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New England Chapter

Pennsylvania Chapter

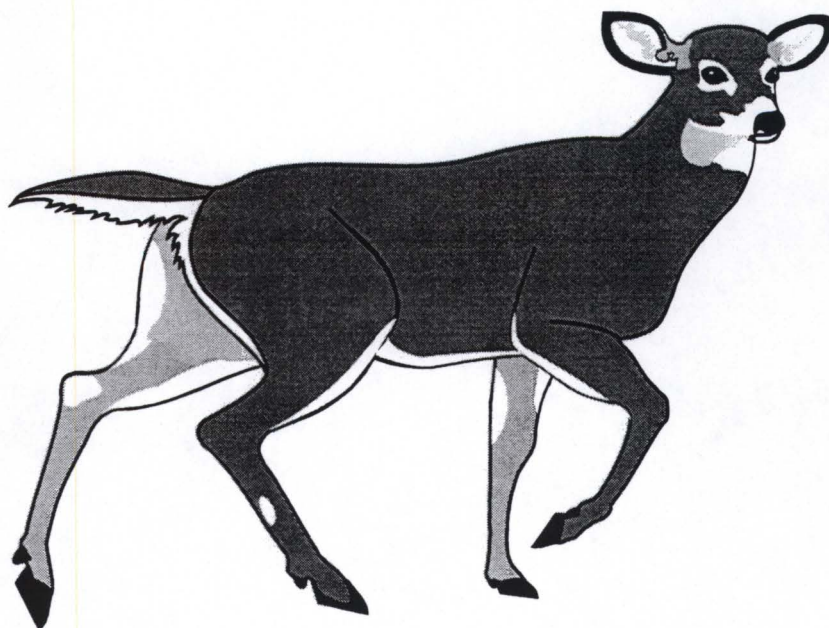
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NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The New England Chapter of the Wildlife Society Held its Annual business meeting on April 28 in Petersham, Massachusetts. In addition to standard business (officer and committee reports) the morning session included an update and discussion on the status of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). The afternoon program, titled "The View In the Mirror: Examining Resource Professionals Attitudes and Values and Our Role in Managing Public Resources", was a presentation of research recently conducted by Dr. Robert Muth, Dr. John Organ, and Dr. Martha Mather. This was one of the most engaging and discussed programs in recent years.

Our chapter has recently initiated fall workshops. The 1999 workshop featured a diverse program including: the role of trapping in wildlife management (including hands on demonstration of various, improved trap technologies), a presentation on status and conservation of odonates, a presentation on status and conservation of lepidoptera, and a presentation on environmental considerations in food choices.

A mailing was sent to all members urging them to individually contact their respective senators and representatives urging their support of CARA. To further encourage members to write a complete list of names and addresses of representatives and senators in the five-state chapter region was included. In addition a letter from the Chapter was mailed to each senator and representative urging their support of CARA.

Submitted by:

Paul Rego

Title: President

PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The highlight of the PA Chapter of The Wildlife Society's (PATWS) 1999 activities was the professional development workshop and annual meeting held March 26-28, 1999 in Williamsport, PA. The professional development workshop, "Using the 1996 Farm Bill to Enhance Wildlife Habitat," was well attended and received. The workshop was followed by our annual meeting, which consisted of, a business meeting, 6 invited presentations regarding the Governor's 21st Century Environment Commission Report, 11 technical papers, 4 poster presentations, a banquet and speaker, and 2 field tours. The bird and mammal technical committees of the PA Biological Survey held meetings in conjunction with our meeting.

The chapter has also been active in the political arena. At the federal level, we have provided written comments or positions to Congress on CARA, and CRP and WRP acreage and funding caps. We also provided written comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding a draft EIS submitted by Independence Pipeline proposing major pipeline and market expansion projects in PA.

At the state level, we provided written and/or oral testimony to the PA Game Commission (PGC) opposing proposed control of raptors, the PA legislature supporting the PA Fish & Boat Commission's authority to list threatened or endangered species, and to members of the PA House Energy & Resources and PA Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committees supporting the PA Growing Greener Initiative. Since, the proposed raptor control program has been defeated, the PA Fish & Boat Commission has retained its authority to list sensitive species, and the Growing Greener Initiative has passed and is in the beginning stages of providing 650 million dollars over 5 years for natural resource programs in PA.

