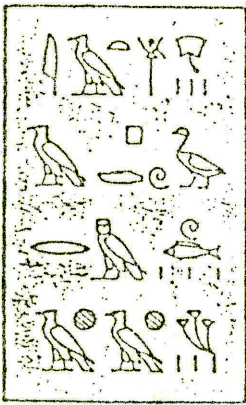


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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

IDAHO CHAPTER

PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFER AWARD
(Nomination Form)



Date 12 Nov. 1982

Nominee: Jim Peek

Employed by University of Idaho

Present Position Professor; Wildlife Resources

Present Address Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Recommended by: Maurice Hornocker

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Reasons for nomination: (Resume of achievements must be provided and may include other information such as past recognition, organization memberships, affiliations, past achievements, etc., and any information nominator feels is pertinent.)

attached

Submit nomination to:

Sam Mattise, Awards Chairman
Idaho Chapter, TWS
4810 Cresthaven Drive
Boise, ID 83704

Jim Peek has a long list of accomplishments. These include research, teaching and service.

Research:

He is regarded as one of the foremost ungulate biologists in North America. His numerous publications, resulting from his personal research and that accomplished in conjunction with students, are recognized as "state-of-the-art" in ungulate biology. He is frequently called upon for consultation by biologists in numerous western states, Alaska, and western Canada.

Teaching:

His classes in big game management are a successful mix of the practical and the theoretical. He has an excellent grasp of the literature. With this he blends his own experience as an agency management biologist and a university researcher to provide the students with realistic insights. These attributes and the ability to implement them in teaching are all too rare in many university positions.

The success of his graduate students in the profession is evidence of his capabilities in this less formal, method of teaching. Jim's students all come out of their programs with a solid appreciation for the basics in biology. All approach new assignments as they did their thesis research--with enthusiasm and determination.

All of his former students are performing well either in jobs in the profession or in furthering their education. This alone speaks well for the kind of graduate students he turns out; this is particularly true in these times of job scarcity and difficulty in gaining admission to overflowing graduate schools.

Service:

Jim Peek has always been a "work horse" for the profession. He has been instrumental in staging 3 very timely workshops on elk and logging, wildlife-livestock grazing, and forest access. These workshops provide a forum for the management biologist and bring him up to date. They have been very successful.

He has worked with the Northwest Section on symposia on population regulation and on fire. He follows up on these doggedly and the results will be published.

Currently he is serving as an assistant editor the the Journal of Wildlife Management. He reviews an average of two papers weekly in addition to his regular duties and special assignments.

His most recent special assignment was service on the Governor's appointed committee to investigate the jack rabbit problem in eastern Idaho. He has regularly accepted such assignments in the past as well as program chairmanships, coordinator posts, etc. for numerous meetings over the years.

Finally, Jim Peek has been a provocative self-critic and critic of our profession. He asks questions of himself and the profession designed to make people think. He is always re-examining his own positions and he asks others to do the same. This is a very good thing--a real service to the profession--and it can only help to strengthen the profession.