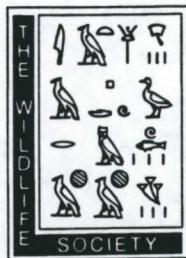


THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



SUMMARIES OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1994 - DECEMBER 1994



NORTHEAST SECTION

Maine Chapter

New England Chapter

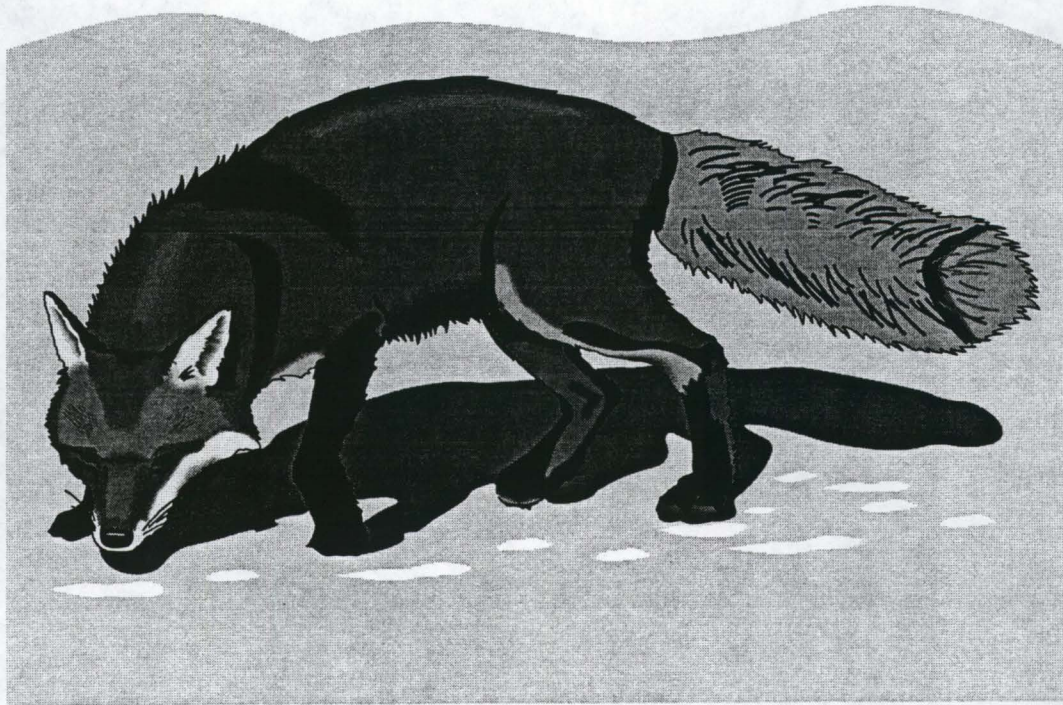
New York Chapter

Penn State University Student Chapter

Rutgers University Student Chapter

Suny-ESF Student Chapter

West Virginia University Student Chapter



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The NE Section assisted the state wildlife program chairman with the preparation and presentation of the wildlife sessions at the 50th Annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference held at the Sheraton-Burlington Hotel, Burlington, Vermont, May 1-4.

The Spring Executive Committee meeting and the Annual Business meeting were held at the NE Conference.

The Fall Executive Committee meeting was held at the Pocono Environmental Center, Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania, Oct. 28-29.

The Conservation Affairs Committee reviewed and provided comments on the following draft policy statements:

Finding Common Ground-Northern Forest Lands Council

A Wildlife Policy for New Brunswick

The NE Section made the following grants in 1994:

Smithsonian Institution (Deer Symposium) - \$300

University of Alberta (2nd Martes Symposium) - \$100

The Wildlife Society (Student Travel to TWS Conference) - \$250

The second issue of the Northeast Wildlife journal was issued (196 pages). The third issue is in progress.

A table top display was donated to the NE Section by the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. The display will be employed at conferences and meetings to promote the Section.

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The Maine Chapter held its winter meeting in January (in Augusta), its annual meeting in April (in Brewer), and its fall meeting in September (at several locations "Downeast"). The winter meeting included a business meeting, a potluck dinner, and a panel discussion titled, "Law Enforcement in Wildlife Management: Working for Wildlife." The panel discussion, which was moderated by a retired warden now serving in the Maine legislature, included both state and federal law enforcement personnel, as well as a state research biologist and the Director of the Conservation Law Enforcement Program at Unity College. Among the hot topics of discussion were education requirements for both law enforcement officers and biologists, the role of law enforcement considerations in management decisions and vice versa, and how we can improve relationships between law enforcement and management.

Our annual meeting, which was co-hosted with the Student Chapter from the University of Maine, featured a professional development seminar, "Public Policy Issues and You." The course was taught by staff from the Maine Cooperative Extension Service and ended with a role playing exercise dealing with the sensitive issues of beaches in southern Maine and conflicts between rare wildlife species and other user groups. Members came away with a greater awareness of the issues to consider when dealing with the public on policy issues. We also elected a new slate of officers and presented our Award of Professional Achievement to Jerry Longcore, Group Leader of the Northeast Research Group of the National Biological Service, and our Award of Recognition to George and Ann Smith, local wildlife rehabilitators. Our evening program was a slide show on the "Penobscot Riverkeepers 2000 Project," which is an effort to focus attention on the Penobscot River and the many resource issues related to the river. The project features a yearly canoe trip along much of the river with stops at towns along the way to get residents, especially school children and teachers more involved with the river.

Our fall meeting was a field oriented 1 1/2 days that featured a boat tour of several aquaculture operations in Cobscook Bay growing Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, halibut, and Nori seaweed. Members have been dealing with disturbance issues related to aquaculture facilities located near sensitive wildlife habitats such as seabird nesting islands and bald eagle nests. We also visited two cranberry farms to see how this revitalized industry in Maine is operating and to discuss impacts to fish and wildlife habitat. Our evening business meeting was followed by a group discussion, led by staff of the Maine Department of Agriculture, about wildlife issues related to the cranberry industry. Members spent the night at the Suffolk University field station on the shore of beautiful Whiting Bay.

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

Submitted by: James W. Chadwick

Title: President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

President John Lanier attended the 50th Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference, Burlington, VT, and participated in the TWS Northeast Section Business Meeting.

New England Chapter's Annual Meeting was held June 22, 1994 at Sessions Woods Wildlife Management, Burlington, CT.; Thirty-nine members in attendance. Ron Roza, Connecticut Wetlands Ecologist, presented a program on Connecticut's salt marsh restoration program. Attendees qualified for 1.5 hours of professional development credit.

Chapter contributed \$250 to TWS to support student attending First Annual TWS Conference.

By-laws amendment to move Chapter's Annual Meeting from June to February was approved.

James Chadwick succeeded John Lanier as Chapter President at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

President Chadwick attended the TWS Northeast Section Executive Committee Meeting, Dingman's Ferry, PA, October 28-29, 1994.

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The New York Chapter held its 1994 Annual Meeting in Owego, NY jointly with the New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The theme of the meeting was "Natural Resource Management in New York: Cross-disciplinary Perspectives." Presentations at the meeting covered public involvement in resource management policy including Lake Ontario salmonid stocking, moose reintroduction, and beaver management. At the Annual Meeting, we presented awards for "Outstanding Conservationist" and "Outstanding Wildlife Professional."

Our annual Fall Field Meeting was held at the Finger Lakes National Forest with a guided field excursion led by US Forest Service personnel. Local wildlife management activities of the Forest Service were highlighted.

The Chapter has initiated an effort to increase our interaction with wildlife students in New York. We named a student affairs liaison early in the year. We have achieved some success in this effort, most notably with the Student Chapter at SUNY-ESF. Currently, we are in the planning stages of a mentoring program.

The Chapter commented on a variety of issues affecting wildlife resources in New York such as the Conservation Fund Reform Act, the Biodiversity Institute, and the pheasant management plan. In addition, we responded to various requests for information and provided speakers on wildlife topics.

We financially supported a number of conferences and symposia, including the SUNY-ESF Chapter's hosting the Northeast Conclave, a workshop entitled "Impacts of the New York Canal System on Fish and Wildlife," and the 50th Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference held in Burlington. We also supported the attendance of officers/members at special events such as the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference and the TWS Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

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This year included a total of nine speakers and two Northeastern Section Conclaves. The following is a list of speakers and the topic they presented and are followed by the conclave summaries.

- 1/20/94- Gary Alt, PA. Game Commission wildlife biologist;
 - black bear biology
- 2/17/94- Betsie Balcon, graduate student at PSU;
 - habitat characteristics associated with woodrat colonies in PA
- 3/15/94- Endangered Species Workshop
- 9/8/94- Mary Jo Croonquist, PA. Game Commission wildlife biologist;
 - Szechuan pheasant introduction into PA.
- 9/22/94- Marcia Bonta, Naturalist and freelance writer;
 - Women in the field
- 10/6/94- Brad Nelson, Allegheny National Forest;
 - Wildlife Management on the Allegheny National Forest
- 10/20/94- Mike McCarthy, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center;
- 11/3/94- Terry Master, Ethologist- East Stroudsburg University;
 - Kenyan Safari
- 11/17/94- Carole Copeyon, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
 - Endangered Species Act: Myth vs. Reality
- 12/1/94- Tom Serfass, Wildlife Biologist;
 - River Otter and Fisher Reintroduction Projects in PA.

Elections of New Officers for the Period 1/95-5/96

President: Kevin Walter
Vice Pres.: Heather Trakimas
Secretary: Alison Compton
Treasurer: Gina Russo

NORTHEASTERN SECTION CONCLAVES

- 4/15-4/17/94- @ The Pennsylvania State University
 - Activities included: Bat observations in a nearby cave
 - Bear Meadows old growth bog
 - PSU deer pens research park
 - Vernal pond and herpetofauna
 - The annual quiz bowl between attending schools was won by Cornell University
- 10/14-10/16/94- @ State University of New York- ESF
 - The annual quiz bowl was won by The Pennsylvania State University Chapter

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

Submitted by: Jackie Fary + Sherry Meyer

Title: Presidents

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

During the year of 1994, the Cook College Forestry and Wildlife Club participated in a variety of activities and fundraisers and also elected new officers. We went on several field trips throughout the state as well as the Student Conclave that was held at Penn State. Our members particularly enjoyed going on our birdwatching trips to Brigantine, Cape May, Hawk Mountain, and others. We had a very high turnout for our annual canoe-camping trip down the Delaware River. On campus, we put up numerous kestrel boxes and continued to monitor our bluebird box trail. Our fundraisers were also successful this year and included a seedling sale, a birdseed sale, and the selling of our own t-shirts.

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- Members took part in a Peregrine falcon survey in New Paltz, NY.
- Created "Critter of the Month" displays in lobby showcase.
- Provided refreshments at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station Orientation Session.
- Sent 12 members to the NY State Chapter's Annual Meeting in Owego.
- Members developed environmental education program at Camillus Middle School, Camillus, NY.
- Hosted Biology Department Student/Faculty Social Event.
- Hosted Guest Speakers:
 - L. Lisenbee - Special Agent USFWS
 - A. Hicks - NYS DEC Endangered Species Unit biologist
 - R. Glennon - Executive Director Adirondack Park Agency
 - G. Alt - Pennsylvania State Game Commission biologist
 - R. Tabor - SUNY-ESF Master's candidate
 - S. Nelson - SUNY-ESF Master's candidate
- Hosted First Aid/CPR certification course for members.
- Sponsored 7 members to attend spring 1994 NE Section Student Conclave at Pennsylvania State University.
- Raised money for Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge through "March for Parks" program.
- Sponsored wildlife education table at SUNY-ESF Earthday Festival.
- Hosted Fall 1994 NE Section Student Conclave in Huntington, NY.
- Hosted several wildlife educational video presentations.
- Sponsored 2 volunteers to help with deer aging at Montezuma NWR.
- Fundraisers included sales of tee shirts, calendars and baked goods.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

The West Virginia University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society had a good year. The spring semester was very busy for our chapter as we prepared for our wild game dinner. Most of the meetings that were held were for the preparations of the dinner. We held our 2nd Annual Sportsman's Dinner in March, with a wide variety of wild game on the menu. In April, we held officer elections and also hosted the State Wildlife Society Meeting. At the meeting, several graduate students made presentations on their areas of study.

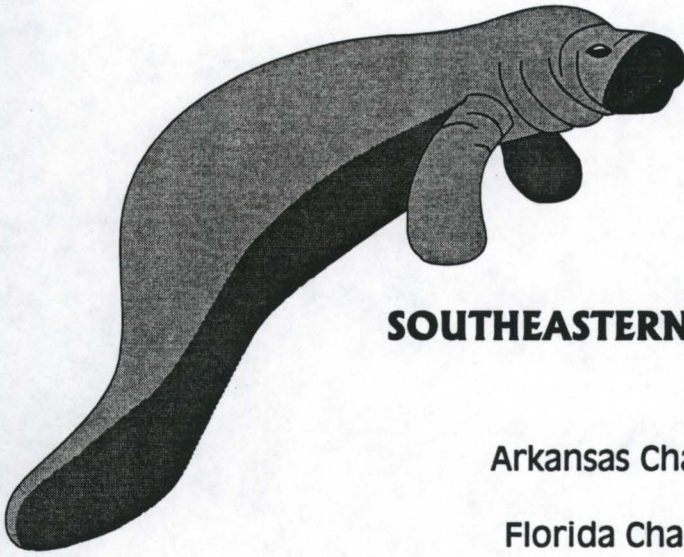
The fall semester proved to be just as busy for our chapter. On the weekend of September 24th and 25th, some of our members set up an information booth at the National Hunting and Fishing Day at French Creek. Our fall picnic to welcome back old and new members was held at the home of our faculty advisor, Dr. Dave Samuel, on September 27th.

