

**Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Annual Business Meeting
14 March 2002, 3:30-5:30 PM**

AGENDA

Topic - Annual Meetings
Public = yes

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introductions and Acknowledgements**
3. **Minutes:** Anna Owsiak, minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting and fall 2001 Executive Board meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Michelle Commons
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Nominating and Elections (Jim Unsworth): 2002 elections for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary extended until 1 April.
 - b. Membership (vacant): no report
 - c. Program (Toni Holthuijzen):
 - d. Conservation Review (Gregg Servheen): Selway-Bitterroot grizzly bear reintroduction; Idaho grizzly bear management plan.
 - e. Education and Information (vacant):
 - f. Resolutions and Public Statements (Gregg Servheen):
 - g. Audit (vacant):
 - h. Awards (Kerry Reese): Professional Wildlife Award; Special Recognition Award
- Other Reports:**
 - a. Newsletter (Joe Butsick, editor; David Musil, new editor)
 - b. ICTWS Website (David Musil, webmaster):
 - c. Northwest Section TWS (Jon Haufler, president) (2002 meeting in Spokane, April 16-19).
 - d. The 2001 TWS annual conference was held in Reno, Nevada; 2002 meeting will be held in Bismark, North Dakota; 2003 meeting in Burlington, Vermont; 2004 meeting in Calgary, Alberta)
 - e. CARA, S990, WCRP, SCWG (FY01), SWG (FY02), LIP Grants, FY03 Interior Budget has \$60 million for states (Chuck Harris)
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Bid for 2004 TWS Annual Conference
 - b. Membership directory (passed out at registration – Idaho Power Printed – Anna, Toni, Michelle)
7. **New Business**
 - a. Funding requests
 1. Dean Rose -- \$500 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program.
 2. TWS and North Dakota Chapter TWS -- \$500 for support of the 2002 Annual TWS Conference in Bismarck, ND (also options for \$250 or \$100).
 - b. Scholarship fund updates (University of Idaho, Norberg/Meiners Scholarship Endowment Fund, principal balance 7/1/2001 \$19,135.29; Boise State University, Richard Olendorf/Idaho Chapter TWS Scholarship Fund, account balance 6/30/01 \$6,818.35, projected scholarship award for 2002 \$350; Idaho State University, Edson Fichter Scholarship Fund, no information; University of Idaho, Michael Gratson Scholarship Fund?)
 - c. Continued contributions to the Michael Gratson Scholarship Fund at the University of Idaho (ICTWS pledged a total of \$5000 over 5 years).

- d. Missing information in Idaho Chapter TWS files (minutes, treasurer's reports, newsletters, meeting programs, awards).
- e. Audit Committee
- f. Bylaws change regarding balloting.
- g. Executive Board Manual (bylaws, strategic plan, chapter officers, chapter award winners [special recognition award, professional wildlife award, Ted Trueblood communication award, etc.]).
- h. COWCH Project (Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage)
- i. Interest in forming a Southwest Idaho Student Chapter TWS (Boise State University, Northwest Nazarene University, Albertson College; Dr. Jim Munger (BSU) is looking into the possibility)
- j. 2003 Idaho Chapter TWS meeting location (rotation is scheduled for Boise – local arrangements – Toni Holthuijzen)
- k. 2004 Idaho Chapter TWS meeting location (2004 will be the 40th anniversary of ICTWS; may be appropriate to plan the meeting for Moscow where the first meeting was held in 1964).
- l. On 22 February retired Panhandle National Forest wildlife biologist Paul Harrington died in a car crash. Jenny Taylor is collecting contributions towards a memorial in Paul's honor in the Fairfield, Washington, City park.
- m. Any other new business?
- n. IDFG Initiative

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Financial Report
1 January-31 December 2001

by,
Michelle Commons Kemner
11 March 2002

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As a member of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, I cast my vote for the following officer candidates (check no more than 1 in each category).

President: K. Becker _____
S. Bernatus _____

Vice President: D. Lockwood _____
G. Servheen _____

Secretary: A. Owsiak _____
L. Suring _____

Treasurer: M. Commons _____
Write-in _____

Cut and send this ballot or copy and paste and send an email to: Jim Unsworth, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707; junswort@idfg.state.id.us.

Due to the lateness of getting the ballot out to the Chapter membership, we will also allow voting and collect ballots at the Idaho Chapter TWS meeting on 14 March in Idaho Falls. The new officers will be announced at the Chapter's business meeting the afternoon of 14 March.

President

Kurt Becker - I worked as a wildlife bio, research bio, pilot/bio and supervisory bio for agencies ranging from Wy Game and Fish, Idaho Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service from 1975 to 2001. My last assignment was ID Team Leader for the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness EIS. I have a BS and MS degree in Wildlife and enjoy the outdoors immensely. I believe that wildlife professionals should take an active role in natural resource issues. WE are the professionals and if we just hide behind our data, the other side will bulldoze us over with mis-information, distortions, political persuasion and the like. I say go to work each day willing to be fired. Be true to your conscience and never, ever jeopardize your professional integrity. Use the best science available but don't be afraid to speak up and translate your data into terms more easily understood by lay people. This strategy worked well for me and I was able to accomplish a lot in my career.

