

NORTHEAST SECTION

Maine Chapter

New England Chapter

Pennsylvania Chapter

University of Maine Student Chapter

University of Massachusetts Student Chapter

University of New Hampshire Student Chapter

West Virginia University Student Chapter

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Maine Chapter held its winter meeting in Augusta (January), its annual meeting in Brewer (April), and a fall meeting at the Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area (October). The winter meeting included a panel discussion on the Maine Forest Practices Act - one year later, a spaghetti dinner, and a slide presentation by David Ladd highlighting his trip to Costa Rica. Our annual meeting was co-sponsored with the Student Chapter TWS of the University of Maine and featured a professional development session on predator control as a management tool and an evening panel discussion on wolf reintroduction in Maine. The Chapter presented its Award of Professional Achievement to Dr. Ray B. (Bucky) Owen. We also elected a new slate of officers. The fall meeting provided an opportunity to tour the Steve Powell Wildlife Management Area, a 1500 acre island in Merrymeeting Bay renowned for its rich and colorful history as well as the unique assemblage of wildlife that it supports. A local historian and representatives from the Maine Departments of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources discussed various Merrymeeting Bay issues. Despite the cold, raw New England weather the trip was well worth it.

In March, the Chapter in cooperation with the New England Society of American Foresters hosted a three day conference in Portland titled *Nurturing the Northeastern Forest - Stewardship in a Changing Culture*. The conference was very informative and was attended by a record number of professionals.

Once again, budgetary matters and potential program cuts within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) dominated the Legislative session early in 1993. Maine Chapter committees were busy reviewing and commenting on the proposed FY 1994-95 budget and impacts on programs of MDIFW. Major cuts in personnel were once again avoided; however, most State employees continue to be restricted by shortened work weeks and statewide shutdown days. The Chapter also presented statements in support of a Maine Environmental Trust Fund commemorative motor vehicle plate; a bill expanding the authority of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to regulate the hunting of moose in Maine; and legislation to better preserve and protect endangered and threatened species. We also endorsed legislation that would allow effective conservation and management of native amphibians and reptiles in Maine.

Finally, the Chapter took positive steps to promote greater interaction amongst Student Chapter members and fish and wildlife professionals by establishing a mentor program.

Section/Chapter Name: New England Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Lawrence E. Garland

Title Secretary-Treasurer

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The New England Chapter, TWS, was very quiet in 1993. We held our annual meeting on June 23, 1993, at the Harvard Forest in Petersham, Massachusetts, and published two issues of our newsletter, "The Wildlife Sampler".

Section/Chapter Name: Pennsylvania Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Robert P. Brooks

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Pennsylvania Chapter has greatly expanded its membership in the past two years from less than 50 to over 200. Our big event of the year is the Annual Meeting held each spring, which draws over half of the membership. The meeting is rotated throughout the various geographic regions of the Commonwealth. The 1993 meeting was hosted by Gannon University in Erie, PA. Papers and posters presented by professionals and students are combined with social events and field trips to fill the two-and-a-half day meeting.

Following the lead of the parent society, we formed two Working Groups this year, Wetlands and Legislative Affairs. Besides their individual agendas, they are working together on regulatory issues concerning wetlands.

The Chapter, along with the Northeast Section, has been attempting to encourage student involvement in TWS. In addition to encouraging students to interact with professionals, we are trying to raise funds to support student attendance at meetings. We are currently selling lapel pins (sterling silver ovals with our Chapter symbol; a long-tailed weasel on a log) that generate \$5/pin towards student activities. Finally, we are initiating a Lifetime Membership category for 1994. Eighty percent of the funds will be placed in an endowment to support student activities and special projects.

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The University of Maine Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (UMTWS) maintained an active membership of approximately 25 individuals during 1993. Statistically speaking, the Chapter held 21 meetings of the executive committee, 7 meetings of the general assembly, conducted 1 fund-raiser, and sponsored 8 programs. Greater than 550 person-hours were accrued by Chapter members during 1993. Average attendance at programs exceeded 50. Program topics and field trips included management and ecology of black bears in Maine, a hawk-spotting tour, a scenic hike, and a slide-show 'tour' of Siberia and the Russian Far East. The most successful program, organized by the Chapter secretary, attracted over 150 people: a forum discussion on the feasibility of reintroducing wolves (Canis lupus) to Maine. Annually, UMTWS sponsors a 'game banquet' for which game meat is collected from willing donors and prepared by student-members. Over 150 people attended this event as well. Seventeen undergraduate students and the Chapter advisor travelled to the University of Rhode Island in April to attend the annual Northeastern student conclave. Although we did not win the quiz-bowl competition, an excellent time was had by all, and contacts that will serve to increase circulation of information among student chapters in the Northeast were established. Several members are participating in a 'mentor' program, initiated in late 1993, with professionals from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at a local refuge. Students gain insight and experience by spending time with professionals and assisting with field work. Many student-members also participated in a program called the Environmental Awareness Committee (EAC), through which students present programs to elementary and secondary schools about issues concerning wildlife and natural resources. For the second year, UMTWS presented a \$250 scholarship to an undergraduate student in wildlife management. Though the Chapter prefers to give two scholarships, coffers were insufficiently stocked during 1992 to permit doing so. UMTWS continues to maintain and monitor approximately 120 waterfowl nesting-boxes. Increased interest in this program has led to several research projects conducted by undergraduate students. New research projects are presently being developed for these and other sites. Because student participation seems to be declining, executive officers of 1993 and 1994 are developing new processes for operating UMTWS, and attempting to encourage greater faculty and graduate student participation in Chapter activities. The Chapter is also making plans for becoming involved with federal, state, and local legislative activities and other policy issues. Other proposed projects include developing conservation activities on public and private lands. And finally, as UMTWS approaches its 30th year of operation, plans are being made to host the Northeastern student conclave for the second time in seven years.

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SPRING 93

* DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER OF '93 4 MEETINGS WERE HELD. EACH MEETING LASTED APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 HOURS AND FEATURED A SPEAKER ON TOPICS WHICH RELATED TO THE WFBIO MAJOR.

* 20 HOURS WERE SPENT FUNDRAISING AND PROMOTING THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY AT THE CONCOURSE IN THE STUDENT UNION

FALL 93

* 4 MEETINGS, 4 SPEAKERS

* 48 HOURS FUNDRAISING

* 122 HOURS BEAVER STUDY AT QUABBIN RESERVOIR

* 60 HOURS HELPING GRADUATE STUDENTS (BLACKBERR, FISHER, + OTHER STUDIES)

ACTIVITIES

* HIKE WITH NATURALIST SCOTT JACKSON AT CRANBERRY POND, AMHERST

* DONATED MONEY TO MIAMI ZOO HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

* ANNUAL BARBÉQUE WITH SOFTBALL GAME AND CANOEING

* ATTENDED NEW ENGLAND STUDENT CONCLAVE AT URI

* T-SHIRT AND WILDLIFE POSTER SALE

Section/Chapter Name: University of New Hampshire Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Tina Lynch

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

Ice Fishing

Wildlife Conclave

Annual Game Dinner

Moose "Roose" - Camping Trip

Fundraisers - sold calendars, wildlife lithographs, wildlife pins, hats, tshirts

Made and sent Finals Care Packages to Wildlife

Society members and wildlife majors

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

- January: Chapter constructed wood duck boxes for the West Virginia Dept. of Natural Resources.
- March: Chapter held it's First Annual Wild Game Dinner. It was a huge success and proved to be an excellent fund-raiser.
- April: The joint meeting between the state chapter and the student chapter was held in Elkins and approximately 6 members of the student chapter attended. We also had 2 graduate students speak. The chapter participated in the Ag. and Forestry Olympics that were held.
Election of the 93-94 officers.
- May: Letters were sent to all incoming freshmen and transfer students in wildlife management to welcome them and extend an invitation for them to join our chapter.
- Sept.: Fall joint meeting with the state chapter in the Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area. We held a fall picnic to welcome new members and welcome back our old members.
Chris Clower of the USFWS spoke to us about the Cannan Valley Refuge Project.
Participated in the Student Organization Fair.
Participated in the National Hunting and Fishing Day in French Creek.
- Oct.: William Grafton came and spoke to our chapter on wildlife and environmental issues now affecting our state.
- Nov.: Participated in High School Day on our campus to recruit new members
John Schmidt came and spoke about the new Partners in Wildlife Program.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

Arkansas Chapter

Florida Chapter

Kentucky Chapter

Maryland-Delaware Chapter

National Capital Chapter

Tennessee Chapter

Virginia Chapter

Clemson University Student Chapter

North Carolina State University Student Chapter

Oklahoma State University Student Chapter

Tennessee Tech University Student Chapter

Section/Chapter Name: Arkansas Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: _____

W. F. Hailey

Title

President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The great majority of Chapter efforts during the year involved planning and the necessary arrangements for the spring and fall meetings. Locations and themes for these two-day activities are determined during executive board conferences, with details finalized by the various committees. Traditionally, and most important, the fall meetings are located in university facilities in order to accommodate students and wildlife/fisheries/forestry student groups and to generate a technical focus.

Appointments were finalized to bring the eight Chapter committees to full strength for the year. Committee appointments are continually hampered by loss of members to out-of-state employment.

The Spring Meeting was held on Monday, May 3 at Village Creek State Park. Program topics included geology, historical perspective, vegetation, avifauna, amphibians, reptiles, archaeology and land uses of Crowleys Ridge. During discussions following these presentations, the general need for a reference book on Arkansas reptiles and amphibians was identified, and the possibility of Chapter involvement was raised. Also during this two-day meeting a tour of the Saint Francis National Forest was conducted. The regular business meeting was held during this spring gathering and a new funding committee was established.

The Fall Meeting was held on Thursday, October 21 at the Fayetteville Hilton and the University of Arkansas. During the business session the annual election of officers was completed and committee reports were received. Seven excellent papers were presented by graduate students on breeding birds, black bear, wild turkey and flying squirrels. The second day activity was a visit at the University of Arkansas Center for Advanced Spatial Technology (CAST) where GIS capabilities at the center were explained, including GIS applications for wetlands inventory, the breeding bird atlas project, and wintering waterfowl habitat deliniation. Members were also briefed on Global Positioning Systems (GPS) technology.

The after-hours sessions during these meetings always generate many interesting and somewhat lengthy discussions of current problems (real and imagined) and related activities. In some cases solutions are found.

Considering our membership is separated and scattered throughout the state and our meetings are few, the past year produced improvements for the Chapter and the future offers promise.

We were saddened and suffered a great loss with the passing of Harold Alexander during the year. The Fall 1993 Meeting was dedicated to the memory of this outstanding Arkansas conservationist.

Section/Chapter Name: Florida Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Brian A. Millsap

Title

President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society had a banner year in 1993. In May we celebrated our 25th anniversary. Our Spring meeting in June commemorated the event, and was held at the site of the Chapter's first meeting, Cedar Key. A series of excellent guest speakers reminisced about wildlife management in Florida then and now, and the role that the Florida Chapter and The Wildlife Society have played in this evolution. The year 1993 also brought many challenging issues before the Florida Chapter, but none were as heavily debated as a proposal to reorganize wildlife conservation responsibilities among Florida's state agencies. The Florida Chapter's fall business meeting, held at Tall Timbers Research Station near Tallahassee, focused on this controversial issue. After two hours of debate, the Chapter overwhelmingly passed a resolution in favor of creating a new Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife. The new department would share the same constitutional authority currently granted the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, but would have authority for all Florida fish and wildlife, including marine species. The proposed reorganization is anticipated to be a major issue in Florida's 1994 legislative session. The conservation affairs committee of the Florida Chapter was active in several other issues, including a comprehensive review of the Florida black bear management plan and a review of the draft environmental impact statement concerning management of red-cockaded woodpeckers on Florida's National Forests. The Florida Chapter suffered a personal loss in July 1993 when our President, Patricia MacLaren, left Florida for a new home in Olympia, Washington. Vice President Brian Millsap stepped in as President after our July Executive Board meeting.

