \$68.00 single/double, or prevailing government rate, has been arranged. *After February 4, room rates go up to \$139.00.* Identify yourself as attending the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society and mention the group room block when you make your reservation. Toni Holthuijzen ☺

### RARE ANIMAL WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the 1999 Idaho Chapter TWS meeting we will again have a Rare Animal Workshop. It has been 3 years since we reviewed the list of Idaho Department of



Fish and Game Species of Special Concern (SSC). In that time things have happened regarding rare species evaluations in Idaho. Dr. Chuck Peterson and Ted Koch reviewed the status of amphibian and reptile species, the Idaho Bat Working Group has reviewed the status of the state's 14 bat species, the Western Bat Working Group has prioritized the management and research needs of the 33 western bat species, and Idaho Partners In Flight has developed a list of priority bird species and habitats and developed management guidelines for riparian and shrub-steppe habitats. The focus of this workshop will therefore be to review the status of mammalian species (other than bats) on the SSC list and whether there are species to add or delete from the list. We will start the meeting with presentations on the other species groups (herps, bats, birds) to bring the membership up to date on species status and priorities and then move into work on the mammals.

There is also much confusion among agencies and the public regarding the terminology we use regarding rare species (IDFG Species of Special Concern; USFWS Species of Concern and Watch Species; BLM and USFS Sensitive Species). In December 1996 and January 1997, Wayne Melquist and Chuck Harris (IDFG), Jeri Wood, Rich Howard, and Linda Hallock (USFWS), Lyle Lewis and Allan Thomas (BLM), and Tina Lanier and Bill Ruediger (USFS) met to develop common criteria for these species categories. This project was never completed, but we will try to revive it in the next couple months and at least have some draft criteria ready to present at the workshop.

Toni Holthuijzen ☺

## **IDAHO CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Teaming With Wildlife:**

No Report.

Paul Moroz, Chairperson ☺

### **Conservation Affairs Committee:**

No Report.

Jon Haufler, Chairperson ☺

### **Nominations-Election Committee:**

No Report.

Don Kemner, Chairperson ☺

### **Awards Committee:**

The Awards Committee is actively seeking nominations for the following awards. Please contact Alan Sands, TNC, 2404 Bank Drive, Suite 314, Boise, ID 83705. 208-343-8826. Fax: 208-343-8892. E-mail: asands@bois.uswest.net.

### **Professional Wildlife Award:**

Criteria:

- 1) Contributions of the nominee to Idaho's wildlife;

including number of species affected, distribution of wildlife work across Idaho, and number of years working in wildlife management in Idaho.

2) Commitment of the nominee to the wildlife resource; including number of years working professionally in wildlife management activities, number of years active in wildlife activities outside of job, and difficulty of issues or species worked upon.

3) Contributions of the nominee to the wildlife profession; including number of professional positions held working in wildlife management, number of locations nominee worked in the wildlife profession, number of professional publications published, and number of positions held in wildlife organizations outside of job.

4) Contributions of nominee to public understanding of wildlife management and the problems involved in managing wildlife; including number of publications intended for general public published, number of other media presentations given, and level of involvement with wildlife clubs, schools, etc.

### **Special Recognition Award:**

Criteria:

Special recognition awards are intended to honor any person or group who has made an outstanding contribution within the state of Idaho to: the general areas of wildlife conservation, management, science, or conservation education; the wildlife profession; or to a specific area of endeavor, species, community, ecosystem or region. Any person or group who has made such a noteworthy contribution within the last three years is eligible for nomination.

Nominations:

Any Chapter member may submit a nomination for a Special Recognition Award to the Awards Committee. Because the Committee confers 2 awards, nominators must specify for which award the nomination is intended. A single nominee cannot be submitted for both awards. Each nomination should include the following minimum information: 1) full name, present position, current address and telephone number of the nominee; 2) name, address, and telephone number of the nominator; 3) a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination, including the specific nature, time, and place of the outstanding accomplishments; 4) the signature of the nominator. Two or 3 letters in support of the nominee from other professionals will aid in committee decisions. All nominations must be received by the Committee by February 1, 1999. The Committee may also solicit information for its files. Nominees, not selected to receive the award, must be renominated for consideration in future years. Alan Sands, Chairperson ☺

### **Membership Committee:**

No Report.