On October 1st, a group of our members participated in an all-day trip to Dolly Sods and Canaan Valley with Bill Grafton. Hawk watching, wetland delineation, and wetland plant identification were the major activities of this trip. At our October 27th meeting, Dr. Ed Michael made a presentation on wetland plant delineation and some of the rules and regulations involved with it.

Dr. Steve Hollenhorst was the guest speaker at our November 10th meeting. He made an interesting presentation on Ecosystem Management, which was followed by an open discussion about how Ecosystem Management will affect various Natural Resource fields. On November 29th, our chapter co-sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive that was held in the lobby of the Forestry and Wildlife building.

On December 1st, we had the drawing for the muzzleloader that we raffled tickets off for during the semester. Our other fund raising activities included the sale of hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and wildlife calendars.

Our chapter has some good things planned for the spring semester of 1995. We will be hosting our 3rd Annual Sportsman's Dinner in March, which will keep us very busy from now until the time of the dinner. We are going to Pennsylvania in April to do some work with a black bear biologist. Elections for 1995-1996 officers will conclude our spring activities in April.



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

Arkansas Chapter

Florida Chapter

North Carolina Chapter

Tennessee Chapter

Virginia Chapter

Clemson University Student Chapter

Frostburg State University Student Chapter

Louisiana Tech University Student Chapter

North Carolina State University Student Chapter

Oklahoma State University Student Chapter

Tennessee Tech University Student Chapter

University of Arkansas-Monticello Student Chapter

University of Georgia Student Chapter

University of Tennessee Student Chapter

Section/Chapter Name: Arkansas Chapter, The Wildlife Society

Submitted by: Mike Staten

Title: President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

The spring meeting was held at the SCS Plant Material Center/Family Farm Research Center in Booneville, AR on May 19 and 20 1994. Approximately 30 member and students were in attendance. Dr. Michael Brown of the South Central Family Farm Research Center explained the philosophy and purpose of the projects conducted by the center. Randy King of the SCS Plant Material Center led a tour of research on warm season grasses which are beneficial to both cattle and wildlife. On day two Fee Busby of Winrock International outlined the history, purpose, and philosophy of his organization. Projects being performed internationally are directed at agricultural/human sustainability issues.

The fall meeting in keeping with the tradition of involving university students within the state, was held at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro on October 27-28 1994. Students presentations on research being conducted throughout the state by several universities provided information to chapter members. Approximately 60 members and students attended. The second day of the meeting was held at Claypool Reservoir which is a major wintering area in the northeastern part of the state. By late October many waterfowl had stayed on the reservoir and several management techniques are presented to the group

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The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society had a very busy year in 1994. In May, we met at Silver Springs near Ocala, where our technical program focused on conservation land acquisition programs in Florida. Guest speakers described ongoing conservation land acquisition programs at the federal, state, and local levels, and associated problems in managing lands so acquired. At the request of TWS Council, the Florida Chapter established an *ad hoc* working group to review ecological issues surrounding the myriad of restoration plans for the Florida Everglades. The biological and legal issues surrounding restoration plans for this ecosystem are complex and ever-changing. The committee's charge is to produce a summary of the basic ecological issues that need to be considered in any plan, and guidelines for minimal acceptable standards. Discussion of the *ad hoc* committee's work dominated our summer 1994 Executive Board meeting, and work of the committee continues as of this writing. A contentious issue in Florida in 1994 was a proposed amendment to the state constitution to ban the use of most nets in near-shore commercial fishing operations. Our Fall 1994 meeting was held at the Florida Marine Research Laboratory in St. Petersburg, Florida, where we heard presentations on the technical data relating to this issue from Florida Marine Research Laboratory staff. Following these presentations, Florida Chapter members debated the issue into the night. Members saw the need to better manage the commercial fishery, but were reluctant to have management effected by constitutional referendum. However, in Florida, the Marine Fisheries Commission has been ineffective in regulating commercial fishing because their regulations are subject to appeal to the Governor and Cabinet. The Cabinet has consistently overturned the Marine Fisheries Commission rules on this issue. We eventually passed a resolution reluctantly supporting the constitutional net ban as the only viable means of regulating commercial fishing.

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NCTWS held its **annual meeting** in March at Hill Forest, the summer camp facility for NCSU forestry and wildlife majors. A technical session featured updates on current wildlife initiatives in the state followed by a keynote address by the Executive Director of the NC Wildlife Federation (NCWF).

The NCTWS Executive Board initiated collaborative discussions with the NCWF, the NC Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (NCAFS), and the local chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) on issues of common interest.

Our Conservation Review Committee reviewed and endorsed the organizational strategy, goals and objectives of the **Partners in Flight Draft Management Plan for North Carolina**.

The Wetlands Issues Committee, in cooperation with NCAFS, reviewed and developed a **joint position statement** on the proposed administrative rules for **minimum flow releases** from dams under the North Carolina Dam Safety Act. In separate actions the Committee offered review and coordination assistance on PL 566 projects to SCS and developed recommendations for modifying NC Division of Environmental Management's administrative rules for reviewing and processing **water quality certification**.

NCTWS held a **summer meeting** in conjunction with a "New Perspectives on Wildlife and Agriculture" conference at NCSU's research and extension center in Plymouth. A special field trip to the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge provided an overview of on-site experiments into the effects of conservation farming on wildlife.

The Executive Board distributed a **membership survey** to gauge support for chapter initiatives and to gather information on membership expertise for a chapter roster.

The chapter has supported NC Wildlife Resources Commission's proposal for designating **critical habitat for threatened and endangered species**, and has supported the expansion of a Beaver Management Assistance Program for landowners sponsored in large part by the USDA.

The Wildlife Damage Control Committee **redrafted NC administrative regulations** addressing **nuisance wildlife control operators** through a collaborative process involving representatives of the industry and state regulatory agencies. Public hearings on those proposed changes are scheduled for 1995. A **travel stipend** was provided to **Jay Brammer**, NCSU student, to present "Opportunities and Challenges in Handling Nuisance Wildlife Damage in NC" at this year's Southeastern. Jay and the WDC committee shared authorship of the paper.

The chapter has had representatives working with others in the Southeast to develop documents **supporting the 1995 Farm Bill** throughout the fall of 1994. Letters supporting the farm bill, along with recommendations for improving its impacts on wildlife, will be distributed to the state's congressional representatives in early 1995.

The Awards Committee expanded their program to include special categories for students and non-NCTWS-member individuals/groups. Both elements were recognized as making significant contributions to wildlife conservation, education and research, and as deserving chapter recognition.

The Chapter offered assistance to the **Student Chapter** at NCSU for hosting the 1995 Southeastern Conclave and donated monies for **Quiz Bowl Awards**. To improve communication and coordination with the student chapter, the NCTWS Executive Board invited the student chapter president or designee to sit in on all future board meetings and reissued a formal invitation for student participation at all levels.

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The Tennessee Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its annual meeting March 24-25, 1994, in conjunction with the Tennessee Conservation League's annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Resort Complex in Gatlinburg, TN. The meeting theme was "Ecosystems Management", and was highlighted by several excellent presentations by wildlife professionals, followed by a panel discussion on how ecosystems management might be implemented into wildlife management programs in Tennessee. Presentations were also heard by graduate students of Tennessee universities working on various wildlife research projects in the southeast. Dick Conley, wildlife biologist with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, was presented with the Chapter's 1993 Wildlife Professional award. Mr. Conley was recognized for his many efforts in wildlife management, especially his activities in recent years working with timberland companies and local Quail Unlimited chapters to restore and enhance upland game bird habitat in Tennessee. Mr. Thomas Eason of the University of Tennessee was presented with the student paper award for his presentation entitled "Weights and morphometrics of black bears in the southeastern United States."

The chapter membership also passed a resolution relative to nongame wildlife funding legislation, urging the Tennessee state legislature to fund nongame wildlife programs appropriately. A committee was also established to work with the Tennessee Wildlife resources Agency to develop new testing procedures for their entry level wildlife officer and wildlife manager positions.

The chapter donated \$100 to the parent society to be used for student travel grants to the First Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Albuquerque, NM.

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In 1994, the Virginia Chapter of the Wildlife Society continued to actively support professional development and educational programs, conservation advocacy, and recognition of professional and private wildlife management excellence within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Professional Development and Education: The 1994 annual business meeting was held in February at Charlottesville, Virginia, in conjunction with the Joint Meeting of the Southeast and Northeast Deer Study Groups. This meeting, co-sponsored by the Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Virginia Deer Hunters' Association, provided an exceptional opportunity to learn the latest about deer research techniques, harvest practices, damage control, and impacts on ecosystems. Commemorative T-Shirt's designed by the Chapter were sold out and contributed to the financial ability of the Chapter to support wildlife education programs in Virginia.

At the summer meeting in June, the Chapter held its first Joint Meeting with the Virginia Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects. Held in the beautiful southwest Virginia highlands, the meeting, Landscapes as Ecological Systems, was a highly successful experiment in interdisciplinary professional presentations. Members heard about The Nature Conservancy efforts to instill a conservation ethic in private landowners to promote the preservation of the biological richness in southwest Virginia. A presentation describing multidisciplinary efforts to design parks to preserve endangered landscapes in developing nations emphasized the difficulties of accomplishing conservation objectives where there is political or economic instability. Members were reminded by the executive director of the Virginia Growth Commission that Virginia's high growth rate in urban areas and economic stagnation in some rural areas have created problems that pose severe threats to the preservation of rural Virginia landscapes. A hike to scenic Rhododendron Gap in the MRNRA (Rhododendrons were in full bloom) provided a lasting memory and fitting ending to the meeting.

The Chapter provided monetary donations to: the 1994 Project WILD International Coordinators' Conference, held at Wakefield, Virginia; to the Conservation Research Center, National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution, for the symposium on The Science of Overabundance: the Ecology of Unmanaged Deer Populations, held at Front Royal, Virginia; and to The Wildlife Society student travel grant program.

Conservation Advocacy: During the 1994 Virginia General Assembly, the Chapter advocated continuing support for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's education program and funding initiatives in support of *Vision 2003*, a program to broaden the funding base for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The Chapter submitted comments to the Jefferson National Forest to express concern about plans to reroute U.S. Route 58 through the MRNRA. In response to the Governor's Commission on Government Reform, the Chapter reiterated support for the name change of Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to Department of Wildlife Resources, and expressed concern about the possible removal of threatened and endangered species programs from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The Chapter went on record to oppose the operation of commercial shooting preserves that would allow the shooting of exotic mammalian wildlife and domestic mammals within fenced enclosures. It contributed money to support the Virginia Wildlife Federation's reception and wild game dinner for legislators held at the Medical College of Virginia.

Recognition of Excellence: The Chapter's annual professional Wildlifer of the Year Award was given to Virginia biologists Dennis Martin and Gerald Blank for their contributions to black bear management. The Citizen of the Year Award was given to David Horne for his leadership role in developing the "Hunters for the Hungry" program to distribute venison from hunters to needy citizens within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Other Matters: Successful fundraising and positive proceeds from the annual and summer meetings helped swell the treasury from \$1,491.67 to \$4,121.39. The backbone of this Chapter has been the excellent quarterly newsletter publications. Due to increasing postal fees, newsletter format changes are being tested and a non-profit organization postal permit should be obtained in 1995 to further reduce mailing costs. Planning was initiated for the 1995 annual meeting, Wildlife and Fisheries Information Systems in Virginia, to be co-sponsored by the Virginia Chapter, American Fisheries Society, and the Herpetological Society of Virginia.

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The Clemson University Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society meets the first Tuesday of every month. Guest speakers present timely talks on local, regional, and national topics. The following people were guest speakers during the fall: 1) Mr. Robert Downing, USFWS biologist- Cougar Sightings in SC, 2) Dr. Gene Wood, Clemson University-The Life of Aldo Leopold, 3) Mr. Ralph Costa, USFWS-RCW Team Coordinator- The Endangered Species Act, Biopolitics, and the Recovery of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, and 4) Mr. Robert Hudson, the State Director of the SC ADC-Current ADC Issues from the Southeast.

We have had one special seminar which was cosponsored by CUTWS and the Clemson University Forestry Club. Four presentations were given by Clemson wildlife students who conducted research concerning management for threatened and endangered species on commercial forest lands.

We have raised funds for our club by selling catfish, national wildlife refuge calendars, and t-shirts. We have communicated with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to obtain contract work which would give our student members wildlife experience, both in the field and in the office. Earnings from contract work would be used to send our members to wildlife related meetings in the future.

Eight of our members went to The First Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We greatly appreciate the financial generosity of the South Carolina State Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Clemson University Department of Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Wildlife, and Clemson University Department of Forest Resources for making the trip possible. Six of our members went to the 1994 Wildlife Conclave at Auburn University. We are planning to attend the 1995 Wildlife Conclave at North Carolina State University as well as prepare for the Wildlife Conclave to be held here in Clemson, South Carolina next year. Several graduate students and some undergraduates attended the summer meeting of the SC chapter of TWS at the Webb Wildlife Center in the Coastal Plain of South Carolina. Eighteen of our members are planning to attend the Fall meeting of the State Chapter of TWS on March 7 at the National Wild Turkey Federation headquarters in Edgefield, SC.