Section/Chapter Name: Kentucky Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Thomas G. Barnes

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Kentucky Chapter of The Wildlife Society (KCTWS) held it's annual meeting at Land Between The Lakes Youth Station last spring. The emphasis of the meeting was on how environmental education and wildlife biologists can cooperate to achieve common goals for the wise use of wildlife resources. The chapter voted to create two new Awards: 1) The Professional Wildlife Biologist Award; and 2) Outstanding Wildlife Habitat Development on a Primary, Middle, or Secondary School. Each award will be consist of a plaque and cash honorarium.

The KCTWS has provided comment on the draft environmental impact statement for Land Between the Lakes, commercial timber harvesting in the Daniel Boone National Forest, selection of the new commissioner for the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, proposed black bear reintroduction into the Big South Fork Recreation area, and the Endangered Species Act.

The University of Kentucky Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society was chartered this fall. Kentucky now has student chapters of TWS at Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, and The University of Kentucky. The chapter has voted to initiate an award to identify the outstanding student member of student chapters of TWS at the Kentucky Universities.

The upcoming annual meeting will be held April 8 and 9, 1994 at Camp Wallace. The theme will be ecosystem management and the highlight of the program will be a panel discussion by various state and federal agencies on this topic.

Section/Chapter Name: Maryland-Delaware Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Anilyn Mause

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

Spring meeting was held at Hedden State Forest, and consisted of a tour of the Delaware Coast for migrating shore birds.

The Fall General Membership meeting at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center had as its topic: "Wildlife and Chemicals in the 1990's".

Fall election results: Pres-Elect- Rob Gano, Treas.-Mark Magini, Sec.- Carol Bernstein, Md. Member at Large- Jim Pullan, Del. Mem- Anne Larson, Newsletter Ed.- Joe Shugars

A position statement on the use of contraceptives in wildlife population management was approved by the membership.

The chapter held a chapter logo contest.

The Chapter held and sponsored two workshops; Quail Management, Wildlife Planning.

A 4-H wildlife judging team was sponsored by the chapter.

Section/Chapter Name: National Capital Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Beth A. Giron Pendleton

Title: President-Elect (1994)

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

The National Capital Chapter held three luncheon meetings with invited speakers during 1993. In May, members gathered at a Library of Congress dining facility on Capitol Hill to listen to Peter Stangel, Director, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Initiative, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, speak on "Partners in Flight -- Aves de las Americas," the exciting cooperative, international initiative for conserving neotropical migratory birds and their habitats. In October, members met to hear Dallas Miner, President, Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, discuss the major issues and key legislation which the caucus is pursuing in the 103rd Congress.

In December, Dr. Gary Heinz, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, was the speaker at the annual business meeting luncheon. Dr. Heinz spoke on contaminants in wildlife, highlighting future direction in contaminants research. The 1994 officers were also announced at this meeting and are: Doug Inkley (National Wildlife Federation), President; Beth Giron Pendleton (U.S. Forest Service), President-Elect; Catrina Martin (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Secretary-Treasurer; Laurie Fenwood (U.S. Forest Service), Member-at-Large; Cindy Sorg Swanson (U.S. Forest Service), Member-at-Large; and Linda Lyon (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Past President.

The Chapter, in partnership with local chapters of the American Fisheries Society, Ecological Society of America, Society of American Foresters, Society of Range Management, and Soil and Water Conservation Society, co-sponsored Science Day 1993, an annual spring forum that brings together hundreds of natural resources professionals in the Washington, DC, area to discuss the "Physical, Biological, and Socio-Economic Dimensions of Sustainable Ecosystems." The National Capital Chapter provided financial assistance to speakers, as well as provided registration support for several student participants.

Section/Chapter Name: Tennessee Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Mark Gudlin

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

TN-TWS held its annual meeting at the Thunder Hollow Resort in Crossville, Tennessee. The meeting was attended by approximately 65 members, with a strong showing from the student chapters. The program theme was "Wildlife Management in Tennessee: Directions for the Future". A keynote address by Jim Miller, National Wildlife Extension Specialist, and a perspective on wildlife law enforcement by noted USFWS Special Agent Dave Hall highlighted the many excellent presentations given. The student paper award for the meeting was given to Tim White from Tennessee Tech, for his talk on "Food Habits of Black Ducks and Mallards Wintering at the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge". The 1992 chapter "Wildlife Professional" award was presented to William G. "Billy" Minser, Wildlife Associate at the University of Tennessee, for his many efforts to improve wildlife management and education in Tennessee, his involvement with TN-TWS and the Southeastern Section, and his advisory role to the UT-K student chapter.

On the legislative scene, the chapter provided comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for management of TVA's Land Between the Lakes, located in Tennessee and Kentucky. Members were also mobilized in March and April to call their legislators regarding bills introduced which concerned such subjects as forest management on state lands and bear dog training seasons.

TN-TWS contributed financial assistance and technical support to the UT-K student chapter, who hosted the 1993 Southeastern Student Conclave.

The chapter also donated \$100 to the parent society to help step up their Wildlife Policy efforts.

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In 1993 we broke new ground in professional development by offering our 200 members educational programs and field trips to familiarize them with the concepts and practices associated with wildlife-based ecotourism and multiple-output ecosystem management. We continued to be actively involved in conservation advocacy and in recognizing professional excellence.

The Chapter's January 1993 meeting in Richmond, in addition to its annual business meeting, included a day-long series of presentations on the role of wildlife managers in ecological tourism, or ecotourism. Speakers included the Secretary of Economic Development for the Commonwealth, a former director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the executive director of the Ecotourism Society, and the project manager for the *Virginia Wildlife Viewing Guide*.

The Chapter's June 1993 meeting in Richmond, in addition to a business meeting, featured a two-day ecosystem management program jointly planned and conducted by representatives of the chapter and the Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters. This well attended meeting included a day of educational presentations by wildlifers and foresters on the topic of "Timber and Wildlife--Meeting Public Demand". The forest stewardship program was covered in detail. A guided field trip was taken to forests managed for wildlife in Powhatan and Amelia counties. The program keynote speaker was the dean of Virginia Tech's College of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. Other speakers included representatives of the Virginia Departments of Forestry, Game & Inland Fisheries, and Conservation and Recreation; the U.S. Forest Service; Westvaco; and the American Forest and Paper Association. TWS Section Representative James E. Miller spoke at the TWS-member-only luncheon.

Dr. Roy L. Kirkpatrick, a faculty member at Virginia Tech, was presented with the Virginia Chapter Wildlifer of the Year Award; and, Ms. Myriam Moore was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding long-term work on raptors and raptor migration.

In addition to supporting sound environmental policies through its organizational memberships in the Virginia Wildlife Federation and the Virginia Environmental Network, the chapter used the mass news media, personal testimony at government hearings, and correspondence with elected officials to communicate its views of issues related to the well-being of the Commonwealth's wildlife.

Section/Chapter Name: Clemson University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Donald McGowan

Title Vice-President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

Meetings (1st Tuesday of the month)

January	September
February	October
March	November (2)
April	

Wood duck box maintenance & repair- February

Southeastern conclave- March

Annual "Buzzard" Banquet- March

Catfish Harvest Sale (Fundraiser)- October

Wildlife calendar sales (Fundraiser)- October through December

Halloween Party- October

Deer check stations with SCWMRD- November

Vans to Southeastern in Atlanta- October

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The NC State University Chapter of The Wildlife Society was very active this year. We started off the year helping with the Dixie Deer Classic that was held in March. As a group we helped, as needed so the event ran smoothly. Also, in March we participated in an attempt to educate the university during Agriculture and Life Science Awareness Week. We put up a booth to help students become aware of the wildlife and fisheries program at NC State. We had different types of birds at the booth so students could become familiar with certain types of birds. Then in April we sponsored a wildlife game banquet which was held at the Wake County Wildlife Club. We ate a variety of wild animals which were prepared by individuals in the chapter. A sample of the food served included small game stew, venison, upland game birds, squirrel and even beaver. After our meal we socialized with each other.

Part of the responsibility of our chapter is we monitor and maintain approximately 22 squirrel boxes. These boxes provide nesting sites for gray squirrels on our campus. In the fall, when we returned back to school we had a squirrel box check. We clean out squirrel boxes on campus and prepared them for winter. Also, we conducted numerous education programs for students in the nearby school systems.

Section/Chapter Name: Oklahoma State University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Kimberly Kelly

Title Exec. Board Member

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

In March, OSU-TWS had eight members, including quiz bowl team, attending the S.E. Wildlife Student conclave held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

We had our annual Wild Game Feast and our officer elections in April.

Throughout the first two-thirds of the year, we were planning a one day symposium entitled "Natural Resources & Communications: Establishing a Partnership" held on Oct. 1. The symposium was a success and proved to be very beneficial. Following the banquet, we heard from Conrad Smith, professor of journalism at Ohio State University.

We also built and sold bat boxes as an additional fundraiser.

Several of our members were an hand to witness the historic release of bison onto the Tall Grass Prairie preserve near Pawhuska, OK. This is definitely one event our members will never forget.

We ended the year with our annual Chili Cook-off.

Section/Chapter Name: Tennessee Tech University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: David M. Crum

Title Sec/Treas.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Tennessee Tech Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society experienced an increase in membership during 1993 which enabled us to participate in numerous activities. A total of 1209 hours of involvement time was recorded by our student chapter in 1993.

Spring was a very active time for our chapter. In March, several members attended both the Tennessee State meeting in Crossville and Conclave in Knoxville. At Conclave, we captured the quiz bowl championships along with other individual awards. Our chapter spent 40 hours working on an erosion prevention project at Old City Lake in Cookeville. We worked approximately 60 hours in conjunction with T.W.R.A. on a boundary marking project on Cordell Hull W.M.A.

The major project for the spring was the placement of Wood Duck boxes on Cordell Hull and Old City Lake in Cookeville. A total of 20 boxes were placed on the two lakes. A total of 367 hours were spent on this project. This project is a continuous one which will require several hours of time in the future to maintain the boxes. As a result of this project; the Army Corps of Engineers contacted our chapter about participating in a Wood Duck box project on Dale Hollow Lake.

During the fall, our two main objectives were fund raising and working deer checking stations. Our fund raisers consisted of selling hats and calendars. A total of 30 hours were spent on fund raisers. The major project for the fall was working deer checking stations in conjunction with T.W.R.A. The total time placed on this project was 232 hours.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Indiana Chapter

Iowa Chapter

Michigan Chapter

Minnesota Chapter

Missouri Chapter

Ohio Chapter

Wisconsin Chapter

Iowa State University Student Chapter

Michigan State University Student Chapter

Southern Illinois University Student Chapter

University of Minnesota

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Chapter

Western Illinois University Student Chapter

Section/Chapter Name: North Central Section, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Scott Craven

Title NCS President (1993)

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The North Central Section of The Wildlife Society culminated a very successful year with sponsorship of a symposium entitled "Urban Deer - A Manageable Resource" at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in St. Louis. This major effort was led by Jay McAninch (Minnesota DNR). Publication of the symposium proceedings in book form is planned.

Sales of previous NCS symposia were outstanding in 1993 with over 700 volumes sold. Strong sales were attributed to an excellent advertising campaign.

