

**STRATGEY PLAN FOR THE
REGIONAL RAPTOR MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM
SERIES**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Regional Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop series is designed to bring together technical information on the status, biology, and management of raptor populations in each region of the United States, and to translate this information into a form useful to wildlife and land managers for practical applications. This project will (1) address the scientific need for the conservation of raptor resources in each region; (2) bolster working relations between NWF and state, federal, and private conservation agencies and organizations; (3) identify raptor management information needs and help establish research priorities; and (4) promote more effective management of raptor populations. Accordingly, the project is consistent with the goals of NWF, and NWF's IWR and RIC.

The project began in 1984 when plans were made to hold the first symposium in the Southwest. The Southwest Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop is scheduled for 21-24 May 1986, at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

II. REGIONS

Symposia will be held in each U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region except 6 and 7. States in these regions will be divided between regions 1 and 3 as follows: (1) Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado will be included with Region 1, and (2) North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas will be included with Region 3. Cosponsors and cooperators for each symposium will be sought exclusively within the pertinent region. Agencies and organizations may, however, wish to participate in more than one symposium. This applies particularly to states with raptor management issues in common with those of another region (e.g., the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission may wish to participate in the symposium in Region 6 to gain insight on management options for their isolated burrowing owl population).

III. TASKS AND SCHEDULE

Tasks and chronology of activities for each symposium are given in Table 1. In general, tasks can be broken into seven categories. These general categories are discussed below.

1. Initial organizational tasks. - Initial tasks include obtaining a symposium coorganizer and establishing a coordination committee. The coorganizer(s) will usually be a state chapter of The Wildlife Society and/or a state or federal wildlife agency. Representatives of state and federal conservation organizations will comprise the committee (approximately ten individuals).

The remainder is the same as in Strategy Plan