We repaired and surveyed wood duck nesting boxes in the Clemson Forest in the Spring. This cooperative project with SC Department of Natural Resources is in its tenth year. Several members are participating in the ongoing project.

As a club, we have had and plan on doing several recreational activities together. These include the 1994 and 1995 Buzzard Banquet, hiking trips, skiing trips, and an annual Halloween party.

CUTWS Faculty Advisor is Dr. Tim Fendley; Representatives are Ms. Nicole McKay and Mr. Sam Marting; Fall and Spring semester Secretary/Treasurers are Mr. Chris Baumann and Ms. Ashley Rossi, respectively; Vice President is Ms. Laura Francoeur; and President is Mr. Eric Darracq. We hope to continue our traditional club activities in the future, as well as become involved in new programs which promise to meet our club goals.

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President	John B. Churchill
Vice-President	Traci-Lee Galley
Secretary	John P. Cecil
Treasurer	Nicholas Prichett

ELECTIONS HELD EVERY YEAR IN THE FALL

Advisor	Dr. Richard L. Raesly
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The FSU Student Chapter of TWS began the fall 1994 semester with an opening meeting entitled *ALASKA, a Journey in the Wilderness*; presentations were made by graduate students Dan Evans and Rick Garrett. Both told of their trips to Alaska, for the purpose of research and recreation. Subsequent speakers have included, Dr. Rich Raesly presenting a talk entitled "*Should peripheral populations of a species be conserved?*" Our most recent speakers were the W. Getz family who gave a slide and video presentation entitled "*Southern African Wildlife: Managed Park Vs. Wilderness.*" In late November, to finish up the fall semester, we hosted Dr. Peter Mundy, the Acting Chief Terrestrial Ecologist of National Parks in Zimbabwe. Dr. Mundy's talk was entitled "*Wildlife Research in Zimbabwe's National Parks.*"

Other activities we have undertaken included cleaning up the University arboretum, a backpacking trip in the Monongahela National Forest, and a bird watching trip to Hawk Mountain.

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February 1, 1995

From January 1994 to December 1, 1995, The Louisiana Tech Student Chapter, did absolutely nothing. The slate of officers were all graduate students and did not have time to have a program or do any projects.

As of December, I took over as President with as my main goal to build membership and initiate a program in hopes of reactivating the once very active club. December 10, 1994, was our first meeting. Chili was served prior to the meeting. The meeting was opened with a welcome few brief comments as to my goals and objectives for the club. Mr. John Haygood, Forester/Biologist at Barksdale Air Force Base, Boosier City, Louisiana was our guest speaker. He gave a slide presentation about conservation activities involving both forestry and wildlife on the base. He explained the building of an extensive green tree reservoir project and its benefits. There were 27 in attendance.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Davis

Michael P. Davis
President

P.S. I hope the next time this chapter is asked to complete this report we will be able to fill the page.

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The NCSU Chapter of The Wildlife Society was very active in 1994. In February we began working on the maintenance of many wood duck boxes and squirrel boxes that the club is responsible for. A group of members visited the Carnivore Preservation Trust (CPT) in Pittsboro, North Carolina.

In March we had a booth in the Dixie Deer Classic. In this booth we provided information about the club, sold T-shirts, and sold various wildlife boxes. Many members became certified for Aquatic Wild. These education projects have become a major part of our club. Project Wild certification was offered in the fall. To conclude the month, we set up a booth during Agriculture and Life Science Awareness Week. Once again we offered information about the club and wildlife.

In April the Wildlife Game Banquet was held at Hill Forest. A Skeet Tournament and Jalapeno Pepper Eating Contest were held. A CATCH Clinic was also offered this month.

In October the Fall Social was held in Schenck Forest. Many attended and a good time was had by all. Another group of students visited CPT again.

In November a group of club members went on a fall trip. On this trip we visited Lake Mattamuskeet and Pea Island to see the various birds that visit the area during migration. Also on the trip we visited the Alligator Wildlife Refuge and were able to listen to the Red Wolves howl. Two deer checks were also done during November

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Throughout 1994 OSU-TWS hosted 12 general meetings ranging from wildlife law, quail mortality, endangered species to fish. We also raised funds for conclave and other activities by setting up tables sales in which we sold T-shirts and hats. We also provided information for those who had questions.

We started the spring semester with a social to encourage new members. We also participated in Project WILD workshops, Adopt-a-Highway trash pick ups and a youth fishing clinic. We set up information booths during Arts & Sciences week and during Earth Day. The spring semester ended with our annual Wild Game Feast. During this event, we gave awards for best dish, casting and archery contests. We also held elections for the 1994-1995 OSU-TWS officers.

During the summer we helped the Oklahoma state chapter of TWS cut out wood duck boxes that will be distributed by the USFWS. We also sent members to the state chapter meeting. We finished the summer by designing two new OSU-TWS T-shirts.

The fall semester began with a pig roast at Sanborn Lake. Several members worked on a display to show others what the student chapter has done and can offer. OSU-TWS sent four representatives to the first annual TWS conference in Albuquerque, NM. We also helped other campus organizations with the Third Annual Conservation Awareness Symposium that centered on landscape ecology. The year ended with the Annual Chili Cook-off.

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1. Posted WMA boundary signs at Cordell Hull Lake for Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA).
2. Checked wood duck boxes on Cordell Hull Lake for TWRA.
3. Annual "Beast Feast" at Cane Creek Park.
4. Control of non-target species on warm season grass plot at Tennessee Tech farm.
5. Erected wood duck boxes at Dale Hollow Lake for Army Corps of Engineers.
6. Worked deer checking stations for TWRA throughout the state.
7. Checked wood duck boxes at Cordell Hull Lake for TWRA.
8. Some students trapped and relocated raccoons at Hubbard's Cave for the protection of gray bats.
9. Assisted in teaching outdoor program for Cookeville sixth grade students.
10. Assisted in the Cherokee National Forest Bald Eagle Hacking Project.
11. Held elections for new officers.

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Our Student Chapter has been growing over the last few years. We now have 26 members. 1994 has been a year of planning and hard work for everyone involved. however, we are now beginning to see all of that work pay off.

In Spring of '94 we volunteered to capture and band red-cockaded woodpeckers at Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge. We sent eleven members to the Wildlife Conclave in Alabama. The year before, in Tennessee we only had three members attend Conclave.

In October we launched a Big Bass Contest that promises to become an annual fundraiser for our Chapter. In November some of our members volunteered to help at check stations at Felsenthal during their modern gun season. We also trapped and mounted small mammals for Dr. Phillip Tappe. Each year we grow larger and larger and participate in more and more activities. We have high hopes for our Chapter in the future.

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The University of Georgia's student chapter of the Wildlife Society had a very active 1994! Our society consists of over sixty diverse undergraduates and graduates that are either concentrating in wildlife, timber management, recreation, or policy. We started off in the fall with our annual fall picnic to see friends and faculty that were missed over the summer. In October, fifteen students from the society traveled to the Wildlife Society's convention in Mississippi to keep abreast with current information in the wildlife profession.

Along with social activities and trips, our committees were extremely busy carrying out projects for 1994 and planning new activities for 1995. The Clean and Beautiful Committee adopted a one mile section of Whitehall Road, which leads into the UGA School of Forestry's Whitehall Forest. In November, society members met for the Road and River Clean Up. In total, over 15 bags of trash were collected in order to beautify the area. New this year, the journalism committee was organized to respond to newspaper articles and to handle any news-oriented business of the society. The Wood Duck Box project continued in 1994 to be the society's largest project. The project was started to improve wood duck nesting success and to provide an ongoing state-wide resource for public and private sectors. With the help from numerous UGA faculty and employees including Mr. Max Lentz and Mr. Randy Williams, along with Georgia DNR's Tom Hicks, the project was and continues to be a huge success! Orders for boxes can be placed with the Wildlife Society at the School of Forest Resources (706-542-2686). A great cause to support both wood ducks and out student chapter!!

Along with all of the activities and projects planned for 1995, we also will host the annual Wildlife Supper in May. We expect record turnouts of faculty, students, friends, and family to enjoy great food and fun, along with the task of identifying the infamous "*mystery meat!!*"

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PROJECTS

Martin Marietta Goose trapping and banding
Martin Marietta deer checking station/Oak Ridge Reservation
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) state deer checking stations/17 counties statewide
TWRA black bear checking station/Sevier County TN
TWRA raccoon checking station/Chuck Swan W.M.A.
TWRA wood duck box placement and servicing
Nongame species survey of Cherokee Cave

CONFERENCES

17th Annual meeting of the Southeast Deer Study Group/Charlottesville VA
1994 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave/Auburn University
1994 Eastern Black Bear Workshop/Gatlinburg TN
1st Annual TWS Conference/Albuquerque NM
1994 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference/Biloxi MS
1994 Tennessee State Chapter TWS business meeting

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Cumberland Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) turkey hunting seminar
Cumberland Chapter NWTF Annual Banquet
Alcoa Elementary Environmental Day workshops
Fairfield Glade deer survey spotlight counts
Ames Plantation quail census
William Blount High School career day
Sequoia Elementary wildlife workshop
Volunteer work at Clinch River Raptor Rehabilitation Center
Volunteer work at National Foundation to Protect Americas Eagles Raptor Rehabilitation Program
Volunteer work at Smoky Mountain Zoological Research Center
Chapter Dove Shoot
Chapter Pig-picking and bluegill tournament
Annual Game Dinner
Annual Bonfire and pig-roast in coordination with U.T. Forestry Club and Society of American Foresters

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ducks Unlimited
Cumberland Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation
Trout Unlimited

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Illinois Chapter

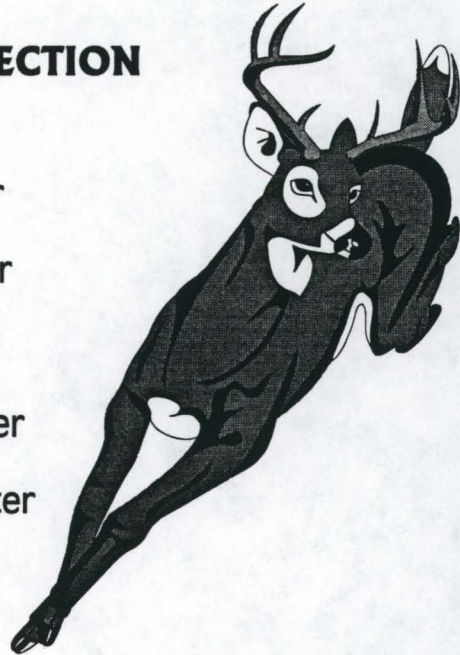
Indiana Chapter

Iowa Chapter

Michigan Chapter

Minnesota Chapter

Ohio Chapter



Iowa State University Student Chapter

Michigan State University Student Chapter

Northern Michigan University Student Chapter

Ohio State University Student Chapter

Southern Illinois University Student Chapter

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Student Chapter

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The North Central Section (NCS) of The Wildlife Society culminated a very successful year under the leadership of officers Dave Case, President, Gary Potts, President-Elect, Terry Riley, Secretary and Dave Hamilton, Treasurer. New officers for 1995 took office in December and are as follows: Gary Potts, President, Richard Clawson, President-Elect, James Bergens, Secretary, and Jeff Kiefer, Treasurer.

Membership in the NCS remains strong with eight state chapters, eleven student chapters and nearly 900 members. Section Representative Don Rusch welcomed the Northern Michigan University Student Chapter as the 64th Student Chapter to be chartered by TWS. He introduced charter members and advisor Dr. William Robinson at the NCS Annual Business meeting.

Two student members of the NCS were awarded grants to help defray the cost of attending the First Annual Conference of TWS. Stan Gehrt and Michelle Stradtman, both of the Univ. of MO - Columbia, each received \$500.00 grants to attend the conference in Albuquerque, NM. Section Representative Don Rusch, NCS Officers Gary Potts and David Hamilton and other members were very active at the many Annual Conference activities.

Two newsletters were distributed during the year. The first newsletter was sent to over 1,300 members of the parent Society who reside in the NCS states. The purpose of the mass mailing was to garner new members. The second newsletter was sent to about 900 members of the NCS. Many innovative ideas were added to continue to improve the quality of this newsletter.

A NCS committee reviewed candidates for the Section's Professional Award of Merit, the highest honor of the NCS. The Executive Board voted unanimously to choose Dr. Edward Langenau of the Michigan DNR as the 1994 recipient of the award. Dr. Langenau is known for his solid leadership and creativity in managing Michigan's deer, elk, and moose populations.

The 56th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference was held in Indianapolis, IN in December. The theme of the conference was "The Future of Fish and Wildlife is Now." Over 1,100 people attended the conference. A workshop entitled "Wildlife Management and Fair Chase Ethics—A Professional Forum" was held at the conference and was attended by about 60 people. The continuing education of wildlife professionals remains a high priority for the Section. The Section has put on workshops during the last four Midwest's. The Section's Continuing Education Endowment Fund continues to grow as state chapters and individuals have donated over \$8,000.00.