Chuck Peterson, Chairperson ☺



## Regional Reports

### North Idaho

No Report  
Joe Butsick ☺

### Eastern Idaho

No Report.  
Jeff Copeland ☺

## Northwest Section News

### 1999 ANNUAL NORTHWEST SECTION MEETING: "At The Threshold Of The 21st Century"

The Montana Chapter will host the NW Section in Bozeman. Invited plenary speakers include Dr. Valerius Geist, professor emeritus, University of Alberta, Calgary.

The NW Section includes members from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Northwest Territories, Oregon, Washington, and Yukon. The pool of speakers and instructors available for workshops and sessions will provide us with new and interesting topics and viewpoints. Our focus has been to provide our members with the highest quality, most current information at a reasonable price. So join us in Bozeman; it should prove to be a fun, friendly, and an educational event.

For more information contact: Frank Pickett at 406-497-3666; Fax 406-497-3840; E-mail fpickett@mtpower.com.

### YEAR 2000 NORTHWEST SECTION MEETING

Come one, come all to the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society during March 6-10, 2000. The Idaho Chapter will host the conference at Cavanaugh's-Templin's Resort in Post Falls, which is 32 miles from the Spokane Airport via Interstate 90. Cavanaugh's-Templin's Resort, which is along the Spokane River, is the only hotel listed in the Idaho Wildlife Viewing Guide. Details of the meeting will follow in future newsletters. So, come join us in the City by the River!

### 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 February 1, 1999 for both awards. Nominations benefit from supporting documentations so please contact Lowell Suring, Committee Chair, for more details if you have deserving candidates in mind. Lowell Suring, Chugach National Forest, 3301 C Street, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone 907-271-2836; fax 907-271-3992; E-mail lsuring/r10\_chugach@fs.fed.us.

## National Awards

As a member of the Honorary Membership and Special Recognition Awards committee of The Wildlife Society I am writing to ask if the Idaho Chapter has anyone you would like to nominate for either of these awards. Given annually, these awards are designed to recognize people in one of the following categories:

- 1) Honorary Membership in The Wildlife Society - this award is intended to recognize continuous outstanding service in any area or areas of concern to The Wildlife Society. The award is open to any practicing or retired wildlife professional who is a member of the Society and has made continuous valuable contributions to the wildlife profession over a long period of time.
- 2) Special Recognition Service Award - this award honors any person or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the wildlife profession; the general areas of wildlife conservation, management or science; or a specific area of endeavor, species, community, ecosystem, region, etc.

Nominations should include: 1) nominee's full name, present position, address and phone number; 2) nominator's and endorser's names, addresses and phone numbers; 3) a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination, including the specific nature, time and place of the nominee's outstanding service and accomplishments. Nominations should address such criteria as difficulty, insight, scope, importance, acceptance, application, value, impact, and geographic scope of contributions; 4) at least 3 signed statements of endorsement.

If you have anyone that is worthy of such recognition please let me know and we can work together to gather the necessary information the committee will need to properly consider the nomination. You can reach me via E-mail at winandsue@clearwater.net, by telephone 208-486-6462 or by snail mail at 1015 Old Melrose Grade, Peck, ID 83545.

Thanks, Win Green ☺



# ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL FORM

1999 Annual Meeting  
Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Type of Presentation:  Paper  Poster  Display

Subject of Contributed Paper:

Big Game  Upland Game  Waterfowl  Policy  
 Reptiles/Amphibians  Nongame Mammals  Nongame Birds  
 Wildlife Management  Habitat Management  Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If the author is not the presenter, name of presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

The time limit for contributed papers is 20 minutes, including questions.

Send (snail mail or E-mail) original abstract, 1 copy, disk and biography with this form to:

Anthonie M.A. Holthuijzen, Idaho Power Company,  
Environmental Affairs Department,  
PO Box 70, Boise, ID 83707

Abstracts should be informative, containing:

- 1) A specific objective statement.
- 2) A brief statement of methods, if pertinent.
- 3) A summary of results.
- 4) A statement of conclusions.
- 5) Follow abstract format.
- 6) Send presenters biography with abstract.

Abstracts must be photocopy ready. Single spaced letter quality print only. Fit the abstract within a 3.5 inch wide x 5.5 inch long rectangle. The abstract should not be surrounded by lines.