Thanks to the efforts of the Missouri Chapter, the NCS was able to continue its program of judging papers presented at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. All papers were evaluated on presentation, contribution, and scientific merit and awards will be made in student/nonstudent and paper/poster categories. Judging was preceded by internal discussion on the merits and logistics of the activity. It will continue.

A NCS committee reviewed candidates for the Section's Professional Award of Merit. At the Midwest banquet, NCS President Scott Craven presented the award to Tony J. Peterle of the Ohio State University.

Routine business included a contribution to the policy efforts of the parent society, ongoing efforts to solicit private funds to match chapter contributions to the NCS Continuing Education Endowment, endorsement of an Ecosystem Management Symposium to be held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus in 1994, and production of semiannual newsletters. The NCS also experienced another jump in membership to 850-900 members.

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The Indiana Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary during 1993 with a host of significant accomplishments. In January, the Chapter held its 4th Annual Legislative Breakfast jointly with the Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. This event attracted a record 27 legislators to hear some excellent presentations outlining the importance of professional resource management.

The Chapter held its annual Spring Meeting on March 16-17 in Lafayette, with a general session theme entitled "Fish and Wildlife Management at the Crossroads: 1968-2018". The meeting was a celebration of our 25th anniversary and featured recognition of the charter members, who had the foresight to establish the Chapter in 1968. The program also featured perspectives on fish and wildlife management over the past 25 years by speakers representing university research and education, constituent groups, the legislature, the media, and natural resource agencies. Julian J. Lewis of the University of Louisville received the Best Paper Award for his presentation entitled "Indiana's Undiscovered Country: Caves and Cavernicoles".

The Chapter, along with several other professional organizations, provided testimony in support of a State Senate resolution urging that salaries of Indiana Department of Natural Resources professionals be reclassified and increased. The measure passed the Senate, but failed to receive a hearing in the House before the legislative session ended. Although disappointing, there was some support for the measure, and the Chapter intends to pursue the issue again in 1994.

On September 17th, the Chapter held its Fall Meeting at the Ray McCormick and Tom Thompson farm in Knox County, which is a showcase of conservation farming and wildlife habitat development. The theme of the meeting focused on private conservation organizations, with presentations by representatives of several of the state's most active conservation groups.

In October, the Chapter held its first ever Continuing Education Workshop in Seymour, which attracted 120 registrants (including over 75 Chapter members) for a 2-day comprehensive workshop on wetlands. The workshop featured both locally and nationally recognized speakers discussing various aspects of wetland ecology and management, as well as hands-on field demonstrations at the nearby Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge. The Chapter raised \$2,700 on the event, \$500 of which was earmarked as a first installment toward a \$2,000 pledge for the Continuing Education Endowment of the North Central Section of TWS.

The Chapter provided input through a task force on deer herd control within the 15,000 acre Brown County State Park. Deer overpopulation has caused significant damage to the vegetation in the park. After numerous hearings, a decision was finally made to hold a one-day firearms hunt in early December, during which nearly 400 deer were taken. The Chapter will continue to provide recommendations on this issue as future options are discussed.

The Chapter's Continuing Education Endowment funded 5 projects totalling \$1,160 in 1993, including a \$500 contribution to the Continuing Education Workshop discussed above.

The 56th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference will be held December 4-7, 1994 in Indianapolis. Ed Theroff, a Past President of the Chapter and Regional Wildlife Supervisor for the Department of Natural Resources, is Steering Committee Chair. The Chapter will be involved in many activities during the conference, and we look forward to an exciting and successful event. Mark your calendars for Dec. 4-7, 1994.

The election of 1994 officers was completed, with the Executive Board comprised of President Jeff Kiefer, President-Elect Brian Miller, Secretary/Treasurer Patty Werner, and Member-at-Large Tom Despot.

Section/Chapter Name: Iowa Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Laura Jackson

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

IOWA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The tradition of high quality educational workshops continued. In March we had a joint meeting with the Illinois Chapter TWS on, "Wildlife Management Along the Mississippi River." The meeting highlighted some of the Mississippi River agency programs and included papers on specific management and research projects. Illinois President Gary Potts and Iowa President-elect Bill Ohde were instrumental in developing this workshop which was attended by over 70 professionals.

In August, in cooperation with The Institute of Wildlife And Environmental Toxicology and a host of other agencies, we co-hosted a workshop on "Wildlife Toxicology". The papers discussed methods of pesticide research, how safety standards are derived and outlined incident reporting, sample collection and diagnosis. The workshop gave the attendees a better appreciation of the difficulties of field research of pesticides, changes in pesticide use and how to send in samples for testing.

Education-wise, the chapter also updated its state brochure and display as well as publishing two issues of the chapter newsletter. The chapter was also honored to present the Iowa Conservation Award of Merit to members Art Roseland and Doug Harr. Both have been very active within the state as professional wildlife biologists and as active members of the Iowa Chapter TWS.

At our annual fall meeting a silent auction was conducted. Noted Iowan artist, Barb Nelson donated a bronze mallard pirouette. The auction raised enough money to make a \$500 donation to the proposed Lost Island-Trumbull Lake Wetland Project.

Legislatively, the chapter wrote state officials concerning budget reductions and spending reforms and their potential effects on fish and wildlife programs in the state. Legislators were also asked to support a resolution to protect the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund through a constitutional amendment. The Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund which receives most of its money from sporting dollars, is occasionally eyed for a raid to be diverted to other purposes. The chapter also instituted a phone-tree to garner support for the state's Resource Enhancement and Protect Fund (REAP) and to combat an additional checkoff to the state's income tax form.

On a federal level, the chapter wrote legislators concerning support for full funding of federal wetlands protection and restoration programs. Legislators were also asked to support the USDA reorganization.

The chapter does plan to add \$2/person to the cost of each workshop fee. The money raised will be used to assist the North Central Section's Education Fund. By late winter, the chapter was already deep into planning a joint meeting with the Minnesota Chapter TWS regarding "Biodiversity: A Challenge to Resource Managers".

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Spring meeting-March 4 & 5, 1993. The annual spring meeting was held at Michigan State Univ. in East Lansing. An executive board meeting and gen. membership meeting were followed by presentations featuring commercial uses of wildlife. Topics ranged from marketing farm reared pheasants to birding tours at the Whitefish Point Observatory. The following morning students from all over Michigan presented summaries of their research.

Fall meeting-October 7 & 8, 1993. Held in conjunction with the Society of American Foresters in Gladstone. Deer Management-Striving for Balance was the theme. An outstanding field trip featuring four stops including lowland conifer management, hemlock harvesting schemes, and direct re-planting of tamarack in wetland areas prepared us for supper. A banquet and raffle followed. On Friday there were concurrent sessions on various sub-topics of forest management and deer management.

Conservation Awards

1. Layperson/volunteer of the year

Dan Robbins of Iron Mountain was selected. Dan is the director of Outdoors Forever, a board member of the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation, and a past president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

2. High School student of the year

Jordan Saarsfield, Houghton Lake High School was presented this award along with a \$100 Savings Bond. Jordan assisted the MDNR with capturing and banding waterfowl.

3. College Student of the year

Amy Schomaker, a senior in Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State was selected. Amy was active in the student chapter, TWS at MSU. She assisted MDNR with private land management and in synthesizing survey data. She worked at the Minnesota Valley NWR and at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary near Kalamazoo. This award includes \$100 cash.

4. Professional wildlifer of the year

Sylvia Taylor recently retired from the Wildlife Division, MDNR was selected for this award. She worked as a District Supervisor and as the statewide endangered species coordinator. She served previously as a forester and botanist for MDOT. In retirement she teaches at the Univ. of Michigan and adult education classes.

Major undertakings for 1994 include a student art competition in conjunction with the spring meeting, a membership survey, and the printing of a 1993-94 membership directory. The fall meeting will focus on coastal Great Lakes wetlands in the Saginaw Bay area.

Section/Chapter Name: Minnesota Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Dr. Merrill J. Frydendall *Merrill J. Frydendall* Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

MEMBERSHIP: There was a total of 250 members in 1993.

NEWSLETTER: Four issues of the Chapter newsletter were printed.

MEETINGS:

Governing Board -The Governing Board met four times during the year, with an average attendance of ten.

Annual - The annual meeting, held January 27-29, was an integrated meeting with the MN Chapter of The Fisheries Society. The theme of the meeting was "Towards Sustainable Management of Land, Water, and Living Resources: New Roles for Fisheries and Wildlife Professionals." The keynote speaker was Dr. James R Karr of the University of Washington who spoke on "Attaining a Sustainable Society: New Roles for Natural Resource Managers."

In separate, but concurrent presentations, The Wildlife Society chose for its theme, "Economic Exploitations versus Biodiversity." These presentations centered around four major areas: Minnesota farmland, economic values of wildlife, forests and brushlands, and aquatic environment.

There were 96 chapter members in attendance.

Awards - A number of awards were given to individuals and groups for their wildlife efforts in Minnesota. These included:

MINNESOTA AWARD - Harvey Nelson

CONSERVATION AWARD - Itasca Community College

STUDENT CONSERVATIONIST - Eric Spadgenske

LAW ENFORCEMENT - Doug Sandstrom

SERVICE TO CHAPTER - Joe Artmann, Dan Frenzel, and Rick Julian.

Fund Raising - Along with the annual meeting we held a raffle/auction of donated items and services which were given by various businesses and individuals throughout the state. This activity raises most of the funds the Chapter uses for conservation purposes.

Summer - The Chapter's summer meeting was September 8-10 held in conjunction with the Status and Management of Upper Mississippi River System Nongame Wildlife Symposium. The Symposium covered all aspects of nongame in the Upper Mississippi system. The MN Chapter of TWS involved Conservation Officers of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a workshop on "The Role of Law Enforcement in Nongame Management."

CONSERVATION AFFAIRS: Our standing committees on wetland, farmland, and forest issues kept our membership apprised of current events affecting state wildlife and in these three diverse habitats. The forest issues committee has been extremely active in following and responding to an environmental impact statement on future timber harvest and management of Minnesota's forests. The wetland issues committee has kept a close eye on state and federal wetland conservation programs; and prepared appropriate responses and position papers.

These committees will continue to take an active role in addressing state and federal wildlife and conservation issues.

OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES: The Chapter has a standing regulation that one-half of the monies from our fund-raising activities be dedicated to Reinvest In Minnesota, a state critical habitat matching fund. Remaining funds were used as matching monies for wetland restoration projects and aquatic and terrestrial habitat improvements.

The Chapter donated \$500 to the University of Minnesota Student Chapter to help defray costs of members attending the Student Conclave. Another \$500 has been set aside to be used as scholarship monies to help Minnesota wildlife students attend the 1994 Annual Meeting.

Section/Chapter Name: Missouri Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: SHARRON GOUGH

Title SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Missouri Chapter assisted with organizing Missouri's annual Fish, Forest and Wildlife Conference. In 1993 the three traditional sponsors of the event, Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Missouri Society for American Foresters and the Missouri Chapter of American Fisheries Society, welcomed the Sho-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society as a fourth sponsoring member of the event. The conference offers a forum for the presentation of scientific papers from a wide variety of disciplines. It is also the event at which professionals and farmers are recognized for their contributions to natural resources through a banquet and awards ceremony. In 1993, the Chapter's highest honor, the E. Sydney Stevens Award, went to Ken Babcock, Assistant Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The Missouri Chapter co-sponsored the 55th Midwest Conference in St. Louis as well. We manned an information booth, a chapter booth and raffle, assisted with the coordination of speakers, facilities and exhibits, and judged papers and poster presentations.