Work continued on the Urban Deer Symposia Book which is the culmination of the 1993 Urban Deer Symposium held in St. Louis, MO. Dr. Frank Thompson of the USFS's North Central Forest Experiment Station continues to coordinate the 1995 Symposium scheduled during the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Detroit, MI. The title of the symposium is "Managing Midwest Landscapes for the Conservation of Neotropical Migratory Birds." The Urban Deer and Neotropical Migratory Bird Books will be available in 1995 and 1996, respectively. NCS Publication Sales Coordinator John Hart reported that 189 symposia books were sold during the year.

The Executive Board approved a request of the Iowa State University Student Chapter for \$300.00 to cover the cost associated with hosting the Wildlife Conclave in the spring of 1995.

The Section looks forward to an exciting year in 1995.

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The annual meeting of the Illinois Chapter TWS was held in March, 1994 at Marion, Illinois. The meeting was held jointly with the Illinois Chapter of AFS. The main theme of the meeting was Natural Resource Management At the Landscape Scale. There was also a tribute to Dr. Willard D. Klimstra.

Officers for this year include: Doug Dufford, President, Barbara VerSteeg, President-elect, Glen Kruse, Secretary-Treasurer; Carl Becker, Past-president; Sue Lauzon and Scott Robinson, Councilman-at-Large.

Action was taken on several issues. ICTWS sent letters of support for a conserving use of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant (JAAP). Upon congressional approval, The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie will be established at JAAP. Midewin will be the first national grassland located east of the Mississippi River.

This year marked the establishment of the Emiquon NWR with the purchase of 300 of a proposed 11,000 acres. ICTWS was pleased to see that an additional \$500,000 was approved for land acquisition at this refuge, as well as \$1.1 million approved for land acquisition at neighboring Meredocia NWR. ICTWS strongly supported this action.

The Illinois Chapter was very active in matters relating to farm policy. Letters were sent to both national and state USDA-ASCS offices in opposition to the geographic relocation of annual set-aside acres as a form of flood relief for farmers. The chapter urged ASCS to require cover plantings, limit disturbance, and encourage perennial cover plantings on all set-aside acres.

Members of ICTWS provided testimony at three regional 1995 Farm Bill Public Hearings sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, a USDA forum sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society, as well as a CRP workshop sponsored by the Illinois Stewardship Alliance and the American Farmland Trust.

In addition, letters were sent urging for inclusion of Conservation Reserve and Wetland Reserve Programs in the 1995 Farm Bill.

The Chapter provided a donation to the George P. Fell memorial fund of the Natural Land Institute. The late Mr. Fell was founder of The Nature Conservancy and Natural Land Institute, and was a strong supporter of the natural resources of Illinois.

IC-TWS made a \$500.00 donation to the Continuing Education Fund of the North Central Section. We have also expanded our support for the International Wildlifer program with the sponsorship of a second party.

The Illinois Chapter is currently investigating past legislation which allowed for the purchase of public land by private interests for the purpose of creating a resort and development at Lake Kincaid near Murphysboro. This 3,794 acre site is currently providing valuable habitat for wildlife as well as outdoor recreation opportunities.

ICTWS has continued to monitor the status of the Conservation 2000 legislation. This six year, \$100 million dollar initiative would among other things provide for an incentive based approach to natural resource protection on both public and private land, through the establishment of a series of large ecological reserves or "macrosites". The Illinois Chapter will continue to push for passage of this landmark piece of legislation.

ICTWS was well represented at the First Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society. Nine members of the Illinois Chapter were in attendance at this conference, including the President, President-elect, and North-Central Section President-elect Gary Potts.

The Chapter membership is awaiting the upcoming annual meeting. This years meeting will be held in conjunction with the First Illinois Renewable Natural Resources Conference, March 29-31, 1995 in Springfield. Other sponsoring organizations include American Fisheries Society, Society of American Foresters, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

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The Indiana Chapter was very active during 1994, with a host of significant accomplishments. The Chapter held its annual Spring Meeting, co-hosted with the Indiana Chapter of The American Fisheries Society, on March 17 & 18, at Clifty Halls State Park near Madison, IN, with a general session theme entitled: "New approaches to Resource Management for the 1st century." Topics included applications of genetic information in resource management, gap analysis, development of cooperative ventures and the role of the public in the management of Fish & Wildlife. Concurrent 1/2 day technical sessions were held and a field tour of the Jefferson Proving Ground, which is a proposed site for a USFWS refuge, was conducted. Anthony DeNicola of Purdue University receive the Best Paper Award for his presentation entitled "Biology and Politics in Wildlife Research: A Case Study of Contraceptive Research with Deer.

In September, the Chapter held its second annual Continuing Education Workshop in West Lafayette, which attracted 50 registrants for a 2-day workshop entitled "Changing Trends in Agriculture Wildlife Implications and Opportunities." The workshop was cosponsored by the Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources which arranged the technical portion of the program. Nationally recognized speakers gave their view of what agriculture will look like in the future and the challenges and opportunities this might present for wildlife. A field tour of Purdue's Center for Alternative Agriculture Systems and Indian Pine Field Station was conducted, which highlighted ongoing research in this area. Our fall chapter meeting was held in conjunction with this workshop.

The chapter co-sponsored the 4th annual Midwest Private Lands Working Group meeting hosted by the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife in Plymouth. This working group was created to provide a professional forum for wildlife biologists and administrators from 23 states to discuss private lands wildlife management issues.

The chapter assumed leadership in assembling the "Natural Resource Professionals Salary Task Force" which represents eight professional organizations in the state, with a goal of obtaining legislative approval for an immediate salary increase as well as a new classification system for all natural resource professionals within DNR. Several surveys indicate that Indiana's natural resource professionals are the lowest paid in the nation. Turnover rates of 40% or greater have been experienced by most DNR divisions in the state since 1988 which has had obvious consequences for Indiana's valuable natural resources. The chapter worked actively with the task force to bring this issue to the attention of Indiana's legislators in order to improve natural resource management in the state by increasing our ability to attract and maintain quality professionals. more work is needed next year.

The 56th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 4-7, which attracted over 1200 attendees. Chapter members were active on numerous committees responsible for the conduct of the conference. In addition the Chapter was responsible for judging all conference papers and poster. The Chapter also conducted a raffle and successfully raised the remaining \$1500 required to meet our pledge to the North-Central Section of TWS for the Continuing Education Endowment. Our winter business meeting was also held in conjunction with the conference.

After 8 long years the Patoka National Wetlands Project became a reality on September 7, when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officially established a 22,000 acre National Wildlife Refuge/Wildlife Management Area complex in SW Indiana. The Chapter provided many comments on the issue over the years. The Chapter also actively supported a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to establish a 53,000 acre National Wildlife Refuge on the Jefferson Proving Ground which is slated for closure.

The Chapter co-sponsored a special session entitled, "Partnership in Land Management-New Initiatives," at the 3rd annual Indiana Governor's Conference on the Environment, held in Indianapolis on December 10. The session featured presentations on Indiana's Forest Health initiatives, Fish Creek Project in Northeastern Indiana, and partnerships in conservation funding in Missouri.

The election of 1995 officers was completed, with the Executive Board comprised of President Brian Miller, President-Elect Rick Peercy, Secretary/Treasurer Phil Seng, and Member-at-large Keith Poole.

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During 1994, the Iowa Chapter presented awards, raised money, was active on legislation and continued professional growth opportunities for its membership via educational workshops. Laura Jackson guided the chapter through August of 1994 when president-elect Bill Ohde assumed presidential duties. Activities for the chapter are summarized by category.

AWARDS: James J. Dinsmore was awarded the 1994 Iowa Conservation Hall of Fame award for his many contributions to ornithology and the knowledge of Iowa birds. As a professor at Iowa State University, he has impacted hundreds of undergraduate students and directed the work of 20 graduate students. His publications include some 50 journal articles, mostly on birds. His two books, **Iowa Birds**, and **A Country So Full of Game**, have significantly contributed to the education of Iowans on Iowa wildlife. He has served on committees for the Iowa Chapter of TWS, as an officer in the Iowa Ornithologists' Union and editor of their journal, *Iowa Bird Life*, and as advisor to several Animal Ecology Department student organizations.

LEGISLATION / ISSUES: The chapter supported increased nonresident deer and turkey hunting license quotas and opposed those additional funds being restricted to new conservation officer positions. The chapter signed on a joint statement with several other conservation and farm organizations to continue the Conservation Reserve Program. A REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) funding level of \$10 million was supported. The chapter promoted wetland and floodplain restoration and protection for flood control. Financial support was provided to a Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop, a state Watchable Wildlife Viewing Guide and to the REAP Alliance.

WORKSHOPS / EDUCATION: A joint meeting with the Minnesota Chapter, TWS titled, "Biodiversity: A Challenge to Natural Resource Managers," was held. Keynote speakers outlined the broad concept of conserving biological diversity and the problems interpreting just what that might mean for different regions. Other speakers covered a variety of topics ranging from biodiversity and oak-hickory forests, grasslands, wetlands and landscape effects, to more specific aspects such as endangered insects and exotic species. Another joint meeting was held with the Midwest Working Group of Partners in Flight. The topic was "Managing Grassland Ecosystems for Nongame Birds." Historical changes to Midwest grasslands and effects on grassland bird populations were highlighted by several speakers. The Conservation Reserve Program and its impacts on both grassland birds and the agricultural community were also discussed by several speakers. Grassland restoration and management were also covered, and the meeting wrapped up with a field trip to view a large scale prairie restoration project at Walnut Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

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The last year has been a busy one for the general members and committees of the Michigan Chapter. The legislative review committee has developed position papers on the national Conservation Reserve Program and on the large number of gas wells being drilled in northern lower Michigan. The education committee redeveloped and designed a chapter brochure on consulting biologist that listed certified consulting biologist in Michigan interested in providing consulting services. The 1994 program committee worked diligently to develop a spring meeting on "Upland Management Techniques" and a fall meeting on "Wetland Management." The spring meeting was also host of the chapters first college student art contest. Categories included paintings, carvings and photography and is the only Michigan wildlife art contest for college students.

The Michigan Chapter continued its award program issuing awards to the college student of the year, the high school student of the year, the lay person of the year, and the professional of the year. All those receiving the award were outstanding candidates and pleased to receive this recognition. Other activities include the development of revised by-laws and an updated membership directory. Furthermore, the membership committee implemented a membership drive that resulted in a significant increase in membership.

During the month of November the Michigan Chapter worked with the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society to host a workshop on the Conservation Reserve Program. This two day workshop resulted in a list of recommendations for improving future farm bills. The Michigan chapter also nominated one of its members, Ed Langenau, as a candidate for the North Central Chapter -- Professional of the Year Award. We are proud to announce that Ed was the recipient of this outstanding recognition and demonstrates the quality of our members.

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The Minnesota Chapter started 1994 with a joint meeting with the Iowa Chapter. The meeting on Biodiversity: A Challenge for Natural Resource Managers was well attended by both chapters. The Minnesota Chapter's annual awards for outstanding contributions to wildlife went to Carrol Henderson, Nongame Wildlife Program Supervisor, and CURE (Clean Up Our River Environment). Fundraising activities at the meeting allowed the chapter to donate \$700.00 to the RIM Critical Habitat Match in the Minnesota River Watershed.

The Chapter was involved in the GEIS (General Environmental Impact Statement on Minnesota Forestry) Implementation Roundtable. The roundtable worked on developing ways to implement the GEIS recommendations. The Chapter worked hard to make sure that wildlife concerns were addressed.

The Minnesota Chapter held a successful summer meeting on the Impacts of Aquaculture on Shallow Wetlands. The meeting was well attended with 75 participants from both wildlife and aquaculture fields. There was a lot of good information on the effects of various aquaculture practices on wildlife, mainly waterfowl.

The chapter also worked on planning a Wildlife Issues Forum and coordinating the poster session for the 1995 North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. The North American will be held in Minneapolis on March 24-29, 1995.

The Minnesota Chapter was also involved in Stream Snagging issues, the 1995 Farm Bill and Aspen regeneration issues. We contributed funds to the Student Chapter for conclave, the Art Hawkins SLAPP Suit Defense Fund and a loggers training workshop.

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The year started off on a low note with the passing of Dr. Gene Good in January. Dr. Good was a founding member of the Ohio Chapter and an active member up to the time of his death. He was a valued mentor and friend for many OCTWS members.

We provided comments supporting the passage of H.B. 287 which would give the Ohio Division of Wildlife authority to manage the mourning dove as a game bird. This bill had previously been passed by the House of Representatives. Passage by the senate and signature by the governor came late in the year.

The chapter has been busy planning for its role as host of the 3rd Annual The Wildlife Society meeting to be held in September of 1996. Once the initial work of selecting a site and date was finished, we started working on pulling together a team of chapter members to handle the various committees needed for this meeting. Our chapter is really looking forward to hosting this meeting.

The chapter co-hosted the 34th Ohio Fish and Wildlife Conference with the Ohio Fish and Wildlife Management Association and the Ohio Chapter-American Fisheries Society. The meeting was very well attended and numerous interesting papers and posters were presented. Marsha Kelley presented a very informative presentation on managing animal rights issues in the media.

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The spring semester began the year-long process of planning for Conclave 1995. The basic planning and fundraising efforts were initiated during the spring.

The Club began its involvement with Trumpeter Swan Restoration efforts in Iowa. Trumpeter Swan Day was held in March. A panel of waterfowl experts discussed the issue and the day was culminated with an evening presentation by renown waterfowl artist Maynard Reece. Mr. Reece also donated a print of Trumpeter Swans to be raffled off at the ISU Ducks Unlimited Chapter Banquet in October.

