

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1995**

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Extended an invite to BSN for a scholarship program

ISU - Edson Fichter

UI - Elmer Norberg w/f. Mgt. Scholarships

Special Recognition Award for an individual, group or organization whose actions significantly benefited w/f. - Adabo

\$100 to attend Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp - exp. with Wash. Ch.

annual Meeting  
N.R. Assoc  
Financial Support  
action income

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Adabo H-H w/f. Habitat  
Evaluation Contest

Tom Hauffler 384-6013

Connelly - 232-4703

Mar 9-11

1995 meeting held at Adabo SW / WI Center  
for Higher Ed - Ad. Falls. - coop  
with NW Science Assoc. Mar 9-11.  
Symposium on Wolf Recovery - Adabo  
with sessions on wolf mt, Nargame  
Species, Riparian mt. + upland  
Game/Waterfowl.

\$500 approved for HTH

500 " " " Bat ID & Habitat

Cons. affairs:

ES. species

G. Bears

Conservation clauses of Fur Bill

Fish & Wildlife Diversity Funding

(getters to 40 companies)