**Deadline For Abstracts Is**

**January 25, 1999.**

## Sample Abstract (Measures 3.5" x 5.5")

THE EFFECTS OF INTELLECTUAL ISOLATION ON THE LIFE HISTORY OF SHORT, RED-HEADED, AND BIG WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS. Woody Pine, Samantha Snag, and Billy Goat. Irrelevant Research Station, Good Grief, Idaho 12345.

Identification of the components of isolation that effect the intellectual regression of wildlife biologists in remote outposts is critical if natural resource agencies are to maintain control over employees and prevent idiosyncratic localism from dominating management decisions. We compared the life style requirements of 3 wildlife biologists (*Homo sapiens griefus*) with similar food habits, but different life histories, to those of biologists in less remote outposts. The independent variables we analyzed were: horse and/or mule ownership, size of pick-up truck, contentment, biologist weight, number of firearms, fly rods, or dogs owned, operas and/or ballets attended, and espresso consumption. Intellectual regression was positively correlated with horse and/or mule ownership, contentment, biologist weight, and size of pick-up truck. Number of firearms owned and number of fly rods owned were not statistically significant predictors of intellectual regression. Dog ownership was marginally significant and positively correlated. Operas and/or ballets attended and espresso consumption were dropped from the analysis due to small sample size. Biologists stationed in remote locations are likely to be fat, dumb, and happy.

## Elk Wildlife License Plate

You may have noticed an increase in the number of elk on the road this summer. After 4 years of hard work by wildlife plate supporters, the second wildlife license plate is now available at your local County Assessor's office. We had originally expected a release date of September 1st, however, production was completed ahead of schedule. The new plates became available July 1st, and we are excited to now see them on vehicles everywhere.

The wildlife license plate program was established to provide a source of funding for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) Nongame, Endangered and Watchable Wildlife Program. Ten dollars from every license plate purchase and renewal goes to support Idaho's nongame and watchable wildlife species. In addition, a sample plate is available for \$30, of which IDFG receives \$18. Wildlife plates can be purchased for all passenger vehicles that do not exceed 8,000 pounds including towed accessories. The weight limit will be increase to 16,000 pounds after January 1, 1999. The popular bluebird plate will continue to be available with the same restrictions.

The results of IDFG's "Stand Down" activities in July, show that 90 percent of the respondents have asked us to maintain or expand our programs. As you might expect, this has become increasingly difficult in light of declining budgets. The wildlife license plate program provides an excellent opportunity for people to contribute to the conservation of the wildlife we all enjoy whetehr we are hunting, angling or simply viewing. Besides, who wouldn't want to proudly display one of the most attractive license plates any State has to offer?

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Nongame, Endangered and Watchable Wildlife Program or the wildlife license plates, contact us at 208-334-2920. Kit Freudenberg, Executive Director, Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation ©

## ICTWS WEB PAGE

Thanks to the feverish efforts of Tony Apa and Dave Musil, a "prototype" ICTWS web page is almost available. Tony and Dave intend to have the prototype up and running in about 3 weeks. The address will be: <http://netnow.micron.net/~taapa>. Some of the information to be provided on the prototype will include:

- 1) A hotlink to National and other informative links.
- 2) Newsletter.
- 3) Misc. graphics.
- 4) A message from and photo of the president.

If the prototype receives positive responses, the Chapter will consider paying for and maintaining it's own domain page. This topic will be discussed at the business meeting during the annual meeting.

If you have any ideas about the web page, or have suggestions for making it useful to the membership - please give Tony or Dave a call.



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## IDAHO WILDLIFE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

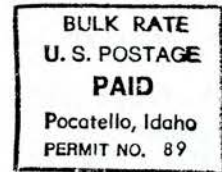
I want to join the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and enclose \_\_\_ \$10.00 (1 year), \_\_\_ \$20.00 (2 years), or \_\_\_ \$30.00 (3 years) in payment of dues. This is \_\_\_ new or \_\_\_ renewal membership. It is not necessary to be a member of the parent The Wildlife Society to be a member of the Idaho Chapter of TWS. Membership is by calender year. Make checks payable to: "Idaho Wildlife Society" and mail to Idaho Wildlife Society, c/o Tony Apa, Treasurer, 868 East Main, Jerome, ID 83338 (Telephone 208-324-4359)

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