In February, the Club operated a public awareness booth to promote the Iowa Chickadee Checkoff. This is a voluntary fund whereby taxpayers can contribute a portion of their tax refunds to the Iowa Non-game species program.

Iowa State University sent an especially large delegation to Conclave 1994, held at South Dakota State University. Our attendance was high because ISU would be hosting it in 1995.

The semester closed with our annual participation in a university wide open-house, VEISHEA. The club helped celebrate the event by operating a visitor demonstration and a food concession stand.

Fall semester events included several social activities designed to increase Club membership and our Conclave efforts intensified.

Traditional events such as the Animal Ecology Departmental Picnic was held and many club members trekked to DeSoto Bend NWR to view the annual snow goose migration. Unfortunately, most of the geese had not yet migrated. Being able to leave school behind for a while was relaxing enough though. The raffle for that Maynard Reece Trumpeter Swan print was won by a luck Oklahoman at the Fall Ducks Unlimited Banquet.

A new Club event, which we hope catches on, was a camping trip with several other student TWS chapters. In October, the Iowa State, U W Steven's-Point, and Minnesota student chapters converged on Yellow River State Forest in northeast Iowa for a weekend of camping, hiking, canoeing, and horseback riding.

In December, the club began its second year of a participating with Walnut Creek NWR by helping operate a deer check station.

Overall, it was an educational, productive, fun year for all involved in the various activities sponsored by our chapter.

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The Michigan State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club was very busy in 1994. The Club focused much of its attention toward community service, the Management Area, social activities, and fundraising during the past year.

Club members served as hosts for the birds of prey exhibit at Outdoorama. Received First Place for an educational booth at Autumnfest which illustrated the value of Michigan's wildlife and impressed many of our Alumni. Our booth at the Science Day at the Mall was once again a real crowd pleaser. For the second year in a row, we helped to sponsor a Halloween night hike at the Woldumar Nature Center where children and adults learned that the woods aren't so scary after all. Some of our members also assisted the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at deer and duck check stations during the fall hunting season.

We control and manage a 10 ha Wildlife Management Demonstration Area with a prairie, pond, wetland, and upland area. Most of this year's management activities were associated with ongoing projects started many years ago and will hopefully be continued well into the future. Some of the activities included small mammal trapping, prairie restoration, controlled burns, pond aeration, aquatic plant classification, water quality testing, and wetland water level manipulation. We also installed about 600 feet of new split rail fence. Next year we hope to drawdown and burn the wetland before reflooding the area.

We sponsored many social activities during 1994. At our Fall cookout over 100 people attended and we didn't even serve beer! The Beast Feast was also very well attended and enjoyed by all especially those of us who live in the Residence Halls. The annual camping trip at Whitefish Point was an adventure as usual but the highlight trip was to South Dakota State University for the Student Conclave. We will be Iowa State bound for 1995.

Fundraising is always one of the activities where participation is often a problem. This year we worked the parking lots for football and offered members free dues if they worked two games and a free T-shirt if they worked a third. Well, not many people had to pay dues this year and the Club earned over \$1,200 for six game days plus we were allowed to go to the game for free!! Other Student Chapters may want to consider checking with their University to see if they would be willing to let them do parking as a fundraiser.

In closing, I would like to point out that all of our success is due to our 60 plus paid members and our terrific advisors. I have enjoyed being their President for 1993 and 1994 and look forward to working with them in the future.

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The activities we have done since January-December 1994 are the following:

- 1) We built and set up Loon platforms
- 2) Organizing and forming of the Wildlife Society
- 3) Sold Sweatshirts
- 4) Sold buttons for Earth Day
- 5) We were apart of the adopt a stream program
- 6) We Participated in a spring and winter bird count

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- Developed a Habitat Management Team to conduct improve wildlife habitat on private lands by using wildlife habitat improvement techniques.
- Organized a chainsaw safety class for those interested in doing habitat work.
- Conducted habitat work for the Central Ohio Anglers and Hunting Club from February - April 1994.
- Conducted regularly scheduled meetings with guest speakers throughout Winter and Spring quarters.
- Held the Annual Game Banquet with a guest lecturer Winter quarter.
- Conducted a spring camp out in the Wayne National Forest.
- Elected new officers during Spring quarter.
- Conducted meetings during Autumn quarter 1994 on topics such as: Backpacking in the Arizona Desert, Ohio's Wildlife Research Station in Waterloo, Peregrine Falcons in downtown Columbus, and Bowhunting Whitetails Using Scent and Vocalization.
- Introduced new leadership positions with in the student chapter for the habitat management team, public affairs, fundraiser, Raptor Rehabilitation, photographer, and editor.
- Conducted a class and practical excercise on mapping reading.
- Started developing a habitat management plan for 160 acres in east-central Ohio.
- Had members attend the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference 1994 job seminar in Indianapolis.
- Conducted a fundraiser by selling wildlife calendars of scenes from National Refuges.

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January 24 Board meeting marked the beginning of tentative planning of activities for the upcoming year. We discussed guest speakers, summer internships, and other organizational activities.

February 17 meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Wally Jakubas, Professor of Wildlife Ecology SIUC, entitled: "Environmental Problems and Life in the New Russia". Other issues addressed included: information on the South Dakota conclave, and our annual project of installation and maintenance of blue bird boxes at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

March 24 meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Brooks Burr, Professor of Ichthyology SIUC, entitled: "Threaten and Endangered Fishes of North America". We also volunteered to construct rehabilitation cages for injured animals at a state approved private rehab center on April 2.

April 20 meeting featured a presentation by graduate student Chad Schieler entitled: "Reinduction of River Otter in Illinois". Following the presentation, officer elections for the 94-95 academic year were held. The results were as follows: President, Patricia DeNoon; Vice President, Elizabeth Kraus; Secretary, Anthony Janas, Treasurer, Dawn Goforth; Board Member, Adam Lenarz. Robert Chovis was selected Wildlifer of the Year. A fund raising cookout was held April 30 followed by our annual organizational year end party.

September 22 meeting welcomed new students. Scott Ballard from the Illinois Department of Conservation presented a program entitled: "Herpetological Potpourri". We also announced the formation of a Conservation Committee solely responsible for researching local, state, national, and international concerns impacting wildlife conservation. We addressed upcoming events to include: new logo design contest for our Tee-shirts, Iowa conclave, and a Cache River float trip and cleanup in early October.

October 20 meeting featured Walter Crawford from the World Bird Sanctuary in St. Louis. His presentation entitled: "Plight of Our World's Wildlife" captivated our members with the presence of several endangered bird species from around the world. His presentation stressed the importance of education in circumventing the problem of species extermination from the planet. We also provided workers for the Illinois Department of Conservation Deer Check Stations in the southern portion of the state.

November 17 meeting featured our second annual career development night. Members were provided with information from John Maberry, Wildlife biologist Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge; Steve Fadden, PhD student SIUC; Doug Stokke, USDA Forest Service; Dr. Feldhamer SIUC Professor Environmental Studies. Material covered included: local, state, and federal employment opportunities, certification requirements, and graduate school considerations.

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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE - actively supported the non-motorized area in the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage proposal, and the renewal of the Endangered Species Act.

EDUCATION - visited over 400 school children and presented educational workshops on wolves, endangered species, spiders, snakes, and pesticides. An annual reptile show was held with live species to touch and see.

CAREER TRAINING - professional trappers came and held an all day workshop to teach trapping skills, students were certified and licensed at the end of the day. This was the first year that this type of workshop was held and it was a success.

SURVEY PROJECTS

SANDHILL CRANE COUNT - a fall count was conducted throughout central Wisconsin. We also were the Portage County coordinators for the spring count held by the International Crane Foundation.

GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN (NEW PROJECT) - in the spring guides drove students to blinds and searched for new booming grounds while students in the blinds counted the number of cocks, hens, and copulation. Informational meetings on the prairie chicken were held.

RAPTORS (NEW PROJECT) - broadcast surveys held throughout the year, we are trying to establish migration patterns, and gain experience in identifying raptors.

HERPTILES - drift fences and pit traps set to try to estimate the number of amphibians and reptiles in a wetland area.

COTTONTAILS - caught in live traps and ear-tagged. An estimation of rabbits in the reserve is trying to be achieved.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

BLUEBIRDS - houses were built and placed in various areas. Houses were sold at the fundraising booth, and informational pamphlets were distributed.

WOOD DUCK - new boxes were constructed and old ones were cleaned and prepared for the breeding season, they were also checked throughout the season to get an estimated number of wood ducks using them.

OTHER DUCKS - artificial nesting structures were designed to encourage the waterfowl from nesting on the dikes. The structures were monitored for usage and repaired each year. A high success rate was determined for the year.

OSPREYS - nesting platforms along the WI River were repaired and monitored.

PRAIRIES - seeds collected in the fall and planted in the spring to restore native prairies.

SEED BANK ANALYSIS (NEW PROJECT) - a literature search was conducted and a proposal written. Seeds were separated from soil samples and will be grown in the greenhouse next spring.

DEER TELEMETRY - the movement pattern of deer throughout the year is being observed.

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION

Colorado Chapter

Kansas Chapter

Manitoba 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



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The Chapter held 6 meetings of the Board and annual winter and summer meetings of the membership. Six newsletters were published and one or more President's columns written for each. Boundaries for voting were changed and approved by the membership. The audit revealed sound financial considerations in 1993. The Chapter is bidding for the annual meeting of The Wildlife Society for 1997 or 1998. Snowmass and Keystone have been contacted and several sites in Denver and Colorado Springs will be asked to bid. Hiring of an administrative assistant was proposed to provide leadership and continuity with issues, chapter organization, educational programs, and liaison with other conservation agencies and groups. As an alternative, a part-time legislative assistant was hired for the 1995 legislative session.

Committee chairs were selected, given charges from the President and Board, provided with a liaison Board member to assist with programs, and encouraged to form their own working memberships. The Conservation Review Committee reviewed recent position statements from major conservation organizations and those of the Chapter to develop new statements concerning: mining reform, endangered species, range reform, non-native fish stocking, conservation reserve program, water resources conservation, wilderness management, mitigation under section 404, use and impacts of water removal for snow making, peat mining in Colorado's fens, and ski area expansion. Legislative Review Committee reported actions of the 1994 state legislature and the agenda for 1995. The Board acted on 25 legislative issues for 1995. Wildlife Management Committee called agencies together who provide management programs and financial incentives to landowners. A booklet that summarizes program offerings available to landowners for wildlife-related enhancements is in preparation. The urban wildlife planning video which is copied and distributed with CSU Cooperative Extension was sold to 34 persons and used in 5 seminars. For Membership promotion, new brochures were printed and used by Board members who communicated about the Society to their peers. The 400 members in the retirement organization of Colorado Division of Wildlife were sent brochures and were invited to join the Chapter, to attend the annual meeting, to participate in committees, or to provide financial support. Nominations and elections committee conducted elections for 1995. Financial contributions were made from the Division of Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service totalling \$3000 to assist with the costs of speakers to the annual meeting. The auction at the annual meeting was the prime fund raiser for the year. Sales from the commissioned art print are at the margin to create profit. It was marketed in Colorado Outdoors Magazine, through a direct mailing to outdoor educators in Colorado, offered to art galleries and sold through the newsletter. The land use committee spoke and had a booths at the American Planners Association Conference in Vail and the annual Colorado Counties, Inc. meetings in Colorado Springs. Exhibit and handouts were updated. The Land Stewardship Award was given to Summit County for developing regulations that were useful to wildlife. The Professional Development and Project Request Committees sponsored \$300 towards a van, gave a \$300 scholarship through a drawing at the summer meeting, and paid the President's registration fees to encourage members and CSU students to attend the TWS annual meeting in Albuquerque. Grants for \$200 were given for a bat banding program and for a student to attend a bird workshop through the Colorado Bird Observatory. Awards were given to 11 persons.

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MAJOR ISSUES

The issue of "takings" and property rights was still a high priority issue in Kansas in 1994. 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. The Kansas Chapter worked with conservation organizations in the state to try and disseminate information about the bill and its possible repercussions. The bill passed the Kansas legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor and the veto was sustained. This issue has not disappeared, however, and natural resources face serious legislative threats in Kansas.

Water issues continue to be of concern in Kansas. Proposed water transfers and watershed dams and continued depletion of surface and subsurface water supplies bode poorly for wildlife and fisheries. The Chapter plans to work with state officials on these issues.

MEETINGS

The Kansas Chapter had outstanding attendance at the 25 & 26 February Spring meeting in Lawrence, held jointly with the Kansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. On the 25th, the morning business meeting was followed by an afternoon workshop entitled "Conservation Biology: does the national agenda fit Kansas?" Dr. Stan Temple of the Society for Conservation Biology was the plenary speaker. His presentation was followed by panel presentations on natural resources in Kansas. Seven speakers discussed flora, invertebrates, fishes, birds, and mammals in Kansas. The afternoon session was followed by an evening reception and banquet, and then by the KCAFS auction/raffle fundraiser. On the 26th, the chapters held concurrent paper sessions. After lunch, there were field trips to six different locations of interest in the Lawrence area. The meeting was recognized as a very visible and successful endeavor.

On 7 October, the Chapter held its fall meeting in Hays. The business meeting was preceded by a workshop on ecosystem versus single species management. Panel members Joe Kramer of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Bill Gill and Manny Medina of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dave Jones of the Department of the Army, Ken Brunson of the Nongame Program of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and Phil Gipson of the Kansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit gave outstanding synopses of their perspectives on the issue and the concerns facing natural resource managers. The panel discussion was followed by the fall business meeting and a cookout.

