

BYLAWS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO STUDENT CHAPTER  
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Article I - Name, Area, and Affiliation

Section 1 - Name - The name of this organization shall be the University of Idaho Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Inc. Hereafter the organization will be referred to as the "Chapter."

Section 2 - Area - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the campus and environs of the University of Idaho.

Section 3 - Criteria for Affiliation - The Chapter shall conform to the Bylaws, Code of Ethics, policies, principles and objectives of The Wildlife Society, Inc., and shall maintain appropriate affiliation with the campus or student government organization required by local university regulations.

Article II - Objectives and Purposes

Section 1 - Objectives - The Chapter may establish objectives, purposes, activities and principles not in conflict with those of The Wildlife Society. The objectives of this chapter are set forth in the following sections:

Section 2 - It shall provide an opportunity for better liaison between the individual member, his state chapter, his regional representative, and the parent Society.

Section 3 - It shall recognize and commend outstanding work in the profession.

Section 4 - It shall serve to focus the aims and objectives of the parent Society upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events on the local scene.

Section 5 - It shall encourage high standards of scholastic achievement and shall help create a good understanding of employers' objectives and needs.

Section 6 - It shall strive to:

1. Familiarize members with the general nature and the issues of the wildlife profession.
2. Stimulate interest in the wildlife profession at all educational levels.
3. Establish and maintain good liaison between all academic levels of the membership and staff.
4. Present for the membership a series of high quality programs (speakers, films, seminars, field trips, demonstrations, etc.) which will further the achievement of stated chapter objectives.

#### Article III - Chapter Year

Section 1 - The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin on the first business meeting in May.

#### Article IV - Membership

Section 1 - Full Membership - Full Membership in the Chapter shall be available to any student member of The Wildlife Society in good standing and residing in the jurisdictional area of the Chapter. Full membership in the Chapter (except for holding office therein) is also available to valid paid-up student members of

other natural resources professional societies without being valid paid-up student members of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - Affiliate Membership - Affiliate membership is available in the Chapter to those persons not members of The Wildlife Society in good standing. Affiliate members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a full member except he cannot vote on Society Chapter business affairs and he cannot hold office in either the Chapter or The Wildlife Society.

Section 3 - Dues - Annual Chapter dues of \$1.00 per semester shall be payable to the Chapter Treasurer no later than the regular first semester October meeting and the second semester March meeting. Members who have not paid Parent Society dues by December 31 following billing shall lose their rights and privileges of membership.

Section 4 - Resignation - Members of any class may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter Secretary. Such persons may rejoin upon payment of current dues.

Section 5 - Reinstatement - Persons 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 current Chapter dues.

Section 6 - Charter Member - Members in good standing on the Chapter membership rolls as of June 1, 1968 shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 7 - Honorary Member - Honorary members shall be persons who, by a majority vote of the members of the Chapter, have been thus recognized for their achievements. An honorary member pays no Chapter dues.

Section 8 - Advisory Member - Members of the faculty of the University of Idaho who are members of The Wildlife Society in good standing shall be members without vote of the University of Idaho Student Chapter.

Section 9 - Bylaws - Each person will be presented a copy of these Bylaws upon becoming a member of this Chapter.

#### Article V - Elections and Officers

Section 1 - Nominating Committee - The three-member Nominating Committee selected by the Executive Board of the Chapter shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Clause A - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause B - Said nominations slate shall be submitted to the Chapter membership at least 2 weeks prior to the time of the annual business meeting.

Clause C - Additional nominations may be placed on the Nominating Committee's slate at the regular business meeting by members in good standing, and provided approval of nominee has been obtained.

Clause D - Those nominated must be members of The Wildlife Society in good standing. A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive years in the same elective position. A member may be nominated for more than

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one elective position, but may be elected to only one of these positions. The member with the next highest number of votes would achieve the second position.

Clause E - The President and Vice-President shall be elected from those members of the Chapter who expect to attain, or have sophomore standing by the first full quarter or semester which follows their election.

Section 2 - Balloting - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary and shall be counted by the Secretary and two full members of the Chapter appointed by the President who are not up for election.

Clause A - Members in arrears of chapter dues shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - An absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary by a qualified member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes (a plurality) on the written ballot shall be declared elected.

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

Clause A - President - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers and Executive Board. He shall appoint, with the assistance of the Executive

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Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, and he shall preside at meetings of the Executive Board and Chapter and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He shall represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section, Region, or Parent Society meetings if representatives are needed or desired.