Susan Bernatas - Susan Bernatas is president of Vision Air Research founded to provide data collection and analysis for wildlife surveys, fire mapping, and stream surface temperature surveys and specializes in the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR). Susan has over 16 years of experience nationally and internationally in conducting and managing biological and ecological studies. Her experience includes ecosystem assessments, rare plant populations, habitat evaluation, plant ecology, fire ecology, wildlife biology, research, and program management. She has research experience on developing long-term monitoring techniques following natural disturbances, the use of infrared sensors to conduct wildlife surveys, and human disturbances on wildlife. Susan is the author of more than 100 research and technical reports and contributed to more than 45 EAs and EISs, and species and habitat management plans. She has developed and co-produced multi-image slide shows and interactive CD-ROMs. She has given numerous presentations at natural resource symposia within North America and Europe. Susan is proudly

supports The Wildlife Society and displays her credentials as a Wildlife Society Certified Wildlife Biologist and holds M.S., University of Idaho, and B.A., Keene State College, NH. She is currently the secretary of TWS Remote Sensing Working Group was the President of the Idaho Native Plant Society (1989-1992).

Vice-President

David Lockwood - David is the principal for Outdoor Image & Strategies, a wildlife consulting business. Recently, David has been doing Section 7 evaluations for Idaho Fish and Game and he continues to be involved in portions of Idaho's sage grouse research program. David is also developing a large-scale riparian buffer habitat project in the Mackey area. David was the Western and Canadian regional representative for Pheasants Forever. Additionally, he was a staff writer for the Kids for Pheasants newsletter and published articles for the Pheasants Forever magazine. David was a member of the PF field staff from March 1988 through August 1999. David holds a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology from New Mexico State University. He has also completed training courses in Windbreak Technology, Remote Sensing for Wildlife Management and Grantsmanship training. David holds Police Officer Certification and Wildlife Law Enforcement Certification from the N.M. Law Enforcement Academy. He has a student pilot's David is the principal for Outdoor Image & Strategies, a wildlife consulting business. Recently, David is doing Section 7 evaluations for Idaho Fish and Game and he continues to be involved in portions of Idaho's sage grouse research program. David is also developing a large scale riparian buffer habitat project in the Mackey area.

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Gregg Servheen - I have worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game since 1983. My current position is Wildlife Program Coordinator where I focus on wildlife habitat issues, mitigation, technical assistance on fish and wildlife issues, and sub basin and strategic planning. My background includes field research on endangered Selkirk caribou, game management in the Clearwater Region, project leader of an effort to have the Department work more cooperatively with the Clearwater and Nez Pierce National Forests, and as an Environmental Staff biologist for the Department from 1996 – 2000. I have BS and MS degrees in wildlife management from the University of Massachusetts and Texas A&M University, respectively. My interests include forest management, mitigation and restoration of fish and wildlife habitats, long-term monitoring of fish and wildlife populations and habitats, and adaptive management of fish and wildlife resources.

Treasurer

Michelle Commons - I have been Treasurer of ICTWS since the 2000 meeting when Tony Apa left for Colorado. I have been a National member since 1994 and have been members of the Colorado Chapter and Manitoba Chapter. I would be happy to continue my duties as Treasurer of ICTWS. However, I think it would be wise to vote for my opponent (if in fact there is one) so that you all can obtain a fresh, new voice for ICTWS. PLEASE VOTE. Thank you.

Secretary

Anna Owsiak - I am a regional wildlife biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, currently managing the Andrus WMA. My background includes a BS in Animal Science from MSU (Michigan), an MS in Natural Resource Sciences from WSU and additional field experience with

the USFS in north Idaho and the WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. I fortunately have been able to combine my passion for my chosen field with my recreational interests to constantly find exciting challenges in everyday living. I have been the secretary of IDTWS for the past two years and am willing to continue to serve in this capacity.

Lowell Suring - I received my undergraduate degree in Wildlife Biology from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and completed my 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). Following completion of my M.S. Degree I 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, I accepted a position with the Fish and Wildlife Service in New Mexico. I then moved to the Chippewa National Forest in Minnesota as Forest Biologist, then as Planning Biologist. I transferred to Alaska where I served as a Wildlife Ecologist on the Tongass National Forest, the Chugach National Forest, and in the Regional Office. In early 2001 I transferred to a Forest Service position in Boise, Idaho where I serve as Wildlife Ecologist for the Interior West. I have been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1969 and am a Certified Wildlife Biologist. I was a charter member and 1st president of the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point student chapter. I served the Alaska Chapter as president (2-yr term), as a member of the Executive Committee, and as chair and member of numerous committees. I have been a member of the Northwest Section since 1984 and have served as chair of the Section's Award's Committee since 1996. I recently became a member of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society.