AWARDS

At the Spring meeting, member Dave Wiseman was recognized by the Chapter as an outstanding professional.

OTHER ACTIONS

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.

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The Annual General Meeting for the Manitoba Chapter was held January 21-22, 1994. Dr. Malcolm Ramsey, University of Saskatchewan, was the keynote speaker and presented results of his ongoing research on polar bear physiology. Richard Goulden, a Charter Member of the Chapter, was the recipient of the 1994 Conservationist of the Year award for his long-term contribution to wildlife conservation in Manitoba.

In 1994, the Chapter awarded 2 student bursaries. The first recipient was Glenn McMaster, Dept. of Zoology, Univ. of Manitoba, for his proposed research to test the hypothesis that egg removal by brown-headed cowbirds evolved as a mechanism to maintain clutch volume at a level that allows efficient incubation by the host--in this case yellow warblers. The second recipient was Allan Benoit, Natural Resources Institute, Univ. of Manitoba, for his research project investigating woodland caribou habitat use in relation to current and historic land use patterns.

The Northern Forest Owl Symposium Research Award was presented to Kurt Mazur for his telemetry study of barred owl home range and habitat use in unharvested forest compared to adjacent commercially-harvested forest.

In March, the Chapter hosted a luncheon seminar presented by David Purvis, Chief of Enforcement and Special Investigations, Manitoba DNR, concerning the challenges and successes of wildlife enforcement in Manitoba.

Forty waterfowl nest structures were erected at the Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area in conjunction with the Stony Mountain and District Wildlife Association. Subsequent checks indicated that 24 (60%) structures were used in 1994 with nearly 100% hatching success.

Enhancing the professional image of the Chapter was a strong focus in 1994. To that end we updated the Chapter logo and had it printed professionally on letterhead and envelopes. Our newsletter was published quarterly and also received a strong upgrade in appearance and content.

Letters were written to the Provincial Ministers of Environment and Highways urging completion of joint guidelines for protecting wildlife habitat during construction or improvement of roadways. A letter was written to the Federal Minister of the Environment in support of the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (WAPPRITA) which will help control poaching, the introduction of exotic species, and interprovincial and international trade in wildlife or wildlife parts in accordance with CITES.

Finally, we composed a questionnaire for the membership to allow for the development of a mission statement and to facilitate long-term planning and prioritization of Chapter activities into the 21st century.

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The North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society (Chapter) had a very active year. 35 committees keep the Chapter active in many issues. Following are highlights:

The Chapter continues to have a representative on the North Dakota Wetland Trust. The Wetland Trust held three retreats and developed a mission statement. They funded various projects in 1994 and the Chapter established a Wetland Trust Committee to provide advise and input on Wetland Trust activities.

The Wetland Resources Committee spent much of the year engrossed in the efforts of the Office of the State Engineer's planning process to assume responsibility for administering Section 404 of the clean Water Act. The Chapter participated as a member of the State Engineer's State Assumption Advisory Committee and provided oral and written comments on the proposed rules.

The Fishery Committee reorganized in 1994 and listed topics to pursue. The main topic was the review of the Corps of Engineers Master Manual for Operation of the Missouri River System. The Chapter provided comments. The Chapter also joined a coalition, spearheaded by American Rivers, to provide comments on the Master Manual and public education on Missouri River values.

The Water Project's Garrison Sub-committee was busy working with the Executive Steering Committee studying contemporary water needs of North Dakota. A North Dakota Water Collaborative Process was developed and used to gather a consensus; each party had a veto.

The Forest Resources Committee dealt with issues surrounding the 1990 Farm Bill's Forest Legacy Program. The Forest Resources Committee members were involved with the initial scoping process. The Committee also assisted in the development of cooperative agreements relative to forest management between the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Potlatch Forest Industry, the North Dakota Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Ruffed Grouse Society.

The Devils Lake Basin Committee represented the Chapter in the development of the basin-wide water management plan for the Devils Lake Basin. We also had representation on the Chain Lakes area management plan. The Chain Lakes area is located within the Devils Lake Basin.

The Western Lands Committee was again busy dealing with the wilderness issues in the North Dakota Badlands. Th Chapter continued to work with the Wilderness Collation and attended various meetings with North Dakota's congressional delegation and state leaders promoting wilderness designation for areas in the Badlands.

The Prairie Resources Committee revitalized the "In Praise of Prairie" slide show and helped develop a grant proposal for three Prairie Discovery Trunks to be distributed to teachers and educators in grades K through 12 in North Dakota.

The Prairie Chicken Committee had a very active year working with the USDA - Forest Service regarding the decline of the Prairie Chicken on the Sheyenne National Grasslands. Various meetings were held with the Forest Service and the grazing associations. The committee's work also centered around increasing the abundance and distribution of prairie chickens in North Dakota and worked with transplanting and egg substitution programs.

The Land Use Committee has been working very hard on promoting the extension of CRP. Much of the work has been in conjunction with the North Dakota CRP Working Group. The Chapter was also represented on the North Dakota Health Department's Comparative Environmental Issues Project and served on the Ecosystem Committee. The Chapter was also participated in the North Dakota Soil Conservation Committee's Sustainable Agriculture Planning Committee.

The Chapter continues its support of youth activities by helping to fund the wildlife habitat judging teams trip to the national contest and by supporting and judging North Dakota's Habitat and Food Plot Contest.

The Chapter helped support the annual Bluebird workshop and cosponsored a wetland workshop and riparian workshop in North Dakota.

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The South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society held their annual meeting in Huron, South Dakota on February 28-March 2, 1994. The main theme of the meeting was "Evaluation and Conservation of Wildlife Habitats." The business meeting itself focused on committee activities and planning for the Central Mountains and Plains Section Meeting to be held in Brookings, South Dakota in August.

The Central Mountains and Plains Section Meeting was a terrific success. A companion workshop was held the day before the CMPS meeting and was entitled "Over-water Nesting Structures for Ducks and Geese - Change and Challenges for the 1990's." The CMPS meeting theme was entitled "Partners in Managing Prairie Ecosystems". A field tour of area wetlands and nesting structures was well attended. A barbecue and outdoor auction to raise funds for the CMPS Chapter were also enjoyed by all.

Specific issues that the Chapter was involved with this year include:

1. EIS on Master Water Control Manual for the Missouri River
2. Proposals for federal listing of swift fox and Dakota skipper butterfly
3. Proposal for delisting bald eagle
4. Renewal of the CRP program and other 1995 Farm Bill issues
5. Proposed realignment of South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks to better address animal damage management issues
6. Review process for PL-566 projects in South Dakota

The chapter this past year has been reviewing all historical records. A plan was developed to preserve historical documents. Approximately 30 years of records were reviewed. Microfilming will begin this next year.

The chapter recognized 4 individuals this past year. George Vandel was recognized as the "Professional of the Year", Donald Sinning was recognized with the chapter's "Citizen's Award" and Brian Kernohan and Rex Johnson were awarded scholarships for "Outstanding Graduate Student" at South Dakota State University for outstanding scholastic performance and professional contributions.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

One of the goals of the KSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society is to provide students at Kansas State University with an opportunity to gain valuable scholarship and professional experience in the areas of fisheries biology, wildlife biology, and natural history. In order to meet this goal, the KSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society has had a variety of professionals in the fisheries and wildlife biology area speak to our group about topics in wildlife management and related areas. These speakers have included Herb Abel, the wildlife biologist at Fort Riley, Kansas; Cornelis G. Vendel, special agent with the USF&WS Division of Law Enforcement; Chuck Bever, fisheries biologist for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; Cliff Peterson, the wildlife manager for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge; and others. We also held two meetings that were designed to help students plan their careers in fisheries and wildlife biology. One of these, our annual summer jobs meeting, consisted of presentations by KSU biology students on their summer job experiences. This meeting is designed to acquaint students with a variety of summer jobs available for them to gain experience. The second meeting was the annual course/careers meeting, at which biology professors at KSU spoke about the requirements for graduation and gave guidelines for career preparation while in school.

We also held several field trips to acquaint students with the natural history of the state of Kansas and other states. Trips were taken to Cheyenne Bottoms, prairie chicken booming grounds, and Big Bend National Park, Texas, among others.

We sent several students to the Midwest Fisheries and Wildlife Student Conclave in April. The student chapter was able to pay for their travel cost. Several other students also made the trip to the annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in December.

Each year, the student chapter plans an exhibit for the KSU All-University Open House in April, which is attended by prospective students and other interested members of the public. The goal of our exhibit is to acquaint the public with the diversity of life in Kansas and with the fisheries and wildlife biology profession. In 1994, the exhibit was as big as ever, filling over two labs, a long hallway, and demonstrations on the lawn of the biology building. The display included many species of live reptiles, amphibians, fish, mammals, and invertebrates, preserved specimens, and demonstrations of techniques used by fisheries and wildlife biologists.

The student chapter also held several fundraisers last year, including a pop sale at the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area Visitors' Day, a calendar sale, a used book sale, a hat sale, and a tee-shirt sale. Many of these funds will be used when the KSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society hosts the annual Midwest Fisheries and Wildlife Student Conclave in the Spring of 1996. We have spent numerous hours planning this huge and important event already.

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The South Dakota State University Wildlife and Conservation Club has approximately 40 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 started the construction of seven mallard hen houses and hopes to have the structures ready for the spring nesting season.

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 test for FFA students from area schools. Another program that the club founded and helps with every year is 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 170 people attended the Buffalo Banquet, and we were honored to have Dave Nomsen from Pheasants Forever speak to us on the past history, present status, and future concerns of pheasant populations and hunting.

Our second major event of the past year was making final preparations in hosting the 24th Annual North Central Regional Wildlife and Fisheries Student Conclave April 8-10, 1994. The event was attended by 146 people from 11 universities. The conclave was held at the 4-H Campground on the shores of Lake Herman at Madison, South Dakota, and seemed to be a great success.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

The University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) student chapter of the Wildlife Society has enjoyed an eventful year. Numerous volunteer efforts and biweekly meetings, helped the chapter to enhance and develop an understanding of the wildlife field.

The Spring season was very busy for our members with a wide variety of activities occurring. In April the U.S. Forest Service at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, was assisted in planting over 1000, one weekend by our members. Also while at the forest, we were able to observe the courtship behavior exhibited by the greater prairie-chicken.

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

Then to bring the Spring semester to an end we attended Conclave, that was hosted by South Dakota. This turned out to be some weekend. Thanks for the memories.

In September, a few members and our advisor attended the First Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This also turned out to be quite a profitable journey, for those that were able to go.

Along with our volunteer work and trips we also found time to conduct and plan for fund raising campaigns.

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



SOUTHWEST SECTION

Arizona Chapter

New Mexico Chapter

Arizona State University Student Chapter

New Mexico State University Student Chapter

Southwest Texas State University Student Chapter

Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter

University of Arizona Student Chapter

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

The Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its joint annual meeting with the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society on 5-7 February 1994. The theme for the meeting was "Ecosystem management: shifting priorities." Sixty-three technical papers were presented. Three awards were made at the meeting. Rick Miller received the professional Award, David Olson received the C. Roger Hungerford Student Award, and Joy Nicholopoulos received the award for the Best Student Paper.

In 1993, the Arizona Chapter requested from the Parent Chapter of The Wildlife Society a review of the "Management recommendations for the northern goshawk in the southwestern United States." The Parent Chapter selected a panel of experts from outside the southwest for the review. A draft of the review was received by the Arizona Chapter in September. Five members of the Arizona Chapter commented on the review. The comments, and a synthesis of concerns by chapter members, were sent to the review team. A final draft of the review was not completed in 1994.

A total of \$500.00 was made available for Continuing Education Scholarships in 1994 by the Arizona Chapter. Two applications were received during the first half of the year, and the Chapter's first "Continuing Education Scholarship" was awarded in May in the amount of \$400.00.

The summer meeting of the Arizona Chapter was held on the week-end of 17 June at Hospital Flat Campground on Mount Graham. Members present were able to view the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel and its habitat during the day, and mist-netted bats during the evenings. It was announced at the meeting that Tim Tibbetts won the Scrapping Bear Award for 1994.

A living garden is being planned as a memorial to wildlife and fisheries professionals who have died performing their duties in the state of Arizona. The garden, which will be placed at the Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters in Phoenix, will consist of native plant landscaping, a water source for wildlife, shady areas for visitors, and a plaque identifying those individuals we have lost.

Initial planning efforts were made in 1994 to hold workshops on "cave management" and "population viability" in 1995.

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The New Mexico Chapter began 1994 in a very active posture because of our major role on the Steering Committee for planning the TWS First Annual Conference which was held in Albuquerque on 20-25 September 1994. That conference was a monumental success with about 1,600 professionals and others participating in some way. The chapter was honored to have played an important role in the Southwest Section hosting this precedent setting forum.

Although the annual conference required extensive commitment from the chapter, we also had a full business year as well. In March 1994, President Thompson distributed a list of 41 specific charges to chairpersons of 13 established committees and to selected members of the Executive Board. Most of those charges related to identifying important past history of chapter activities, incorporating that history into current and future planning, and preparing transition information for use as committee and Executive Board leaders change. Effort also was given to develop and meet a predictable schedule for preparing and distributing quarterly newsletters which had been sporadic the previous 2 years..