PATWS continues to work closely with organizations with missions compatible with ours. We have been an active participant in the PA Habitat Alliance, a group committed to conservation of habitat through effective communication and cooperation among conservation organizations. The Alliance met on 3 occasions over the past year and continues to meet quarterly with the PGC's executive director. The Alliance also participates in workshops with the state's Dept. of Conservation of Natural Resources, PA Fish & Boat Commission, PGC, and the Governor's Sportsmen Advisory Council to help promote natural diversity. Three such workshops were held last year. PATWS has also been an active participant in the PA Deer Management Working Group, a group formed to help resolve PA's controversial deer management issues. Additionally, PATWS helped promote and participated in PA's first "Bioblitz." The event, spearheaded by the PGC, was aimed at providing a snapshot in time of PA's biodiversity by conducting an intensive biological inventory on a state game land in central PA.

PATWS has also contributed financially to several worthy causes. We awarded our second Frank Felbaum Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a student pursuing a natural resource curriculum and we have initiated steps to award another scholarship in the spring of 2000. We also contributed \$500 to the Shippensburg Vertebrate Museum in honor of Dr. Gordon Kirkland to help retain and maintain the valuable PA collections held there. Additionally, the chapter contributed \$100 to the TWS Conservation and Reinvestment Act public outreach campaign.

Over the past year we have taken steps to increase our visibility. Thus far, members have conducted 1 radio interview, which aired in January, 1999, and 1 magazine interview which is slated for press in Keystone Conservation's May-June issue.

Administratively, we have held 2 board meetings and published 3 newsletters. The annual meeting committee began planning a joint workshop and meeting to be held in conjunction with the Society of American Foresters for April 7, 8, & 9, 2000. The workshop will be, "Silvicultural Techniques for Wildlife," and the theme of the annual meeting will supplement the workshop by focusing on forest-wildlife interactions and issues.

We have been diligently working to implement our WIN project, unfortunately, until just recently, the PA Governor had failed to sign the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) agreement with USDA. This put the entire CREP program, along with our WIN project, on hold. To date, several planning meetings have been held, and the curriculum and most of the logistical considerations have been ironed out. Since the Governor has now signed the agreement, we will be prepared to provide training to a multi-agency staff to help effectively implement CREP programs that enhance wildlife habitat in PA.

Submitted by:

Shayne Hoachlander

Title: President

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

January - October 1999 - Several members of our chapter continued last year's partnership with Colonial Elementary School in the Brownsville Area School District. We traveled to the school and gave lectures to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students on various aspects of wildlife. Activities included planting trees, aging and sexing birds and mammals, and learning flower parts.

March 1999 - Our chapter held its 2nd annual wild game dinner at Nixon Gun Club in Brownsville, PA. An assortment of dishes, cooked by our members, were served to community members, family, and friends. Guest speaker, Doty McDowell (WCO from the PA Game Commission), gave a lecture on elk management in Pennsylvania.

April 1999 - Our chapter participated in an annual clean-up of West Pike Run, a stream located near our university. A few years ago, we adopted a portion of this stream. A local boy scout troop helped us clean the stream this year to complete their merit badge requirement.

May 1999 - Our chapter set up an informational booth at a National Pike Days Festival. We also sold pepper and tomato plants as a fund raiser.

October 1999 - Our chapter had the privilege of hosting the 1999 Northeastern Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society Conclave. Attending schools included the University of New Hampshire and Frostburg University. Although attendance was low, those who attended were treated to a fun-filled weekend. Field trips to local battlefields and Laurel Caverns, guest speakers, and a mock competition were some of the highlights.

Kellie Hough

President

Submitted by:

Title:

FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Since we began this Chapter earlier this year we have had a total of six meetings. Our membership now stands at 37 students.

Throughout the year we have been involved in a variety of educational programs involving other students and the community. We set up a booth at the D.E.C. Hunting and Fishing days in October and displayed animal skulls and furs. We provided a tangible opportunity for people to learn how to identify certain animals.