The annual business meeting was held in January. The Missouri chapter presented the Graduate Fellowship Award for \$750 to Scott Beckerman. The Chapter also donated \$400 to the Missouri Prairie Foundation towards the purchase of a prairie tract commemorating Charles and Libby Schwartz for their contributions to our knowledge of Missouri resources. The Missouri Student Chapter reported a busy year. Some of their activities included an adopt-a-highway project, telemetry and outdoor photography workshops, lectures, a student conclave and fund-raising. They took in \$2,200 from their concession stand at football games.

The Missouri Chapter has met its pledge of \$2,000 to NC Section.

The Missouri Chapter accepted a generous donation of \$1500 from Glenn Chambers, in honor of his son, James Chambers. Tentative plans have been made to establish a second scholarship fund. Upon approval of the membership, this fund will be brought to \$10,000, and the earnings used to provide an annual scholarship available to non-MU students in Missouri.

The Missouri Chapter made a resolution to support the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act. The chapter also formed a committee to draft a resolution concerning TWS position on use of floodplains and the need for a plan of action concerning flood plain use.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

Continuing Education - A workshop on wildlife diseases was held on Friday, May 14, 1993 at the College of Veterinary Anatomy on the Ohio State University Campus. The course was taught by Dr. Alan Wolf, Director of the Illinois Cooperative Wildlife Laboratory at Southern Illinois University. The workshop was highly attended and proved to be very helpful to OCTWS members.

Scientific data and comments were provided to urge Ohio Governor George Voinovich to lift the clear-cutting ban on the Shawnee State Forest. No action to date.

The Ohio Chapter TWS was successful in obtaining a seat on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Environmental Council. The appointment allows our chapter more input and interaction over issues related to the goals and objectives of TWS.

Provided letters and scientific data in support of H.B. 287, the Morning Dove Bill to all of Ohio's Representatives and Senators. This bill would give the Ohio Division of Wildlife the authority to manage the dove as a gamebird. H.B. 287 passed in the House of Representatives in May, was voted out of the Senate Ag. Committee in June and awaits for passage on the full floor of the Senate soon. If passed in the Senate, Ohio's Governor has indicated he will support it.

Due to recruitment of new professionals, the OCTWS is at it's highest membership level with 210 members.

Urged key Congressional Members to support the Arctic Goose Joint Venture by means of a \$5 million dollar add on to the Migratory Bird Management office.

Nominated Dr. Tony Peterle, a founding father of the Ohio Chapter, for the NCS professional award of merit. Tony received the award during he Tuesday night banquet at the Midwest Wildlife Conference and extends his gratitude for the honor.

Provided formal comments twice over the 908 Acre Coastal Metzger Marsh restoration project in Northwest Ohio proposed by the USFWS, Ohio Division of Wildlife and conservation partners.

In January of 1994 we lost one of our highly respected, founding fathers of the Ohio Chapter when Dr. Gene Good passed away. Dr. Good was an active member until the end and will be sorely missed.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Wisconsin Chapter co-hosted the "Northern Goshawk Management Workshop" at Madison on March 11, 1993. The workshop brought together wildlife managers, biologists, and foresters from country, state, and national forests. It was a good exchange of information and ideas. While no definitive resolution as to the current state of the midwest's goshawk population was agreed to, it appears our midwest goshawks are not threatened or endangered. The annual winter WCTWS meeting followed on the 12th with technical papers and the annual business meeting. On the 13th we co-hosted a "Cold-Blooded Symposium" which enlightened us on herps, insects and other creepy critters.

On August 6-8 we held our summer meeting in beautiful Door County. Lake Michigan gave up few fish to our membership but everyone had a good time and we did get some TWS business accomplished.

Our chapter was active in several legislative activities. We testified at a legislative hearing on a proposed anti-trapping bill. We wrote letters on various subjects including clearcutting restrictions and dam relicensing.

Preparing for our winter meeting has taken a lot of time. We will be hosting a "Wisconsin Grouse Symposium" on February 24, 1994. It will be held on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison. The symposium will cover all four species of Wisconsin grouse. Immediately following the grouse symposium will be our annual winter meeting on the 25th and 26th, also on the UW Madison campus. It will be a joint meeting with the local Society of Conservation Biologists' Leopold Chapter. "Conservation Biology/Wildlife Management--Bridging the Gap" should provide for an interesting exchange of ideas and hopefully find common ground that both societies can work together on.

In 1993 WCTWS finally reached the goal of a project started a long time back. At the 1994 winter meeting we will be giving out the first annual Aldo Leopold Scholarship to an undergrad in wildlife management or biology attending a Wisconsin college. This scholarship is being funded from the sales of a limited edition print featuring Aldo Leopold. The Leopold family and artist Jonathan Wilde were very generous in making this project possible.

Section/Chapter Name: Iowa State University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Ranel Brus Title Immediate Past Secretary

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The ISU FWB Club has meetings every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. The first 30 minutes to an hour are spent discussing business topics. Following the business portion we have a speaker come in and talk for about an hour. Prior to each of these meetings the Executive Council meets to discuss what will be covered in those general meetings. Executive Council also meets for 30 minutes to an hour on the Wednesday evenings that general meetings aren't held. Activities other than meetings are as follows:

Sledding party	Feb. '93
Eagle watch	Mar. '93
Fireside chat	Mar. '93
Conclave	Apr. '93
Prairie burns	May '93
Veishea - open house and concession stand	May '93
Spring camping trip	May '93
Pizza party	Sep. '93
Departmental picnic	Sep. '93
Camping and canoeing trip	Sep. '93
Walnut Creek seed harvest	Oct. '93
Fireside chat	Oct. '93
DeSoto Bend camping trip	Nov. '93
Game feed	Nov. '93
Deer check station	Dec. '93

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Michigan State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club was very busy in 1993. The early part of the year was spent preparing for the North Central Region Student Fisheries and Wildlife Conclave that we were pleased to host in April. The Conclave was a huge success and would not have been possible without the strong commitment of our 50 plus Club members.

After Conclave was completed, we turned our focus back to research and community service. Last year saw the completion of some major projects in the Club's 10 ha Wildlife Management Demonstration Area. With the help of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Matt Gray, we installed a water control structure in the wetland area. This device allows us to practice wetland management, and for now, we are managing for a hemi-marsh stage. We also installed a pond aerator to help facilitate our fisheries management goals. Our work in the prairie restoration area continues, and I am happy to report that people are now recognizing it as a prairie. As the prairie has grown, so has our Management area. As a result, Tim Nuttle successfully convinced the MSU Grounds Department to relinquish more adjacent land for us to use. Other research projects in the Management Area included small mammal trapping, water quality testing, vegetation sampling, and wetland classification.

Many Club members helped the Michigan Department of Natural Resources achieve some of their goals by volunteering at numerous deer and duck check stations last fall. Everyone who participated agreed that it was worth getting up at 5:00 AM for the opportunity to work with the MDNR.

Club members also designed and hosted many different educational booths during the year. We had a very successful booth about wildlife management at Science Day at the Meridian Mall. The Club assisted Michigan United Conservation Clubs with a birds of prey booth at Outdoorama. At Autumnfest we hosted a booth where the public could try wildlife foods. The Club also sponsored a vertebrate pest management booth at the Horticulture Spring Show. During Small Animals Day over 30,000 people had the opportunity to have a guided tour of the Club's Management Demonstration Area. The Club also helped to sponsor a Halloween night hike at Woldumar Nature Center so that children and adults could learn that the woods aren't so scary after all!

During American Indian History Month, the Club hosted Mr. Jim St. Arnold from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. He provided our students with information on Tribal fishing rights and told us how the Commission is helping fisheries and wildlife in the Great Lakes Region.

The Club has also worked closely with the local Scouting Program. We sponsored a fund raiser for a local Scout Troop and have started an Explorer Post of our own. The Explorer Post allows local High School Students to "explore" fisheries and wildlife related work by being involved in the program and working closely with Club members.

In addition, we sponsored some social events including camping during the raptor migration at Whitefish Point, a SCUBA experience where Club members strapped on tanks and went for a dip, attended a Leadership Conference, participated in Earth Day activities, held cookouts, and had our first ever Beast Feast (a potluck dinner made with wild game).

In closing, I would like to point out that none of these activities would have been possible without the commitment of our membership. I am looking forward to my second year as President of this great group of aspiring biologists.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

January 25 board meeting marked the beginning of tentative planning of activities for the upcoming year. We reviewed sales of SIUC WILDLIFE SOCIETY t-shirts, sweat shirts, caps, and wildlife calendars.

February 18 meeting featured a presentation of "Wildlife Ecology of the Galapagos Islands" by Gary Potts. Other issues addressed included: funding the Michigan conclave, bake sale, installation and maintenance of blue bird boxes at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

March 25 meeting included guest speaker Illinois Conservation Police Officer Larry Griffin. He discussed the use of decoys to target poachers and other hunting violations. We also planned a Prairie restoration project starting in April and a concession stand at a local supermarket to rebuild our diminishing coffer.

April 20 meeting began with officer elections for the 93-94 academic year. Results were as follows: President, Kevin Hartke; Vice President, Wayne Wildy; Secretary, Barbara Janiak; Treasurer, John Watts; Board Member, Lenny Pitcher. Gina Paul was selected Wildlifer of the Year. The meeting concluded with a presentation on "The European Brown Bear".

May 10 board meeting finalized unfinished business prior to adjournment for summer break.

September 9 meeting welcomed new students. We addressed upcoming events to include: new logo design contest, visiting the World Bird Sanctuary in St. Louis, MO., South Dakota conclave, and a Cache River cleanup. Beverly Shoftstall enlightened us with the presence of a living Barred Owl and Red-tailed Hawk. Other monthly activities included a tour of the Little Grassy State Fish Hatchery and a fund raising project.

October 21 meeting featured a slide photo narrative presentation by Dr. Botero of the University of Wisconsin on "The Birds of the Tropics and Neo-tropics". We also participated in the LaRue Pine Hills Appreciation Day in the Shawnee National Forest by distributing information on, and encouraging support of, the Wildlife Society.

November 16 meeting provided students with information from several guest speakers on professional career development. Material covered included: local, state, and federal employment opportunities, certification requirements, and graduate school considerations.

December 6 board meeting finalized unfinished business prior to adjournment for winter break.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Minnesota Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society has been very busy and involved in a variety of interesting activities over the last year. Many speakers have given a variety of lectures for the club. Lecture topics have included the experiences of an Overseas Drift Net Observer, a discussion of an environmental lobbyist's view on how to become politically active, raptor research in Africa, Bald Eagle reproduction on Lake Superior, and ecology of the Boreal Owl.

During February of 1993, the student chapter participated in a volunteer project with the U.S. Forest Service in the Chippewa National Forest. A large number of club members spent a weekend helping the Marcell Ranger District maintain wildlife openings and install 50 nesting boxes for owls, bats, and songbirds.

During April and May the student chapter worked with the Izaak Walton League, Twin Cities Chapter, educating school children on areas of conservation. The children took nature tours, attended demonstrations on fishing, planted prairie grasses and wildflowers, and installed wooduck nest boxes. The club also helped Camp St. Croix, a YMCA Environmental Learning Center, with an educational program concerning Earth Day.

Eighteen student chapter members traveled to Ortonville, Michigan for the 1993 North Central Conclave. Student members placed second in the outdoor quiz bowl competition and were narrowly defeated for the Animal Behavior Skit Contest. During the conclave, a wide spectrum of fisheries and wildlife experts spoke on subjects that ranged from endangered turtles to river restoration.