At year end, 37 of the 41 specific charges had been met (a grade of A- for those who scorecard). Some highlights of accomplishments include:

All member records and computerized mailing list were reconciled and established as a reliable, ongoing data base maintained by New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Published and distributed a **new Chapter Membership Directory** (first in 4 years)

Printed and distributed 4 newsletters on schedule

Prepared a 39 element "**Issues and Opportunities Report**" in draft form to focus actions by the Executive Board and Conservation Review Committee in 1995. This report addresses 5 elements:

Environmental documents needing chapter review and comment

Wildlife issues for chapter awareness and action

Proactive opportunities in wildlife conservation

Conservation education and outreach

International affairs

Selected the **annual Biodiversity Scholarship recipient** based on 8 nominations from 4 wildlife and natural resources programs at New Mexico universities. The recognition and \$350 cash award went to **Ms. Karen Pacheco** of Eastern New Mexico University.

Prepared a By Laws revision and received affirmative membership vote to include **more flexible investment alternatives** for chapter funds and to establish a specific budget proposal and approval process that sets a **budget at the beginning of each business year.**

Prepared and distributed a draft review copy of a "Directory to Natural Resource Information Contacts" in New Mexico (a monumental effort by President-Elect **Darrel Weybright**)

Served as host chapter to plan the 1995 Annual Joint Meeting of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter of American Fisheries Society

Additionally, the Chapter selected recipients for the 1994 Professional of the Year award and the Conservation Award. The chapter honored the husband and wife team of **Don and Jane MacCarter** as **Professionals of the Year**. Jane's was recognized for her participation in New Mexico's Watchable Wildlife Program and especially her guiding force in preparing the New Mexico **Wildlife Viewing Guide**. Don was recognized for his excellent and long-standing writing, editing, and photography skills, especially those directed toward preparation of the Project Wild publication **WILD About Elk: An Educator's Guide**. The **Conservation Award** recognized the **Middle Rio Grande Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation** for their exceptional role in promoting public awareness, conducting habitat improvement, and stimulating interagency cooperation toward wildlife conservation. These awards will be presented at the annual meeting in February 1995.

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Spring semester 1994

Meetings were held bi-weekly at 6:00 pm in the Life Science Building. Dues for the semester are \$5.00.

We had the following guest speakers come:

- Richard Rico from the Arizona Game and Fish Department talked about employment with the state.
- Mike Smith who is an ammeter herpetologist gave a presentation and brought several exhibits.
- Out of Africa gave a presentation and brought in several animals.
- Dr. Andrew T. Smith gave a presentation on rain forest ecology.
- On the last meeting of the semester we held officer elections for the 1994-1995 school year. The officers elected were: Ron Tinseth, president; Jim Bondurant, vice-president; Mark Taylor, secretary; there was a secretary elected but he did not return to school in the fall and the position was not filled.

Projects:

- January we helped the Desert Bighorn Sheep Society repair and update the water catchments facility at Lazarus Tank near Quartzite, Arizona.
- February we helped the Desert Bighorn Sheep Society build water catchments in the Kofa Mountains.
- March we helped the Desert Bighorn Sheep Society build water catchments in the Plamosa Mountains.
- April several members attended Project Wild Aquatic that was sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- June several members attended Project Wild that was sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Fall Semester 1994

Meetings were held bi-weekly at 6:30 pm in the Life Science Building. Dues for the semester are \$5.00.

We had the following guest speakers come:

- Barry Spicer from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Habitat Branch.
- Mike Smith who is an ammeter herpetologist gave a presentation and brought several specimens.
- Dakota Livesay from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation showed a video and talked about elk in Arizona.
- Charlie Gobar with the U.S. Forest Service talked about wildlife biologists in the Forest Service.
- Mike Humphrey with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service talked about TES species management.
- Jenny Wennerlund from the Arizona Game and Fish Department talked about the use of remote sensing in riparian surveys in Arizona.

Projects:

- In August we became involved in Project Wild Learning. Project Wild Learning pairs Environmental Resources students with student teachers to give presentations to children concerning the environment and wildlife.
- September we went to Albuquerque to attend the first annual conference of The Wildlife Society.
- November we went to Jacob Lake to work the hunt check station with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

MEMBERSHIP: The Chapter is experiencing turnover in its members. Many active seniors are graduating, but the new members are taking over with enthusiasm. Last year, we had 78 dues paying members in good standing. The department is growing in numbers and the chapter will likely grow as well.

MEETINGS: Chapter meetings are held monthly. Many chapter members attended the Joint Meetings in Sierra Vista, AZ, and the First Annual Wildlife Society Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Twenty chapter members were present at the conference to run all of the audio/visual equipment for the presentations. NMSU chapter members regularly help at local Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation meetings by selling raffle tickets.

CONSERVATION EFFORTS: The chapter maintains a good relationship with the state and federal agencies of New Mexico. We have a contract with New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish to work all of their crane, oryx, deer, and antelope checkstations. The Bureau of Land Management utilizes our volunteers to build fences, and watering units. Chapter members joined Turkey Federation members in checking watering structures previously installed. In conjunction with the Southwest Consolidated Sportsman, we picked up trash from popular hunting sites in our area.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: Education remains a high priority for this chapter. Our Education Committee organizes an extensive wildlife education program for local schools. We gave over 65 presentations in 1994 which reached approximately 1,875 students. This program is successful and has continued for many years now. On National Hunting and Fishing Day, Society members set up a booth at the local mall and distributed information to the general public. Educating chapter members is important as well. Lecture topics were as follows: Hawaiian flora and fauna, big game of Mongolia, feral horse management on White Sands, and predator and pest control in Africa.

FESTIVITIES: The NMSU Chapter works hard, and occasionally gets down. We sponsored an annual Shoot Out for marksmen in the southern New Mexico area. This was successful, and someone finally stole grand prize from our faculty advisor. Each April, the chapter holds a game banquet where everyone has a great time by the Rio Grande, and enjoys a wide variety of game meats wonderfully prepared by chapter members. Last years "Beast Feast" was well organized and well attended by faculty and students. To end the year, the chapter sponsors the departmental awards banquet. Here, achievements are recognized and scholarship awards are presented.

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The year 1994 was a busy year for the SWT Wildlife Society. We held a raffle as our main event to raise money to construct and finish our nature trail located at Freeman Ranch. With the help of our hard-working members the trail was completed in the fall semester, and members walked the trail with a group of elementary school kids pointing out interesting plants, deer rubs, and other wildlife. In April, the society took a weekend trip to Choke Canyon State Park for some bird watching, fishing, and of course, some well deserved rest and relaxation.

We invited three speakers to our regular spring semester meetings. Andy Grubbs, a cave biologist, spoke about caving adventures and unique organisms found in cave habitats. Bill Armstrong, from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, described prescribed burn techniques and how they are used in wildlife management. Finally, Ron Cobble brought slides and stories about his research with baboons.

One of the main activities in the fall semester included a River Clean-Up on the San Marcos River. Members canoed and snorkeled down the river collecting bottles, cans, and other items. For our hard work, the society received an award for collecting the most bottles and cans. The nature trail was also completed during this semester. In November, members were invited to a deer check station at Freeman Ranch to learn about deer aging and harvest techniques. Finally, as a fundraiser, members sold wildlife calendars, and the society renewed its membership in the Adopt-a-Pothole program.

During our fall meetings we had two speakers. Jim Mullen described different aspects of quail management in South Texas, and Matt Wagner from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spoke about urban and non-game species, their habitat, and the programs available to educate the public about these animals.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

The Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society had a very productive year in 1994. We started a student work program where students work for private and government organizations. The chapter gets paid a lump sum for the projects, and in turns pays members a small hourly wage. This gives members the opportunity to earn money and gain experience at the same time. In 1994, we built and installed wood duck boxes for Que Pasa Ranch in Navasota, Texas, and will do a similar project jointly with Texas Parks & Wildlife and Corps of Engineers in the spring. We also built bluebird boxes for Que Pasa Ranch and will install them this spring. Our members worked hunter check stations for South Boggy Slough Hunting and Fishing Club, the premier 23,000 acre hunting club of Temple-Inland Forest Products, Corp. Our other fund raisers include t-shirt, hat and calendar sales.

Our chapter participated in both the Southeastern and Western Wildlife Conclaves, placing third in the Western Quiz Bowl Competition. Chapter members also competed in Southeastern Forestry Conclave and took first place in the wildlife competition.

During our regular chapter meetings we sponsored guest speakers ranging from faculty in the College of Forestry and Biology Department to some of our own students. We helped host the Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society here in Nacogdoches, Texas; that was a joint meeting with the Texas Society of American Foresters and approximately 400 people attended. The chapter also provided wild hogs for the get-acquainted social on Thursday night and worked registration throughout the meeting. Every spring, we host a "Beast Feast", which is a wild game potluck dinner. The chapter sells tickets and t-shirts for the occasion.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

The University of Arizona Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society has had an exciting year. Aside from bringing in a variety of speakers for our bimonthly meetings (different federal and state agencies and private groups such as Park Service, Game and Fish, Bear Society, consulting firms and more), we have also been involved in many volunteer projects.

Our chapter members helped The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) run two different check stations for the opening weekend of quail season, and in conjunction with The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, helped run deer check stations on two consecutive weekends in late October-early November. We also helped run collection stations for deer and javelina blood samples. On top of assisting with check stations, some of our members became involved with the research branch of the AGFD by volunteering on an urban mammal trapping project. We have also had the opportunity to help other agencies as well. Some of our members are currently involved (through March/April '95) in "Bighorn Sheep Patrols" in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness for the U.S. Forest Service.

Our other activities include the education outreach program, designing and selling student chapter t-shirts, a fall BBQ, and fund-raisers such as poster and calendar sales. We were able to raise enough money to fully support eight students who were able to attend the national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in September 1994.

We have seen an increase in student membership, and in the numbers of students attending meetings and participating in activities and volunteer projects. We are hopeful that this trend will continue so that in the coming year, we as a student chapter of The Wildlife Society can continue to assist and teach each other as well as the community.

NORTHWEST SECTION

Alberta Chapter

Idaho Chapter

Washington Chapter

University of Montana Student Chapter

University of Washington Student Chapter

Washington State University Student Chapter



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1994

The 1994 annual meeting of the Northwest Section was held in Kalispell, Montana on March 9-12, 1994 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Montana Chapter. The theme of the meeting was the "interface between wildlife management and land management". Papers were organized into sessions based on common problems rather than taxonomic groupings. This organization put biologists worried about too few ungulates in a hunting district in the same sessions with biologists worrying about too few ground nesting birds in riparian zones and managers concerned with biodiversity on federal refuges in the same session with managers dealing with biodiversity on private rangelands. It produced some interesting contacts between people who normally do not circulate in the same professional circles.

Jack Horner, a paleontologist from Montana State University and the model for the paleontologist in Jurassic Park, gave the keynote address. The perspective he gave on dinosaurs as functioning members of real biological communities was unique. 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. Richard M. Mackie. Dr. Mackie was recognized for his longterm work with deer in the northwest.

During 1994, the Northwest Section provided financial support for student travel to the Albuquerque Conference, the 1994 Raptor Research Foundation meetings, and a symposium on marten scheduled for 1995 in Alberta. We are planning to sponsor a symposium on species designated as "category 2 candidates" at the 2nd Annual Wildlife Conference in Portland in 1995. The 1995 annual meeting of the Northwest Section will be held in Portland in conjunction with the Wildlife Society conference.

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The year of 1994 was both a productive and trying year for the Alberta Chapter, The Wildlife Society. Amidst deep government cutbacks to regulatory personnel and significant growth in the resource extraction industries, Chapter members became increasingly concerned about sustainability of natural resources in our province. To this end, the Chapter has offered to fill a critical role by advising government and industry about the effects that land-use practices have on wildlife populations, wildlands, and integrity of ecological systems.

The Chapter's annual meeting was held on the campus of the University of Calgary in March, and was attended by 78 regular members and 38 students. Major themes of the conference were forest ecosystem management and wetland ecology, disciplines to which many thoughtful presentations were directed. The meeting offered Chapter members an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and concerns, and many students met professional colleagues and learned of possible employment opportunities. An evening debate on forest ecosystem management was accompanied by a silent auction that netted over \$1000 for our Student Scholarship Fund.

The William Rowan Distinguished Service Award was presented to Ed Telfer of the Canadian Wildlife Service in recognition of his significant contributions to wildlife management in Alberta and Canada. Mr. Telfer's productive research career has focused on relationships of wildlife, most notably moose, to forest structure and forestry practices.

Margo Pybus received a Dedication Award for the extraordinary time and effort she has committed to the Alberta Chapter in general and to The Alberta Wildlifer Newsletter as its editor during the last several years. The quality and reliability of this newsletter has been outstanding.

Lisa Crampton, a M.Sc. candidate at the University of Calgary, won the award for the best student presentation at the 1994 annual meeting. Lisa's talk focused on the habitat value of young, mature, and old stands to bats in Alberta's boreal mixedwood forests.

During the summer, the Awards Committee identified our first recipient of the Student Scholarship. Phil McLoughlin, a 4th year undergraduate at the University of Alberta, received \$500 to assist with his scholastic activities.

The Chapter continues to experience favorable growth and now has 160 members. The Executive and Directors meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues of importance to the Chapter.