We also invited two guest speakers to talk to fellow students. Eric Cosmen, a wildlife biologist, came and presented a slide show on his trip to the Galapagos Islands. Paul Hess, from the D.E.C., gave us a presentation on Arctic Nesting Geese.

We planned a field trip to the Rochester Museum of Science to see a presentation on bats. The trip went well. We also formed a team to compete in bird identification at the annual muckrace at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge.

Finally, we had plenty of fund raisers to keep the activities going. We had two bake sales, and two tee shirt sales. We also sponsored a turkey calling seminar from which we donated the money to West Hill Nature Center.

We feel this year has been a great success and we are looking forward to many activities and presentations in 2000.

Submitted by: Matthew Pelloni

Title: President

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Web address: <http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/CASDEPT/FOREST/tws/index.html>

- January 1999** First meeting of semester, introduced officers and reports on each project
- February 1999** Held working days for Bluebird project. Erected, maintained and replaced bluebird boxes at nearby Stone Valley Experimental Forest. This is the beginning of several segments of a bluebird trail.
- March 1999** Guest Speaker: Wildlife Conservation Officer Mike Ondik: History of Wildlife Law Enforcement in Pennsylvania
- Printed and distributed the first edition of the Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society's newsletter: "WILD TIMES". A bi-monthly newsletter featuring project reports, species profiles, political actions, letter to the editor, drawings, articles written by students and chapter activity calendar.
- April 1999** Conducted project working days for the Wood duck project. Erected, maintained and replaced wood duck boxes at nearby Mothersbaugh Swamp, a 40-acre beaver impoundment with excellent wood duck habitat. Collected data from nests for determining box use, hatching success rate and depredation rates. This project was featured on the front page of the local newspaper's outdoor section.
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Gary Alt - Pennsylvania's Black Bears
- Held elections for next year's officers
- Held a fundraising raffle. Ruffled off prints from Ducks Unlimited, a mountain bike, gift certificates, fishing rod/tackle combo, camping equipment and other small items.
- May 1999** Began Environmental Education Project. Went into local elementary schools to teach about wildlife and habitat. Led several environmental field trips to local marshes.
- September 1999** Continued with Environmental Education project and Bluebird Trail project
- Attended TWS National Conference in Austin, TX
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Gary Alt - Pennsylvania Deer Management
- October 1999** Took weekend camping trip to view Pennsylvania's wild elk herd.
- Weekend trip to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in eastern Pennsylvania to view migrating raptors.
- November 1999** Guest Speaker: Mr. Bret Wallingford: Aging deer - Techniques
- Assisted in running deer check station with the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- Assisted in running bear check station with the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- December 1999** Held first annual wild game dinner.
- Assisted in aging harvested deer with the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Spring 1999

1. March - Penobscot County Conservation Association (PCCA) Sportsman's Show (operated an educational booth and interacted with community, 3 days).
2. Kayak Raffle and T-shirt sales - Raised \$500.00 for 2 student scholarships.
3. Organized the annual Game Banquet at the PCCA clubhouse for their members, Univ. Maine Faculty, and students.
4. February - Chapter ice fishing trip to Grand Lake Stream, ME.
5. Guest Lecture Seminar Series at bi-weekly meetings (6 speakers total).
6. Organized Friday morning birding group, students take weekly birding trips with different faculty members from the department.
7. Our faculty advisor created an undergraduate mailing list for chapter and department announcements.
8. April - Held elections for academic year '99-'00 officers.
9. April - End of school year social for graduating seniors et al.