Club members also participated in several field trips. Members spent a weekend bird watching. One of the highlights was observing grouse on their lekking grounds. Other members spent a weekend camping in the Badlands National Park. Eight club members took part in the Fisheries and Wildlife Departments spring break field trip. Students traveled through South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota, visiting different Wildlife Management Areas. Special emphasis was placed on management issues important to the areas visited.

The student chapter has also been involved in the Environmental Education Outreach Program (EEOP). The EEOP gives college students the opportunity to give environmental presentations for students in grades one through twelve.

The student chapter has also been involved in a few fund raising projects. We have designed a fisheries and wildlife hat that is currently being sold to sponsor our activities. A raffle was held to raise money, with donations coming from local businesses. The student chapter also held a food drive over Thanksgiving. The donated food went to "Project Joy", a local food bank that is helping victims of last year's flood. Many experiences have been enjoyed by club members over the past year, and we are looking forward to a very eventful 1994.

Upcoming events include a river rafting trip, camping at Itasca State Park, a river clean up, and the annual Conclave.

Section/Chapter Name: University of Wisconsin Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Allen Guggisberg

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The UW-Stevens Point Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society continues to grow and offer dynamic opportunities for our members to lead and participate in wildlife research and management projects. In 1993 our members volunteered 5,121 hours among 25 project divisions. Membership for the 1993 fall semester peaked at an all time high of 202 members and has continued to grow in the 1994 spring semester.

Our chapter continues to thrive on the experience gained by our members through their roles as project leaders, teamworkers, executive board members and administrators. Many of our long-term projects such as the urban deer study, mitigated wetland monitoring, crane count, heron colony monitoring and newsletter continue to draw a great deal of support and participation from our members and the community. 1993 also saw several new additions including: osprey, urban wildlife and waterfowl nest structure projects, as well as the revival of our education project which conducted numerous programs for audiences through out the community.

Examples of activities undertaken by our members include: restoring native prairie and establishing a bluebird trail in Schmeckle Reserve, monitored wood duck nest boxes on area wetlands, radio-collared and tracked movements of our urban deer population, wrote and began implementing a comprehensive land management plan for a private landowner, coordinated a winter bird feeder survey with local citizens, conducted two censuses on an un hunted rabbit population and we are in the process of forming a coalition of several student organizations which is casting support to bring "wildland" designation and protection to a portion of the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage in northern Wisconsin.

Our chapter also conducted weekly board meetings, sponsored guest speakers, published three issues of our official newsletter, On The Wilder Side, and sent representatives to the North Section Student Conclave.

Our continued success lies in the tremendous participation and effort by our members and the wildlife faculty in the College of Natural Resources at UWSP.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Western Illinois University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society was officially reactivated on Tuesday, September 14, 1993. The meeting informed interested members about the history of the chapter and possible activities. Officers and student representatives to the executive committee were elected on September 21, 1993. The chapter recruited 38 paying members for the fall semester. Committees were formed as follows; fund-raising, speakers, posters and flyers, project, refreshment, public relations, and nest boxes. A chapter picnic was held at Macomb's Patton Park on October 5, 1993. Our first chapter project was the use of 30 donated nest boxes, which were previously used by the Illinois Natural History Survey for a study of raccoons. The boxes required removal from a study area in Brown County, Illinois. Repairs and modifications were made to several boxes for various wildlife species. In the process of removing the nest boxes, bee colonies were discovered in the closed boxes. WIU's biology department physiologist and insect specialist, Dr. Joe Coelho was very interested in helping remove the bees to a hive. A manuscript entitled "Nontarget Colonization of Wildlife Nest Boxes by Honey Bee (Apis mellifera L) Swarms" by J. R. Coelho and J. B. Sullivan, is in the process of review and will be published. The WIU chapter is acknowledged in the paper. The nest box committee searched for suitable areas to hang the boxes. Five boxes were hung in 1993, two along the Lamoine River to accommodate Barred Owls and three on the Norris property; one each for raccoons, squirrels, and bats. An information flyer was prepared by the public relations committee chairperson educating members about the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act. Two articles appeared in the campus newspaper recognizing the club and the new activities in the fall. The fund-raising committee coordinated the sale of Wildlife Calendars and Halloween-Grams. Joe Sullivan, Associate Research Biologist for the Illinois Natural History Survey, was a guest speaker for the chapter on November 16. His topic was entitled "Trapping and Handling of Wildlife." We arranged to have Tom Groutage, a Biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, speak to the chapter this spring. The project committee contacted an area farmer who allowed the chapter to collect corn on several occasions from his harvested field. The collected corn will be used to feed wildlife for future sponsored projects by the chapter. Mammal study skins were prepared by interested chapter members in December. The specimens were donated by the WIU biology department museum collection. A bluebird nest box project was announced and sponsored by the Soyland Power Cooperative. The chapter would assist in the construction and hanging of the boxes with the aid of local youth groups. The project is to be completed by March 15, 1994. Other activities included a prairie burn at the Kibbe Field station and a presentation by Dr. James Purdue from the Illinois State Museum. The chapter has also supplied updated information to the members concerning jobs, internships, scholarships, and conferences through monthly meetings and the chapter bulletin board. It was a busy and successful fall for the reactivation of WIU's wildlife society!

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION

Kansas Chapter

North Dakota Chapter

South Dakota Chapter

Kansas State University Student Chapter

South Dakota State University Student Chapter

University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Chapter

Utah State University Student Chapter

Section/Chapter Name: Central Mountains & Plains Section, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Warren D. Snyder Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Central Mountains and Plains Section held its 38th annual summer conference on 5-7 August, 1993 in Manhattan Kansas. The Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society extended its hospitality to the Section and served as an excellent host. Presentations followed the theme "Grasslands Value to Wildlife" and a field trip toured the Nature Conservancy's Konza Prairie. This tallgrass natural area serves as an outdoor laboratory for native prairie studies under management of Kansas State University. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks held a CRP Conference in conjunction with the annual meeting of the CMPS enhancing attendance because of the joint scheduling. Newly elected board members (1993-95) were Terry Messmer (Utah) and Wayne Pepper (Saskatchewan). Robert Wood (Kansas) began serving as president-elect and will assume presidency of the Section in August 1994. Fred Lindzey (Wyoming) and Ken Higgins (past-president - South Dakota) retired from the Executive Board.

Robert D. Wood, Terrestrial Ecologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, was recipient of the Central Mountains and Plains Section's 1993 Professional Award. Gary Wallace, Manager of Advertising and Environmental Communications for Western Resources Inc. (a major utility company) was recipient of the 1993 CMPS Citizen Award.

The Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society provided funding support in 1993 for publication of "Aquatic and Wetland Vascular Plants of the Northern Great Plains" by Larson. This text is being published by the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. Funding support was also provided for The Wildlife Society's Special Projects within the Wildlife Policy Program.

Work was begun to prepare a Resolution Statement concerning inclusion of the Conservation Reserve Program within the 1995 Federal Farm Bill.

A bid from the South Dakota Chapter of TWS to host the next annual meeting of the Central Mountains and Plains Section was accepted. This meeting will be held in Brookings on August 12 - 13, 1994 and will be preceded by a one-day (August 11) Over-Water Nest Structure Symposium/Workshop. The latter is sponsored by the South Dakota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks.

Central Mountains and Plains Section membership, which has shown steady growth in recent years, increased by about 25% during the last year.

Section/Chapter Name: Kansas Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: George Allen

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

MAJOR ISSUES

The issue of "takings" and property rights was raised before the Kansas Legislature in 1993. A bill introduced in the Kansas legislature to require compensation of landowners for many kinds of government actions could have dire consequences for natural resources agencies in the state. Past President Tom Swan spent considerable time in the fall organizing a luncheon for legislators at which our concerns about the bill could be presented. The 18 January 1994 luncheon was a success.

When a hunting season for sandhill cranes in Kansas was proposed in 1993, opposition to the proposal developed from several organizations. The arguments against the season presented to the press and to the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission (KWPC) were based on a biased interpretation of data, and may have stemmed from opposition to all hunting. Members of the Kansas Chapter reviewed the available information, and President-Elect Dave Jones testified at the KWPC meeting at which the issue was discussed. The KWPC voted to open sandhill crane hunting, and the 1993 season was a success. TWS help on this issue was greatly appreciated.

The Chapter also debated the issues raised by the annual "Rattlesnake Roundup" in Sharon Springs. Though reasonable harvest and humane treatment of the rattlesnakes captured are in keeping with the positions of TWS, the actions at the roundup (largely a publicity event) have been questionable. The Chapter provided information and stated our position on the issue to the KWPC. However, final resolution of concerns about the harvest has not been reached.

MEETINGS

The Kansas Chapter had good attendance at the March 20th Spring meeting in Great Bend. New Chapter officers were installed at the meeting. Chapter members Charlie Lee, Lloyd Fox, Bob Culbertson, Keith Sexson, and Dave Wiseman were presented certificates in recognition of their extra effort for the Chapter in 1991 and 1992.

During the first week of August the Chapter hosted a very successful Central Mountains and Plains Section annual meeting in Manhattan. Steve Sorensen and other Chapter members were responsible for organization of the CMPS meeting. The Chapter held its fall meeting just prior to the CMPS gathering.

Chapter member Charlie Lee organized the Mid-Continent CRP conference, which was held just prior the CMPS meeting. Charlie did a great job, and the CRP conference drew additional members to the CMPS and Chapter meetings. The Chapter was a sponsor of the CRP conference.

AWARDS

Long-time member Bob Wood was recognized as an outstanding professional by the Central Mountains and Plains Section.

OTHER ACTIONS

While in Washington, D.C. in March, Chapter President George Allen visited the offices of Kansas Representatives and Senators and provided information about the Chapter. He discussed the interests of the Chapter with staffers and told them how the Chapter can assist with questions about natural resources issues.

Past Presidents Tom Swan and Bob Culbertson visited the offices of state legislators in Topeka in fall 1993. They provided the legislators with information about the Kansas Chapter, about TWS, and about Chapter and TWS positions on current issues.

The Chapter approved a position statement on watershed planning pointing out the wildlife habitat losses caused by watershed dam development, requesting full consideration of threatened and endangered species in the planning process, and encouraging caution in the expenditure of state funds for watershed projects.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

Held 1993 Annual Winter Conference in Bismarck, February 4-6 with theme being Natural Resource Management Successes and Challenges for the Future.

Presented North Dakota Award, Habitat Award, 3 Special Recognition Awards, Case-of-the-Year Award, 2 Graduate Student-of-the-Year Awards, as well as 3 undergraduate Awards, as well as 3 undergraduate student scholarships.

Developed position statement, The Future of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in the Northern Great Plains, which was adopted at the 1993 Annual Meeting. Promoted and lobbied this position within the legislative, environmental, and agricultural communities.

Participated in the development of the North Dakota CRP Coalition Position Statement adopted January 19, 1993.

Sponsored the annual Midwest Private Lands Administrators meeting, held in Bismarck.

Production of an environmental contaminants informational brochure.

Sponsored a legislative social, a mixer for legislators and chapter members, held January 14, 1993.

Reintroduced 30 prairie chickens at Stewart Lake as cooperative project with ND Game and Fish Department, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and Grand Forks Wildlife Club. In another joint project with ND Game and Fish Department, the chapter also reintroduced 26 prairie chickens at Englevale Slough.

Sponsored public service announcements on cooperating radio stations recommending roadside mowing be delayed until after July 15 to protect ground nesting birds.

Provided luncheon as part of ND Wetland and Wildlife Mgt. field tour attended by agricultural, industrial, and environmental groups, water resource boards, and other elected officials.