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Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of TWS was held in Post Falls March 3-5, 1994. The meeting theme was "Implementing Ecosystem Management" and was coordinated with the annual meeting of the Inland Empire Chapter of the Society of American Foresters. Major speakers included Fritz Knopf and Jack Ward Thomas, newly appointed Chief of the USFS. Special sessions and workshops included "Partners in Flight", a session on neotropical migrant bird conservation; Rare Animal Workshop in cooperation with the USFS, BLM, USFWS and Idaho Fish and Game Dept.; a workshop on North Idaho amphibians, reptiles and bats; a session on Idaho Wilderness Legislation; and a panel discussion of "Forest Health in Southern Idaho".

Involvement in Natural Resources Issues:

1) In 1993 the Idaho Chapter testified at hearings on the proposed Idaho Training Range issue and in 1994 collaborated with the NW Section of TWS and the National Office of TWS in questioning the adequacy of the EIS on this proposed project to expand an Air Force bombing range onto the Birds of Prey Natural Area. At this writing the Air Force is considering other options than its intended SW Idaho location.

2) The Idaho Chapter collaborated with the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in supporting a Conservation Strategy for Bull Trout which focuses on ecosystem level approaches.

3) Idaho Chapter members attended interagency meetings that addressed the issue of long term strategies for conservation of the Rocky Mountain population of trumpeter swans.

4) The Chapter president sent letters supporting the National Biological Survey to members of the Idaho congressional delegation.

5) Chapter members have been attending meetings and monitoring forest health issues in Idaho as these issues might impact wildlife resources.

Financial support was provided to:

1) the Parent Society to assist students in attending TWS annual meeting in Albuquerque,

2) the Idaho 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Team who placed 6 out of 30 teams in national competition, and

3) the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp.

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The Washington Chapter initiated some new programs in 1994 to serve the professional wildlife biologists and managers of the state. Those programs included: independent workshops (additional to annual meeting sessions); mentor program; and a peer review process. The workshops and annual meeting brought in substantial financial support for the annual Richard E. Fitzner Memorial Scholarship and our operating funds.

While our Chapter is now financially stronger than ever, we have also contributed to a number of organizations and causes. This year we provided funding to the Fitzner Scholarship fund, the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp and the Lynx Fund. The Inland Empire Youth Camp is also supported by other professional societies to provide seven-day camps for youth to study natural resources issues. This support also includes a membership on the board of directors. The Lynx Fund will eventually provide support for education and scientific projects related to Lynx conservation. Our Chapter will be donating funds to the Society of Northwest Vertebrate Biology in 1995 to help cover the cost of producing two monographs: *Reptiles of the State of Washington* (Murry Johnson, 1954) and *Mammals of the Olympic National Park* (Victor Scheffer, 1949).

This year we held three continuing education workshops on bird banding, neotropical migratory bird survey techniques, and small mammals. Each of the workshops were attended by 50-70 participants who benefited from quality presentations that covered a variety of species, concerns and techniques. The small mammal workshop was the most comprehensive with topics covering classification, biology, study design, trapping, marking, permits and safety. We appreciate the time and effort that all instructors of these workshops put into their programs. They helped produced quality professional education opportunities for many wildlife professionals. Our next scheduled class in May of 1995 will focus on shrub-steppe ecology at the Fitzner/Eberhardt Arid Lands Ecology Reserve. This will be a good opportunity to visit the ecological reserve that was named in 1994 for one of our past Chapter presidents.

Our conservation efforts have included review and comments on a variety of documents and issues regarding: 1) watershed management in the Walla Walla River Basin; 2) east-side forest resources management; 3) Columbia River Basin wildlife mitigation; and 4) state and federal threatened and endangered species conservation.

Our Chapter members continue to help develop the national technical meeting to be held in September 1995. Our Chapter members also are preparing an invited speaker session for that meeting regarding the benefits, requirements and applicability of Habitat Conservation Planning.

The Chapter presented awards to two distinguished wildlife professionals in 1994. The 1994 Special Achievement award was given to Joseph Buesing in recognition of his BLM wildlife programs. The Leadership in Wildlife Conservation Award was given to Curt Smitch, former Washington Department of Wildlife Director who is now Assistant Regional Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service responsible for Habitat Conservation Planning in the Pacific Northwest.

Two-year terms will be ending in the spring of 1995 for Becky Herbig (Secretary) and Dana Base (treasurer), Gary Witmer (Board member), and Greg Schroer (President). Becky, Dana and Gary have successfully implemented numerous projects in addition to their on-going responsibilities as board members. Dana graciously contributed four years as a board member, first starting as the Secretary/Treasurer and then as Treasurer. Becky has helped develop our newsletter into a quality professional document, among many other tasks. Gary has been a very valuable leader by taking the initiative to help get programs moving and also taking on the critical role of co-chair for the 1995 national meeting. We thank all of these individuals for contributions to their professional society.

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We here at the University of Montana student chapter have witnessed yet another year pass quickly by. Our members and officers have accomplished much. In March of last year our student chapter sent a delegation of 17 students to the Western Students Wildlife Conclave, which was hosted by Texas Tech University, in Lubbock Texas. We were fortunate enough to take home the first prize trophy in the annual quiz bowl competition. All that attended were able to meet plenty of great folks while taking home a wealth of wildlife knowledge.

The Wildlife Society members then were able to participate in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Bison Range annual big game count. Students helped inventory all the big game on the Bison Range holdings.

In late April ten students traveled sixty miles to our state owned cattle ranch, The Ed Bandy Ranch. Here we had the opportunity to do a duck pair count on all of the ranch's many pothole lakes. It was a great chance to freshen up on our duck keying abilities as well as building friendships within the profession.

Just after our duck count we held elections for new officers. Our officers first duty is to organize our annual "Beast Feast". We invited all of our faculty as well as chapter members. Exciting games of basketball and softball were played, while we BBQ'ed everyone's leftover wild game meat. This was a great time for students and professors to spend time together in a casual environment.

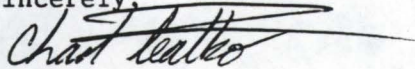
Soon after school resumed in September we co-hosted the annual "Fall Smoker" with the Forestry Student's Association. More than 30 new wildlife students attended the weekend where they were introduced to The Wildlife Society and The Forestry Student's Association. The event is held at our university owned Lubrecht Experimental Forest.

The society worked on many fund raisers including, concessions at the Western Schools Woodsman's Team Conclave, as well as a raffle of prints donated by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Our members have made nearly two dozen E.O.P. presentations to area elementary schools. We have also been fortunate enough to do some volunteer work for the BLM, RMEF, and U.S. FWS. This has allowed our members to obtain invaluable experience in the field. Our chapter held approximately twenty meetings with professional speakers presenting cutting edge wildlife issues.

We here at the University of Montana are looking forward to another busy and successful year for the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Sincerely,



Chad Fealko, Pres.

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

Submitted by: Marcy White Title: President

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The University of Washington Student Chapter started the 1994 year by receiving our charter at the annual Washington State conference. Following this good start, we participated in conservation and volunteer activities such as stream rehabilitation projects, serving checkpoint stations and constructing and placing bird and bat boxes. Also, in order to supplement our wildlife education, we brought in speakers, radio tracked Roosevelt Elk and initiated a mentor program with the graduate students of our college. It was a busy year, yet we didn't forget to socialize and host a few parties!

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January

Educational fund-raiser in cooperation with Kellogg, Idaho: Silver Mountain Ski Resort.
Guest lecturer concerning the introduction possibilities of *Canis lupis*.

February

Guest lecturer concerning the consequences of merging the Department of Wildlife and Department of Fisheries in Washington State.

March

Guest lecturer concerning job opportunities within the United States Forest Service.
In addition, the role of the women in the work place was emphasized.

April

Fundraising activity in cooperation with the National Park Service, Kamiak Butte.
Voluntary riparian restoration project with a concerned, local farmer.
Project Wild presentations with elementary students concerning renewable resources.

September

Land Grant Days; deals with recruitment of future members.
Wildlife Society CO-ED softball team.
College football game fund-raisers.
Guest lecturer concerning the Raptor Rehab Club.
Field trip to Hanford's wildlife area.
Various activities in cooperation with the Raptor Rehab Club: feeding, cleaning, & flying.

October

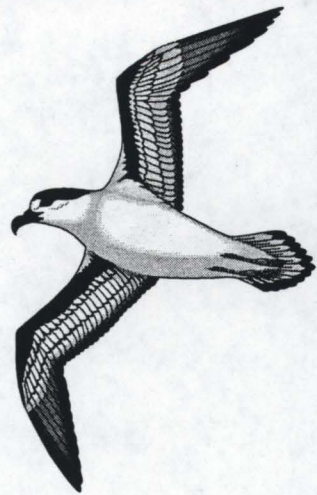
College football game fund-raisers.
Deer hunter check stations located in Omak, Washington.
Guest lecturer concerning grizzly and black bear ecology. In addition, a tour of WSU's bear facilities preceded the talk.
Educational program for elementary students concerning predator-prey relationships.
Voluntary work with the WSU's Conner Museum that included specimen preparation.

November

College football game fund-raisers.
Educational program for elementary students concerning questions of interest.
Club CO-ED softball team.
Club basketball tournament with the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.
Deer hunter check stations located in Deer Park and Chattaroy, Washington.
Guest lecturer concerning the Siberian Tiger and Russia's numerous ecosystems.

December

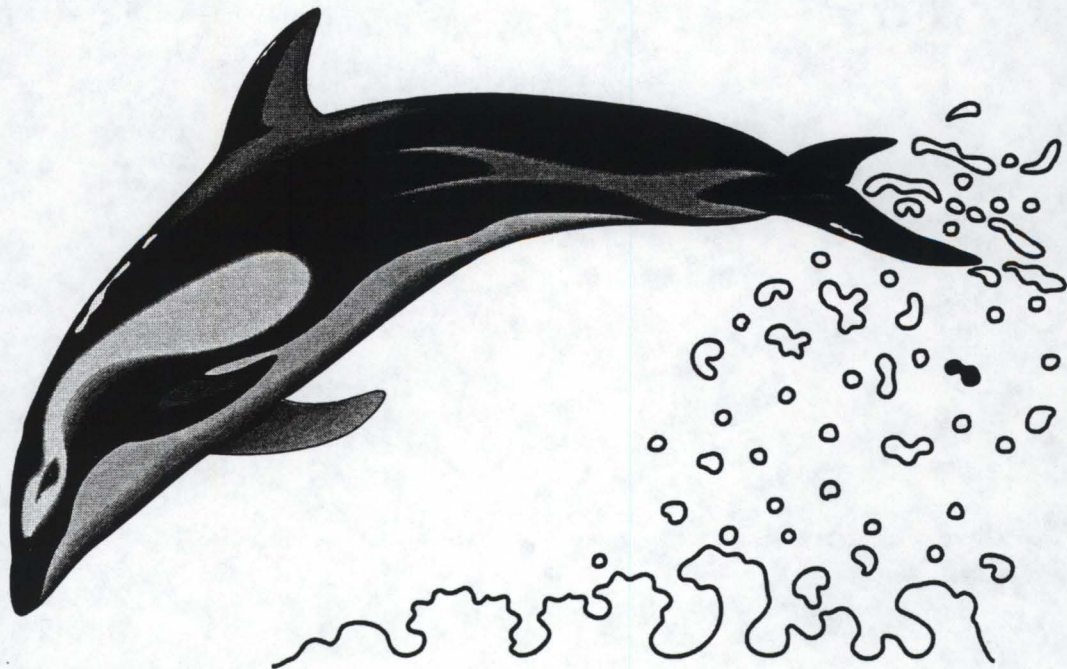
Guest lecturer concerning East Africa's beauty and biodiversity.



WESTERN SECTION

Hawaii Chapter

University of California-Davis Student Chapter



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- Co-sponsored the Western Section of the Wildlife Society's Annual Conference on Maui in Jan. 1994.
- Hosted a social and membership drive at the Honolulu Zoo in July.
- Hosted a "Professional Exchange" in November 1994 to provide wildlife professionals the opportunity to mingle with other agency personnel.
- Sponsored an award at the Hawaii State Science Fair.
- Produced and distributed three newsletters to Chapter members.
- Recruited 25 new members for the Chapter.
- Hosted a "Career Night" at the University of Hawaii for college students.
- Sold tee-shirts as a money raising activity for the chapter.
- Implemented an open Board meeting policy to facilitate participation at Board meetings. Held 10 Board meetings during 1994.
- Chapter Representative Brenda Becker attended three meetings with the Western Section of TWS.

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Hosted speakers at each bimonthly meeting, with subject matter regarding wildlife management, career opportunities, and ongoing research in wildlife biology.

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.

Arranged field trips for members, including day hikes and a river rafting trip.

Sold "National Wildlife Refuge" calendars to raise funds for the chapter and others about the Wildlife Society.

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.

Offered a donation to the Quail Ridge Foundation and toured the conservancy centered around Lake Berryessa in Napa County.

Participated in University of California Davis events including The Whole Earth Festival and Picnic Day.

Attended the first annual national meeting of the Wildlife Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Have begun planning and organization for Davis Chapter Symposium, concentrating on research in conservation and wildlife biology. Will include speakers from the UC Davis Wildlife and Fisheries Biology Department as well as members of the scientific community in Sacramento and surrounding areas.

Development of a student chapter newsletter, highlighting local research, volunteer opportunities, and ongoing events in the Davis/Sacramento/Northern California region.

Doubled membership from the previous year.

Introduced Riparian Improvement Organization (RIO) projects.