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BYLAWS OF THE
IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

ARTICLE I. Name, Area, and Affiliation

Section 1. Name - The name of this organization shall be the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2. Area - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the State of Idaho.

Section 3. Criteria for Affiliation - The Idaho Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc., frequently referred to hereafter as the parent Society.

ARTICLE II. Objectives

Section 1. Objectives - Consistent with the objectives of the parent Society, the Chapter objectives are:

- (a) to establish and maintain the highest possible professional standards,
- (b) to develop all phases of wildlife management along sound biological lines,
- (c) to express the unified opinion of the Chapter on wildlife resource matters of local and national interest.

Section 2. Implementation - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- (a) Provide opportunities for better liaison between the individual member, his administrative and operating sections, and the parent Society.
- (b) Evaluate the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife.

- (c) Recognize and commend outstanding achievement in the wildlife environment.
- (d) Focus the aims and objectives of the parent Society and operating section upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events on the local scene.
- (e) Encourage communication between members and non-members to create climates under which the resource management arts will be used effectively.

ARTICLE III. Chapter Year

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin January 1.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

Section 1. Voting Membership - Voting membership in the Idaho Chapter shall be available to any member of The Wildlife Society who resides within the State of Idaho. Only voting members may hold elective offices in the Chapter; vote on matters affecting Chapter policy; vote on matters affecting the parent Society; and represent the Chapter or Section on parent Society business.

Section 2. Affiliate Membership - Affiliate membership in the Idaho Chapter shall be available to any person who, although not a member of The Wildlife Society, has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is approved by the Membership Committee. An affiliate member shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of voting members except as otherwise provided in this section.

Section 3. Dues - Annual dues of \$1.00 shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than January 1. Members who have not paid parent Society dues within the grace period stipulated by parent Society Bylaws shall lose their voting membership status in the Idaho Chapter.

Section 4. Resignation - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 5. Reinstatement - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues may be reinstated into membership in this Chapter upon reapplication and payment of the dues for the current year.

Section 6. Charter Member - Voting and affiliate members in good standing on the membership rolls as of December 31, 1964, shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 7. Honorary Member - Honorary members of the Idaho Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all members of the Chapter, have been thus recognized for their achievements. An Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues.

ARTICLE V. Elections and Officers

Section 1. Nominating and Elections Committee

Clause A - The Executive Board (See Art. 7, Sec. 1) shall appoint a Nominating and Elections Committee by not later than October 1 of the election year.

Clause B - The Nominating and Elections Committee shall submit to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before November 1 of the election year a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Clause C - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided that such nomination shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by November 1.

Clause D - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive years in the same elective position.

Clause E - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates. Said candidates shall be voting members of the Chapter.

Section 2. Balloting

Clause A - The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail election ballots to all voting members of the Chapter not later than November 10 of the election year.

Clause B - Only ballots returned to the Secretary-Treasurer postmarked not later than December 10 and accompanied by dues for the following year shall be counted.

Clause C - Timely received ballots shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office by the membership.

Clause D - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes (a plurality) on the written ballot shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote, the Executive Board shall select an expedient and fair method for determining who shall hold the contested office.

Clause E - No one may hold two elective positions simultaneously.

Section 3. Officers - Officers of the Idaho Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Their duties are:

Clause A - President - The President shall have general supervision of the chapter officers. He shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, and he shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Executive Board and shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections Committee. He may represent the chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other chapter, section, or parent Society boards, committees, or meetings.

Clause B - Vice-President - The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence or upon his inability to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. (Such duties might include chairmanship of the membership or program committee.) In the event the Vice-President cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - Secretary-Treasurer - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds, of the chapter, and he shall submit complete financial reports to and including the last meeting of his term of office. His duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, the recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting notices.

Clause D - Executive Board - The above named officers, with the immediate Past-President serving for one year, shall make up the Executive Board which shall act as the governing body for the chapter.

Section 4. Term of Office - The officers must be members of the parent Society, serve for approximately two years, be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and terminate their duties at the conclusion of the Second Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed. The Past-President's term on the Executive Board shall be one year.

Section 5. Vacancies - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elective office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board. There shall be one annual meeting held for the purpose of conducting Chapter business.

Clause A - Meeting Notice - The members must be notified at least one month prior to annual meetings and special meetings.

Clause B - Quorum - The quorum for the annual meeting of the Chapter shall be over fifty percent of the membership or ten members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board Meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause C - Meeting Rules - The rules contained in the latest revision of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern meetings in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are consistent with the bylaws and/or other special rules of the Chapter and the parent Society.

Clause D - Bylaws - The Bylaws of this organization shall be available for inspection during every meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings - Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (See Art. VI, Sec. 1A.) and the purpose of the call is given.

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

ARTICLE VII. Management and Finance

Section 1. Executive Board - The Idaho Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers and the immediate Past-President during his one-year term.

Clause A - Conduct - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of the parent Society. The Board is authorized to act for the chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the voting members attending a meeting.

Clause B - Attendance - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2. Finance - Funds of the Idaho Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board, and shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Clause A - The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, and contributions.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3. Reports - Within twenty days after an election or other official action(s) the Secretary-Treasurer shall report such action(s) to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, and to the Section Representative. Annual financial statements and activity reports from the Secretary-Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted to the Executive Director in January of each year for federal tax reporting.

Section 4. Files - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society and of the Chapter, Position Statements of the parent Society, minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board, correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs, all committee reports, financial statements and records, and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be drafted and kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer. A chapter "Operations Manual" provided by the parent Society will be maintained by the President of the Chapter and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and the parent Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5. Resolutions and Public Statements - Any two members may submit resolutions or statements for consideration by the Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board, (or by a committee established for that purpose) and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to the Council. A member who will be absent from the meeting may submit an absentee ballot to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the scheduled time for counting the ballots. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by the President or Secretary-Treasurer upon unanimous

approval of the Executive Board. Furthermore, the Idaho Chapter may publish statements pertaining to issues in its locale:

- a) in the absence of existing parent Society position statements; and
- b) where the content of the statement falls within the established policy of the parent Society.

It will not publish statements which may be in conflict with the policy of the parent Society without prior approval of the Society's Council.

ARTICLE VIII. Committees

Section 1. Appointments - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairmen of all regular standing committees (except the Nominating and Elections Committee (See Art. V, Sec. 1) and special committees such as audit, awards, and hospitality. Committee chairmen shall complete their committees with assistance of the President.

Section 2. Duties of Standing Committees

Clause A - Nominating and Elections - (See Art. V, Sec. 1)

Clause B - Membership - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing in the area to become members of the parent Society and of the chapter.

Clause C - Programs - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the annual meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - Education and Information - (Publicity) - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic concepts of wildlife management and of chapter and Society activities and interests.

Clause E - Resolutions and Public Statements - This committee shall receive proposed resolutions or public statements from members at any time, and, shall prepare, submit, and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Section 3. Accountability - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4. Tenure - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of the parent Society with a request that said assets be held for a period of not more than five years from the date of dissolution of the chapter, for distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the parent Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined best by the Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X. Amendment to Bylaws

Section 1. Procedure - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes per Art. VI, Sec. 1, A of these Bylaws is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may submit an absentee ballot to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Section 2. Conformance - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with the parent Society Bylaws.