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 as the President, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - Secretary - The Secretary shall be responsible for the Chapter files, records, and correspondence. His duties shall also include the recording of the minutes of all meetings, membership rolls, and the issuance of meeting notices.

Clause D - Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all Chapter funds (dues, donations, etc.). He shall submit complete financial reports to the last meeting of his term of office.

Clause E - Advisors - Two advisors are to be elected each year at the Annual Business Meeting and shall serve in this capacity for one year. Advisors who resign or leave

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shall be replaced by appointment by the Executive Board. No advisor shall serve in this capacity for more than two consecutive years.

Section 1. - Term of Office - The officers and elected board members must be members of The Wildlife Society in good standing, and they shall serve for approximately one year, be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Chapter Meeting, and terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Chapter Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed. Those elected to positions in the Chapter during the Annual Business Meeting shall take office at the first meeting in May of the school year in which they are elected, and conclude their duties with the last meeting of the Chapter in April of the following year.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1 - Regular Meetings - Regular membership meetings of the Chapter shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A - Annual Meeting - The regular meeting in May shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - Meeting Notice - Full members must be notified at least one week prior to any meeting when special, unusual, or particularly important business action is to be

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taken, and the notice must contain reference to the business to be considered.

Clause C - Quorum - The quorum for the annual meeting of the Chapter shall be over 50 per cent of the membership or 20 members in good standing, whichever is less; for regular meetings, over 25 per cent of the membership or 10 members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board Meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause D - Meeting Rules - The rules contained in the latest revision of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or the special rules of order of the Chapter or Parent Society.

Clause E - Number of Meetings - The University of Idaho Student Chapter shall meet once each month of the school year, unless special business or events call for additional meetings.

Clause F - Bylaws - The Bylaws of this organization shall be read upon request, to the membership present during each annual meeting.

Section 2 - Special Meetings - Chapter Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (See Art. VI, Sec. 1B) and the purpose of the call are given. Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time during the school year, except during official holidays and final week and the week preceding it.



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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 Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of the officers and the immediate Past-President, who has no vote.

Clause A - Conduct - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Wildlife Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between Chapter 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 majority vote of the full membership.

Clause B - Attendance - Members may attend Board Meetings, but may participate only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such Meetings. The attendance of the advisory members at each Board Meeting shall be requested.

Clause C - Vacancies - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the Vice-President shall fill the office 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.

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

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the Treasurer.

Clause A - The 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 - The Secretary shall, within ten (10) days after an election or other official action taken by the Chapter provide a copy of such action to the Executive Secretary of The Wildlife Society, and to the Regional Representative, and section President. These same parties should receive an annual Chapter financial statement from the Treasurer.

Section 4 - Files - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society and the Chapter, minutes of all regular and special Chapter meetings, 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.

Section 5 - Resolutions and Public Statements - Any Chapter member(s) may submit actions (resolutions or statements) for consideration by the Chapter Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board, or a committee established for the purpose, and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by a

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two-thirds majority vote of the membership. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by the President or Secretary upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. These and all actions approved by the Chapter membership must be in agreement with those already established by the Parent Society. Any approved actions outside established policies and purposes of the Parent Society must be submitted to Council for consideration and action.

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 Committee (Art. V, Sec. 1) and special committees as the need arises. Committee Chairmen shall complete their committees with assistance of the President.

Section 2 - Duties of Standing Committees

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

Clause B - Membership - This Committee shall endeavor to obtain the maximum number of qualified persons residing in the Chapter area to become members of The Wildlife Society and of its Chapter. This Committee shall maintain a list of all student members at the University of Idaho who list wildlife management as their major subject and encourage them to join the Chapter. They shall also encourage participation at Chapter Meetings and on Committees.

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- Clause C - Program - 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 one month 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 The Wildlife Society activities and interests in concurrence with the Bylaws.
- Clause E - Resolutions and Public Statements - This Committee shall receive proposed resolutions or public statements from members at any time, and prepare and submit such items for endorsement and further action by the Chapter membership at the Annual Meeting.
- 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

- Section 1 - Upon dissolution of the University of Idaho Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Executive Board shall turn all assets, accrued income, and other properties over to the Council of The Wildlife Society to hold until such time as another Chapter may be established in the same area.

Article X - Amendment to Bylaws

Section 1 - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members voting at any regular or special Chapter meeting if advance notice of the proposed changes per Art. V, Sec. 1B of these Bylaws is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may proceed as under "balloting" in Art. V, Sec. 2B.

Section 2 - Amendments must not conflict with the current Bylaws of The Wildlife Society.