Developed and passed a resolution favoring Corps of Engineer's administration of the Sec. 404 of Clean Water Act. Met and corresponded with State Engineer and State Water Commission to discuss and provide input on their pursuit of assuming Sec. 404 Program of the Clean Water Act.

Joined the Wilderness Coalition, a group of sixteen environmental organizations promoting the wilderness designation of 13 North Dakota publicly-owned tracts, outlined in the proposal, Badlands on the Brink.

Made a \$2,000 donation to the TWS Policy Director for the lobbying effort of TWS in Washington, D.C. with a challenge to other chapters and section to donate also.

Co-sponsored Wetland Symposium, Prairie Ecosystems: Wetland Ecology, Management, and Restoration, held in Jamestown, August 9-12, 1993.

Technical and financial assistance to ND Natural Heritage Program for updating the state's rare plant list.

Agreed to co-sponsor creation of youth wetland educational trunks for classroom.

Completed new Membership Packets containing welcoming letter and background on chapter, section, and parent organization and activities associated with each.

Section/Chapter Name: South Dakota Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Arden H. Petersen

Title: President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

On February 2, 1993 SDTWS joined other professional natural resource organizations in hosting a State Legislative Social.

On March 1-3, 1993 SDTWS held our Annual Meeting in Watertown. The Theme of the conference was Communications in the Wildlife Profession.

Floyd Gaarder, SD Game, Fish & Parks Regional Supervisor in Sioux Falls, was selected as Wildlife Professional of the Year.

Don Sinning, Minnehaha County Sportsman, was selected as recipient of the Citizen's Award for special contributions to Wildlife in South Dakota.

SDTWS passed a resolution at the Annual Meeting urging Black Hills' heap-leach gold mining companies to take immediate action to prevent further wildlife deaths from exposure to heap-leach toxins and to comply fully with State and Federal Environmental laws & regulations.

SDTWS also completed a Position Statement on extension of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). It is our position that either the CRP should be preserved in the 1995 farm Bill or incentive programs aimed at retaining CRP acres in some type of permanent cover should be implemented. We believe that abandoning the CRP acres would be environmentally irresponsible.

Other projects that SDTWS has been involved in follow:

Joint sponsor of National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's Jr. Duck Stamp Contest.

Assistance to SD Conservation Officer's Association for hosting the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officer's Association Conference.

Funding to National for legislative work on wildlife conservation agenda such as reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and Farm Bill.

Scholarship to Outstanding Wildlife Graduate Student at South Dakota State University (SDSU).

Assistance to SDSU Wildlife Conservation Club for hosting the 1994 North Central Wildlife & Fisheries Conclave.

Joint sponsorship of Bald Eagle Appreciation Days in Pierre and Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Section/Chapter Name: Kansas State University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Kimberly L. Feleay

Title: Secretary

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

University Open House - The chapter set up several rooms of exhibits for the public to view. Demonstrations in radio telemetry and rocket netting were also scheduled but due to rain the rocket netting demonstration was cancelled.

Annual Book Sale was held for one week in the spring.

Annual Banquet - Our speaker was Alwyn Gentry who spoke about biodiversity in the rainforest.

Conclave at Steven's Point, Wisconsin - A group of students attended conclave this year in Wisconsin.

Trip to Konza Prairie - Several members of the chapter went out to Konza prairie to view prairie chickens on the lekking grounds.

T-shirt sale - Members were asked to submit a T-shirt design. The chapter then voted on the designs and T-shirts were made of the winning design.

Trip to Cheyenne Bottoms - A group of students went to Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivera Wildlife Refuge during the fall migration.

Hat Sale - This year, the chapter had a hat sale for an extra fund raiser.

Raffle - A raffle was also held this year, in which a pair of binoculars and a field guide were given away.

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference - A group of students attended the conference this year in St. Louis.

Calendar Sale - Members of the chapter checked out calendars to sell to the public. A table was also set up for a week in the biology building to sell calendars.

Hunter Check Station - In November, several students in the chapter assisted conservation officers in collecting data at a hunger check station.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The South Dakota State University Wildlife and Conservation Club has approximately 35 active members. The club participated in many projects throughout the past year. One of our ongoing projects consists of managing Conservation Park. On this section of SDSU property we maintain 30 woodduck boxes, which the members of the club clean and refill with wood chips each spring. Maintenance of this park takes place each spring so the park will be available to anyone who wishes to enjoy what the park offers throughout the year.

The club is also involved in providing educational programs to area elementary, secondary, and high schools. One of our main educational programs has been helping local Conservation Officers certify youngsters in proper hunter safety. To be able to teach these courses, club members are required to be certified through the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks and the National Rifle Association in hunter safety and conservation. Last spring, the club helped administer tests for FFA'ers from area schools. Another program we helped with this past year was that of the annual Greenwings Day. This program sponsored by the local Ducks Unlimited Chapter encourages young children to come and spend a Saturday playing games and learning about Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation. The club also participates in both a spring and fall picnic. These picnics seem to catch a lot of attention. These are social gatherings in which club members get to meet and talk with people who may be interested in joining the club.

Last year the club had two major events to get ready for. The first being our annual Buffalo Banquet. This is an awards banquet for the undergraduate and graduate students in the field of Wildlife and Fisheries Science here at SDSU. Over 200 people attended the Buffalo Banquet, and we were honored to have Dr. Leigh Fredrickson, Director of the Gaylord Memorial Laboratory at the University of Missouri speak at the banquet about his studies of "Antarctic Wildlife."

Our second major event of the past year was the starting preparations of the SDSU Wildlife Conservation Club hosting the 24th Annual North Central Regional Wildlife and Fisheries Student Conclave April 8-10, 1994. The club anticipates about 150 people from 14-16 schools and universities to attend. The Conclave will be held at the 4-H Campground on beautiful Lake Herman at Madison, South Dakota. As we move closer to April 8, things look spectacular for those who will attend and be part of the 24th Annual North Central Regional Wildlife and Fisheries Student Conclave.

Section/Chapter Name: University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Brent M. Konen Title: President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) student chapter of The Wildlife Society enjoyed an eventful year. The chapters objective to enhance and develop an interest in and a better understanding of wildlife science was met by participating in numerous volunteer efforts and conducting biweekly meetings.

In January we concluded a successful fund raising campaign by selling informative calendars that photographically featured the wildlife and terrain of our national wildlife refuge system.

The spring season was very busy for our members with a variety of activities occurring. In April the chapter was fortunate to aid U.S. Forest Service personnel in tree planting activities at Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, Nebraska. Over 1,000 coniferous trees were planted during the weekend. When at the forest we were also successfully able to closely view the courtship behaviors exhibited by greater prairie-chickens in their quest for mating privileges.

One week later several members and an advisor traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska to attend a workshop hosted by UNL. During this outing members attended presentations ranging in scope from wetland inhabitants, classification, and restoration to todays role of computers in wildlife management.

During March and April several members volunteered with the Rainwater Basin Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Kearney. They conducted publicly open sandhill crane informative tours along the nearby Platte River.

In October members aided in the set-up and conductance of a youth Halloween informative wildlife hike. This activity was designed to increase the participants awareness to wildlife and environmental issues by presenting information to them while in costume as a significant wildlife species.

Throughout the year the society also discussed local and national issues that affect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Section/Chapter Name: Utah State University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: _____ Title _____

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

5/25/93	Closing Social
1/26/93	U.S.F.W.S. Special Agent - Guest Speaker
2/15/93	Icefishing trip
2/23/93	Brad Garfield - Guest Speaker
4/93	Game Banquet
5/93	Trip to Yellowstone; Guest Speaker - Bruce Johnson; Guest Speaker - Norm Bishop; Closing Social
7/93	Officer Meeting & Barbecue
10/93	Opening Social; Trip to Yellowstone
11/93	Beginning of Conclave practice (continued every following Thursday)
12/93	Officer Meeting; Christmas Social
5 Coffee and Donut Sales Throughout Year	

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Arizona Chapter

New Mexico Chapter

Texas Chapter

Northern Arizona University Student Chapter

Southwest Texas State University Student Chapter

Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter

Section/Chapter Name: Arizona Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Brian F. Wakeling

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

During 1993, the Arizona Chapter requested and received a Technical Review Committee (TRC) from the National to examine the Interim Management Guidelines for the Northern Goshawk in the Southwest. The TRC was given 3 charges; 1) to analyze the scientific basis of the guidelines, 2) evaluate regional policy for guideline implementation, and 3) determine the appropriateness of guideline implementation in the field. The 5 member TRC has convened, reviewed literature, and conducted field reconnaissance in Arizona. Final reports have yet to be completed.

The Governor of Arizona held a 3 day forestry summit in Phoenix to address forestry issues in the state. Seven Chapter members attended and provided input on topics including rural community stability, making multiple use work, wildlife management issues, development and maintenance of healthy forests, watershed and riparian, public education about Arizona's forests, Forest Service appeals process, and recreation, tourism, and wilderness. The results from this workshop were forwarded to the Governor of Arizona and the Commission on Arizona's Environment for use in decision making processes.

The Governor of Arizona also established the Governor's Environmental Steering Committee. The Chapter was successful in getting a member aboard this committee, which provides the Governor with information on environmental issues within the state.

The Chapter has filed for and received intervenor status on the Paris Timber Sale on the Kaibab National Forest. The Chapter's Board decided against filing independent appeals, however, intervenor status was considered appropriate as we could provide independent biological information on issues identified as problematic by other parties. The Chapter has filed for intervenor status on a subsequent sale and plans to use reports from the TRC to influence timber management.

Considerable effort has been undertaken to provide a computer graphics workshop during the upcoming year. This workshop would be designed to upgrade skills of attendees in the realm of presentation graphics.

The Chapter hosted the Joint Annual Meetings of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters, and the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Sixty-one technical papers were presented. Our Chapter presented our Professional Award and C. Roger Hungerford Student Award at the meetings.

Section/Chapter Name: New Mexico Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Phillip J. Zwank

Title President

The New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its annual meeting in conjunction with the joint annual meeting of the Arizona and New Mexico chapters of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona-New Mexico chapters of the American Fisheries Society. Theme for the two and half day event was "The advocacy role of today's biologist". Over 40 papers were given before the 250+ attendees. The 1994 meeting is being held in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Chapter Newsletters were published and Executive Board meetings were held in the spring, summer and fall. At these meetings, the Executive Board reviewed legislation presented to the New Mexico Legislature that would have amended the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act, amended the New Mexico Mining Act, and established a "takings" provision in wildlife related bills. We also wrote to the Governor to express our concern relative to the qualifications for a replacement for Land Commissioner. This person would replace Jim Baca who became Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

The Executive Board also responded to a request by the Arizona Chapter to assist with funding travel for a "blue ribbon panel" to address whether the Forest Service was following goshawk guidelines. The request was passed on to the membership. They voted not to assist with travel funds. Finally, the Board approved expenditure of \$100 as a contribution to The Wildlife Society in response to President Salvasser's request.

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Ms. Heather Eves was the first recipient of the New Mexico Chapter Biodiversity Scholarship. Ms. Eves is a Master's candidate at New Mexico State University. Her thesis topic is to develop a reliable survey methodology for red jungle fowl in Africa.

In conclusion, The New Mexico Chapter is deeply involved as Steering Committee members for The Wildlife Society's First Annual Meeting which is scheduled for September 1994 in Albuquerque.

Section/Chapter Name: Texas Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: R. Montague Whiting, Jr.

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

In February, the Texas Chapter held its annual meeting in Denton. Approximately 325 people attended. Milton Caroline, Claude Lard, and Charles Stutzenbaker were awarded Honorary Life Memberships. Richard Hill's carving of a wood duck won best of show in the Wildlife Art Contest. Stephen G. Kohlmann won the Clarence Cottam Outstanding Student Paper Award. Best Publication Awards went to M. J. Peterson (technical), Alan Tennant (nontechnical), and Ken L. Gee et al. (I. & E.). Undergraduate scholarships were presented to Carter Smith (Texas Tech), Michael Janis (Texas A & M), Roel Lopez (SFASU), and Dustin Heitschmidt (Texas A & M). Finally, Donnie Harmel was presented the Outstanding Achievement Award, John R. Hunter received the Educator of the Year Award, and Garry Schwarz was presented the Land Stewardship Award.

In July, the Chapter hosted a Wildlife Ecology Camp for 3 female and 13 male high school students. The students spent 6 days intensively studying wildlife ecology at the Welder Wildlife Refuge. The camp was hugely successful and will be continued. Janice Greene, who put the camp together, moved to Missouri, and will be sorely missed.

The Chapter passed resolutions supporting the use of grazing and fire in wildlife management. Additionally, Hal Irby, the Chapter's Executive Director, participated in a panel discussion concerning the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act at a field hearing of the U. S. Congressional Subcommittee on Environment and Natural Resources. Hal also participated in a 2-day workshop aimed at healing the rift between private rural landowners and the so-called environmental community.

Finally, the chapter presented each member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission a copy of Wildlife Conservation: Practice and Principles. By the end of the year, Chapter committees were busy planning a joint Texas Chapter, The Wildlife Society and Texas Society of American Foresters meeting for 1994.

Section/Chapter Name: Northern Arizona State University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Lindsay O'Callaghan

Title: President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

President-Lindsay O'Callaghan

Vice President-Brian Jones

Treasurer-MariAnn McKenzi

Secretary-Jon Roberson

Advisor-Paul Beier

National Members-5

Voting Members-30

This past year has been a busy one for the Northern Arizona University Wildlife Society Student Chapter. We began last year by attending the Regional meeting in Farmington, New Mexico. Continuing through the year the Society has volunteered approximately 650 hours. Most of our volunteer time has been spent helping the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Region Two. Such projects include electroshocking upper and lower Lake Mary and Cataract Lake. Also we participated in the annual "Rake the Lake" at lower Lake Mary with a bar-be-qu to end the day. In November, five members of the Society traveled to Jacob Lake to aid with the Deer Check Station, which lasted for three days. A day was also spent at Stoneman Lake to help with the Elk Check. Members have volunteered approximately 140 hours helping Dr. Paul Beier with his student of Northern Goshawks. The Society also participated in picking up trash at our adopted park, Buffalo Park and collected 250 can food to donate to the needy of our community. A car wash was held, which raised \$200 and T-Shirts were sold, raising \$350. Also during the Christmas season, mistletoe wa sold, raising \$167. At meetings this past year the Society has invited numerous guest speakers which have educated us about wildlife management to current ecological problems.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

In the 1993 spring semester, the Wildlife Society had three speakers present various topics at the meetings. Dr. John T. Baccus, the wildlife biology professor at Southwest Texas State University, spoke to the society about employment opportunities in Natural Resource Management. Dr. T. R. Simpson, another biology professor at SWT, spoke about wildlife management practices. Marian Bailey, a graduate student at SWT, presented the topic of ecology and conservation of neotropical migrant landbirds.

Events were held each month for the members of the society. In February, a workday was held to do maintenance to the nature trail which is used for educating elementary children. A field trip was held at the Pollard Preserve in March to trap, identify, and release small mammals. During April, activities were held to locate nesting sites for the Black-capped Vireo at the Hill Country Natural Area near Bandera and bird banding in Driftwood, Texas. An end of the semester party was held in May.

The 1993 fall semester meetings had two visiting speakers. Stacey Bishop, the first female game warden in the state of Texas, spoke about game wardens and their responsibilities and answered questions regarding the legality in collecting field specimens. Marian Bailey spoke about her summer internship in Michigan. She explained how to get an internship, applications, and how to earn credit from your school.

Outside events held included mist netting for bats and a herp collecting trip to Freeman Ranch in San Marcos. A Myotis velifer (Cave Myotis) was netted and released. Calendars were sold successfully as a fundraiser for the society. Part of the proceeds went to the National Wildlife Refuge system. The semester ended with a party at University Camp on the Blanco River.

Section/Chapter Name: Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Amy Kearns, Secretary-Treasurer

Title

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY LEADERS BREAKFAST

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

Spring 1993

Southeastern Association of Game and Fish-Meeting; Corpus Christi, TX
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Meeting: Austin, TX
Southeastern Wildlife Conclave- Knoxville, TN
Beast Feast-Party sponsored by The Wildlife Society
Earth Day- Local celebration

Fundraisers:

T-shirts, calenders, traps.

Fall 1993

Southeastern Association of Game and Fish-Meeting: Atlanta,GA
Bayou Bash-Party for students
Committees established
Job Program established

Fundraisers:

T-shirts and calenders.

Meetings: We meet every two weeks on Wednesday for both semesters.

NORTHWEST SECTION

Alaska Chapter

Alberta Chapter

Idaho Chapter

Montana Chapter

Washington Chapter

University of Idaho Student Chapter

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The 1993 annual meeting of the Northwest Section was held in Missoula, Montana on April 8-9, 1993. The meeting included a mix of short (2-4 hour) workshops and papers. Workshops met TWS professional development criteria and included: 1) conservation of species and biodiversity, 2) management of elk vulnerability, and 3) improving communications skills. Papers were organized into 4 general topic sessions: 1) wildlife management on public lands, 2) wolf management, 3) natural resource policy, and 4) nongame wildlife.

Dr. Valerius Geist, University of Calgary, gave the keynote address. The Arthur S. Einarson Award, an annual award established to recognize outstanding work in the wildlife profession by an individual in the states, provinces, and territories that make up the Northwest Section, was presented to Dr. Bart O'Gara. Dr. O'Gara retired from his position as Leader of the USFWS Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit in 1992 after a long career in which he made significant contributions to management of wildlife in the United States and in Asia. Approximately 100 professional biologists and students registered for the meeting.

During 1993, we cosponsored a symposium on integrating wildlife into management of commercial forests that was held in Portland, and we agreed to cosponsor 2 symposia on sustainable management of natural resources (one in Spokane and one in Prince George, B.C.) in 1994. We are currently making plans for active participation in the 2nd Annual Wildlife Society Technical Conference to be held in Portland in September 1995. We are continuing our longterm efforts to increase the participation in the Northwest Section by Canadian biologists, to encourage biologists with a wide diversity of views to contribute to the Section's activities, and to develop mechanisms to provide objective, scientific input into political and economic policy decisions that impact wildlife in the Northwest.

Section/Chapter Name: Alaska Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: John Wright

Title: Secretary/Treasurer

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its Annual Meeting on April 19 and 20, 1993 in Juneau. The highlight of the meeting was a panel discussion on Social and Economic Issues and Changing Pressures on Alaska's Wildlife. A variety of technical papers were also presented. The annual business meeting was held on 19 April 1993.

The Chapter has continued to press for consideration of wildlife values in the management of forests in southeast Alaska. In January 1993, the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund filed suit on behalf of the Chapter, the Wilderness Society and the Sierra Club seeking to require a more balanced method of determining timber harvests in the Tongass National Forest.

A Chapter position statement was developed on wolf management for the "Alaska Wolf Summit" held in Fairbanks in January 1993. The position, also adopted by our parent organization, recognizes wolves as a valued component of Alaska's ecosystems, and that control of wolf numbers can be an effective wildlife management technique in certain, clearly defined circumstances.

A Chapter position statement on Importing, Transplanting, and Ranching Game in Alaska was finalized and adopted in mid-1993. The Chapter endorses the value of wildlife in its original, free-ranging condition, and recognizes Alaska's unique opportunity to maintain its historic diversity of native wildlife.

A committee on by-law reform recommended extending the terms of officers from 1 to 2 years, and in November 1993 prepared proposed amendments for a vote by the Chapter membership.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

From Alberta's perspective, change was the essence of 1993. At the start of the year it began with the amalgamation of three provincial government Departments that saw the Fish & Wildlife Division combined into a new Department of Environmental Protection. The year closed with the restructuring of the federal Environment Canada that saw many of the functions of the Canadian Wildlife Service spread over a number of new agencies. For all intents and purposes the Canadian Wildlife Service exists only in name and its functions are spread hither and yon.

The Alberta Chapter of **THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY** continued to be active on a variety of fronts. Some of the more notable items include:

- representation on a Citizens Advisory Committee established for the purposes of providing recommendations to address the feral horse issue on Canadian Armed Forces Base - Suffield. The Chapter's past president, Blair Ripplin, represented the Chapter on the Advisory Committee. The Committee's recommendation to remove the approximately 1 160 feral horses has been accepted and removal completed February 1st - well ahead of schedule. Humane societies oversaw the removal.
- a successful Alberta Chapter Annual Meeting (March 19-20/93), with over 100 participants attending. A fund raising auction to support the Chapter's Student Scholarship Fund raised \$ 1 040.
- a review of **A Wildlife Policy for Canada**. Changes are afoot as greater emphasis is being placed on the concepts of "ecosystem management". Aside from some preliminary contact with provincial regulatory authorities not much is coming forward voluntarily and the Alberta Chapter is endeavouring to become an active participant to the discussions.
- new developments in Alberta's fledgling game farming industry continue to arouse the interest of the Executive and the membership. Start-up difficulties in regulating this industry (like the recent outbreak/control of bovine tuberculosis in some game farm elk) combined with Alberta's decision to permit the sale of elk meat has stimulated some follow-up interaction with the ministries responsible for overseeing the industry.
- tentative steps towards networking of Chapter members and thereby improvement of the quality of wildlife science being used by various advocacy / wildlife interests in formulating public advocacy positions. The networking concept is cornerstone to ensuring well-founded scientific knowledge and advice is provided to groups / individuals / ministries seeking to develop policy, statements and/or positions on wildlife matters.

In conclusion, the Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society is experiencing slow but steady growth in membership.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Idaho Chapter maintained an encumbant Executive Committee in 1993 comprised of President Paul Moroz, Vice-President Alan Sands, Secretary Justin Naderman, Treasurer Geoff Hogander and Jack Connelly (Past President). Conducting the Chapter's annual meeting was the most involved effort by this group and the volunteers that assisted. The annual meeting was held in Boise, Idaho on March 25-27 with a theme "Adapting to Changing Environments". A great keynote address given by Tom Kovalicky (retired Forest Supervisor) along with two panel discussions on "Surviving the '90's - Coping with Conflicts and Change" and "Innovative Approaches to Resource Management" offered attending members many thought-provoking messages. A Riparian Habitat Workshop and several sessions of research and management presentations gave the Chapter current information from the field.

The Chapter's annual awards went to Dr. Kerry Paul Reese and Tom Hemker receiving "Professionals of the Year" plaques in recognition of exemplary work in wildlife research and management. Jack Connelly and Jim Schneider received our Ted Trueblood Communications Awards for best presentations during the annual meeting.

The Idaho Chapter's Conservation Affairs Committee served as our collective voice with Jeri Williams serving as chairperson. Jeri and others compiled comments from the membership regarding the draft EIS for introduction of wolves in Yellowstone and Central Idaho following our initial input during 1992. Also, we continued to express our concerns for the proposed Idaho Training (bombing) Range proposed by the U.S. Air Force in the Owyhee River area of south-west Idaho through both written and verbal testimony.

The Chapter continued financial support of the Idaho State University Edson Fichter Scholarship, nearly achieving the \$5000 minimum endowment to support students of wildlife curriculum. The Chapter also continued sponsorship of a 4-H contest involving habitat improvements completed by Idaho youths. A new sponsorship has been formed with the Washington Chapter - TWS through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp that is open to boys and girls 13-16 primarily from northern Idaho and eastern Washington who are interested in natural resources.

Once the 1993 annual meeting became history, Alan Sands began working as Program Chairperson for the 1994 annual meeting being held in Post Falls, Idaho on March 3-5, 1994. The theme is "Implementing Ecosystem Management" and the program includes two panel discussions; one addressing several agency's approaches to EM and another concerning Idaho's forest health situation. Of course, many presentations will be given on research findings and management implications. The Chapter is sponsoring several related meetings linked with the annual meeting at the same location, including a Partners in Flight meeting, a Watchable Wildlife meeting and an Idaho Rare Animal meeting. The Inland Empire Society of American Foresters will hold their annual meeting concurrent with ours, allowing for cross-attendance and information sharing.

Section/Chapter Name: Montana Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Wayne Kasworm

President

Submitted by: _____

Title

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The annual Chapter meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Great Falls on February 24-26, 1993. This years meeting was held in conjunction with the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The last time we met jointly with the Fisheries Society was 1979. The arrangement was quite successful and many people expressed a desire to meet jointly on a more regular basis, possibly every 3rd year. Registration at the meeting was about 150 for the Wildlife Society and about 140 for the Fisheries Society.

Over 250 people attended the Fisheries-Wildlife Societies banquet on the evening of February 25. After a fine meal both societies made several awards.

The 1993 Wynn Freeman Scholarship awards were presented to Ms. Denali Henderson from the University of Montana and to Mr. Kevin Podruzny from Montana State University.

The Distinguished Service Award was made to Dr. L. Jack Lyon. During his long and distinguished career at the Intermountain Station, he has focused primarily on big game biology, particularly habitat-forest management interaction, forest ecology and wildlife habitat, fire ecology, application of biometry and modeling to wildlife habitat, and research administration.

Craig and Pam Knowles were the recipients of the Bob Watts Wildlife Communications Award in 1993. This award was based upon cumulative effort rather than a specific publication. Craig and Pam have numerous publications and presentations covering several species such as: prairie dogs, mountain plovers, swift fox, kit fox, coyotes, and bobcats.

The State Chapters of the American Fisheries Society, the Society of American Foresters, and the Wildlife Society participated in a professional forum of the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act in Kalispell on 9 April 1993.

The Montana Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Task Force Committee conducted a meeting on 29 April 1993 in Great Falls to discuss future options for the CRP. Thirty-three conservation and agriculture organizations were invited to participate. There were 26 participants representing 22 organizations. The Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society participated in this meeting. A draft position statement is being formulated.

The parent society has requested a special contribution from Sections, Chapters, and individuals to help wildlife policy efforts this year. After a review of these objectives and the finances of the Chapter, the executive committee decided to contribute \$250.00 to this effort.

The 1994 annual meeting of the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society will be held jointly with the Northwest Section of TWS in Kalispell, March 9-12, 1994. The theme of the meeting is: The Interface Between Wildlife Management and Land Management.

Section/Chapter Name: Washington Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Gregory L. Schroer

Title President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Washington Chapter has continued to grow, and our membership is currently at approximately 350. Our 1993 Executive Board consisted of: President, Greg Schroer; President-elect, Bob Naney; Secretary, Becky Herbig; Treasurer, Dana Base; Past President, Greg Green; and Board members Jim Bottorff, Gary Witmer, and Woody Meyers. Our four regional representatives were Paul Fielder, Tom Burke, Gary Witmer and Becky Herbig. Committee chairs included: Carl Christianson, Conservation; Silvia Thorpe, Legislative Affairs; Paul Fielder, Scholarship; Chris Grue and Paul Fielder, Workshops; and Becky Herbig, Newsletter.

The Washington Chapter held its annual meeting with British Columbia TWS members at Semiahmoo resort near the U.S./Canadian Border in March of 1993. The meeting theme was "Common Ground Among Nations" and emphasized cross border wildlife issues particularly threatened and endangered species. The meeting was the largest and most financially successful annual meeting the Washington Chapter has ever held. Workshops on preparing biological assessments and marbled murrelet biology and survey techniques were among the many highlights of the meeting.

Dr. Richard E. Fitzner was awarded the 1993 Chapter Special Achievement Award. Dr. Fitzner, a past President of the Washington Chapter, was killed in 1993 in a plane crash while conducting wildlife surveys in eastern Washington. Dr. Fitzner was an exceptional scientist and leader in Washington State's wildlife profession. The Washington Chapter initiated an annual undergraduate scholarship as part of the Richard E. Fitzner Memorial fund. The first scholarship will be awarded in April 1994.

We now have two active student Chapters in our state at Washington State University and University of Washington. The UW Chapter was recently established with Scott Pearson as their President and David Manuwel as their Faculty Advisor.

The Washington and Idaho Chapters will be cosponsoring the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp beginning in 1994. This camp is held annually in various locations of eastern Washington and northern Idaho. We have also contributed funds to the University of Northern British Columbia to cosponsor a conference their faculty is presenting regarding natural resource issues. Additionally, the Washington and Oregon Chapters were selected by the TWS Council to cohost the 1995 National TWS Technical Meeting in Portland.

Our Chapter was active in numerous conservation issues and actions, including:

- Furnished comments to the Northwest Power Planning Council regarding Phase IV Amendments to the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.
- Participated in the 1993 Evergreen Summit, a three-day training and networking conference for environmental related organizations in Washington.
- Submitted comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the draft Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan.
- Attended public hearings and submitted comments to the U.S.D.A. Forest Service regarding the Draft EIS for habitat management of late successional and old-growth forest related species within northern spotted owl range.
- Represented TWS in an interagency Walla Walla Basin Watershed Management planning group.

We continue to produce a quality newsletter three times a year. This newsletter includes administrative updates, legislative and conservation issues, regional news and meeting information.

Section/Chapter Name: University of Idaho Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Matthew Schuster

Title Secretary

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

During the past year the University of Idaho Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society has participated in activities such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Wildlife Society Conclave in the spring, the Forestry Stewardship Day, and the Natural Resources Week at the University of Idaho.

Our chapter has also held many fundraisers to support our needs. We have also volunteered our time with the Idaho Fish and Game building duck nests and heading up our own Breeding Birds Survey. And finally, we have volunteered our time to help others in our college.

WESTERN SECTION

Nevada Chapter

Southern California Chapter

University of California-Davis Student Chapter

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

- * The Nevada Chapter held a two-day Annual Winter Meeting in Elko on February 12-13, 1993. The first day consisted of a workshop on TWS Certification and Continuing Wildlife Education (Professional Development) which was attended by approximately 20 % of Chapter members.

The second day included a technical session on current wildlife initiatives in Nevada, with presentations by representatives of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, North American Pronghorn Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, Bighorns Unlimited, Chukar Foundation, and Trout Unlimited. Other speakers discussed Nevada's recently passed Question 5 (a conservation initiative) and Partners for Wildlife.

- * On February 24, 1993, the Nevada Chapter submitted to Nevada's senators and congressmen a letter of support for the ongoing management efforts at the Sheldon-Hart Mountain Wildlife Refuge. The purpose of this letter was to challenge any efforts which discourage refuge managers from discharging their professional responsibilities in an objective manner based on sound biological and management principles.
- * On June 12-13, 1993, Chapter members and guests (37 total) attended an educational and enjoyable summer meeting/tour at the Sheldon Antelope Refuge. Management direction and current research projects were reviewed.
- * During 1992 and 1993, the Nevada Chapter sold and/or donated more than 150 copies of the Silver Wildlife Teacher's Handbook to school teachers around the state.
- * Several Nevada Chapter members participated in Project Wild programs and made other wildlife-related educational presentations at local schools during Environmental Awareness Week, Earth Week, etc. Many members have participated in these activities on an annual basis.
- * The Nevada Chapter took an active role, through our Chapter Representative, Jim Yoakum, and others, in providing input for many important business items addressed by the Western Section.
- * During November and December, planning efforts were completed to hold a January, 1994 Annual Winter Meeting in Las Vegas, with a biodiversity technical session theme.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

The Southern California Chapter had a very busy year in 1993. Dave Boyer and Doug Padley completed the first Directory of Southern California Biologists. This directory listed over 200 biologists in federal, state, university, and private agencies. Many of those listed were not chapter or TWS members. The directory has been distributed free to all chapter members and is available for purchase. The directory is divided into three sections. In section one individuals are listed by last name; section two lists individuals by employer; and in section three the individuals are listed by areas of expertise. We permitted individuals to select three areas of expertise. The directory has been well received.

This last year we continued with our workshop series "The Biology and Management of Wildlife." The California Central Coast Chapter co-sponsored a workshop on amphibians. Dr. Sam Sweet, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Dr. Mark Jennings, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service taught the workshops. The workshops were attended by about 60 biologists from all over California. Drs. Sweet and Jennings reviewed the biology and taxonomy of amphibians, survey protocols and a discussion of potential threats to their well being.

In June the chapter sponsored "The Biology and Management of Southern California Rodents." This workshop was organized by Dr. Phil Brylski with help from Bob McKernon, Lynn Barkley, Dr. Mary Price, Steve Montgomery. This workshop was held at the San Bernardino County Museum and was attended by about 45 biologists. After a review of the taxonomy and identification characteristics several papers were given on the biology of several groups and survey protocols were discussed. Late in the afternoon a round table discussion was held with representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game.

Finally, in October we held our annual membership meeting and elections. The program at the annual meeting was on multi-species planning efforts underway in southern California. Ellen Mackay discussed conservation planning and wildlife reserves developed by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. John and Debbie Clark discussed the Bureau of Land Management's work on the 8.4 million acre West Mojave Plan. Dr. Pat Mock had an extensive display of GIS information generated by the City of San Diego's Clean Water Program and their Multi-Species Conservation Plan. Doug Padley discussed Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Planning in Western Riverside County.

Dr. Jeff Lincer was elected President; John "Jay" Harris, Vice President; Rey Farve, Secretary; John Stevenson, Treasurer; Dave Boyer, Chapter Representative to the Western Section; Shawna Joyce, Member-At-Large; and Kim Gould, Conservation Affairs. Members also voted to establish a chapter scholarship fund.

Section/Chapter Name: University of California-Davis Student Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Jackie Young Title Secretary

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1993

Hosted speakers at each bimonthly meeting, with subject matter regarding wildlife.

Attended meetings of The Western Section of the Wildlife Society.

Provided information to members regarding wildlife scholarships, internships, and volunteer positions.

Participated in an ongoing wetlands restoration project in Sacramento County by planting trees; this was also a fundraiser, pending on the number of trees planted.

Constructed wood duck boxes for placement in a nearby riparian area.

Donated time to the restoration and cleanup of Putah Creek, which runs through campus.

Developed a letter-writing campaign on campus to support the Endangered Species Act

Arranged field trips for members, including day hikes and an exotic animal park.

Participated in university club functions to educate students and others about The Wildlife Society.

Began planning a program for "education outreach" to inform young students about wildlife and the environment.

Sold "National Wildlife Refuge" calendars to raise funds for the chapter and support the National Wildlife Refuge Association. (The calendars are distributed by Reflections of Nature in Bellvue, CO).

Held a contest for a T-shirt design that would be used to represent the chapter. The T-shirts were then sold to raise funds.

Sold wildlife posters at university-wide events to promote membership and raise funds.