Fall 1999

1. September and October - Organized groups of volunteers to aid in USGS woodcock survival study.
2. September - Organized a volunteer group to assist in waterfowl leg banding at Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge.
3. Continued to monitor wood duck boxes at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge.
4. October - A fall social was held at Leonard's Mill for chapter members.
5. November - Organized volunteer groups to examine deer at local tagging stations for Maine Medical Center's Lyme Disease Center. Their center was studying the potential statewide distribution of lyme disease.
6. Guest Lecture Seminar Series at bi-weekly meetings (5 speakers)

Submitted: Daniel G. Nein

Title: President

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

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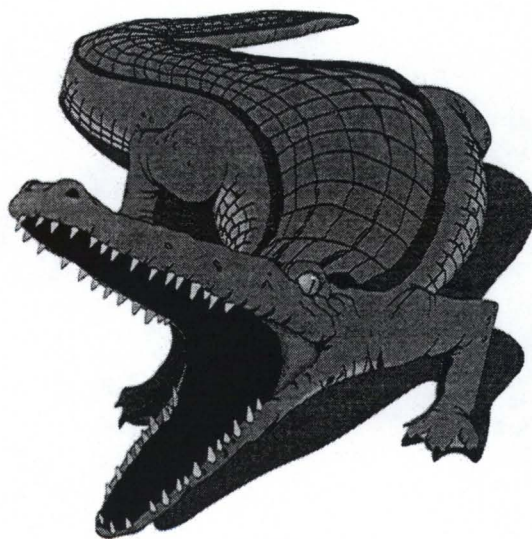
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Eastern Kentucky University Student Chapter

Lincoln Memorial University Student Chapter

North Carolina State University Student Chapter

University of Arkansas - Monticello Student Chapter

University of Florida Student Chapter

University of Tennessee - Martin Student Chapter

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Section held its annual business meeting 9 November 1999 at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina, in conjunction with the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission folks were excellent hosts. We rescheduled the annual business meeting so that the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society and the SE Section of The Wildlife Society could meet in a joint session The Wildlife Society to discuss human dimensions in wildlife. Reports on papers in the technical sessions, committee reports, and publication awards were presented. The Section presented the third, and final, of three yearly installments of \$2,500 to support the TWS Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2000. Finally, we initiated a best student presentation award, which as given for the first time in Greensboro.

The Section completed a re-accreditation review of Mississippi State University's wildlife graduate program. The program met or exceeded all accreditation criteria established by the Section.

The Executive Committee of the SE Section met on 28 June 1999 in Raleigh, North Carolina, to coordinate plans for the upcoming annual SEAFWA Meeting held in North Carolina in the fall, 1999.

On behalf of the SE Section, President Lancia wrote letters to the original sponsors of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) in both the house and Senate urging them to pass the legislation and to assure adequate funding for the bill. The Section contributed \$500 to support TWS' promotion of CARA.

Submitted by: Richard Lancia

Title: Past President

ALABAMA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Two state meetings were held in 1999, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The Spring meeting was held in Clanton, AL and served as a forum for updates on the activities of various agencies involved in wildlife resource management across the state. This meeting served also as the election location for our new slate of officers. Those elected are: President: Jim Armstrong, Auburn University; President-elect: Keith Causey, Auburn University; Secretary-Treasurer: Jeff Makemson, Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries; Past-president: Tom Counts, U.S. Forest Service; At - large Board Members: Kevin McKinstry, Gulf States Paper Company and Marisa Lee-Sasser, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Representative to the Southeastern Section: Marisa Lee-Sasser.

The Fall Meeting was held in Montgomery, AL in conjunction with the Alabama Symposium on the Future of Hunting and Fishing. This meeting was attended by more than 400 Alabamians. ATWS sponsored a social and brief business meeting following the symposium.

Submitted by:

Jim Armstrong

Title: President

FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society expanded the format of its Spring Meeting in 1999. In conjunction with The Natural Areas Association our meeting became a conference with the theme of "Managing for Biodiversity". Partners in Flight held their meeting the first morning and various fields trips were offered in the afternoon. Chapter members from the USDA National Wildlife Research Center arranged the very successful social featuring a crawfish boil. A plenary session with three excellent speakers was followed by the presentation of 36 papers on a wide range of subjects. Seven of those presentations were Student Papers. At our banquet, Corey Morea, a University of Florida student, was awarded a Smokey Bear Beanie Baby (and a check) for his presentation. The panel of 3 judges admitted they had a very difficult time choosing because of the high quality of all the student papers. Our banquet speaker, Dr. Leu Ehrhart, gave a very interesting, informative and humorous talk about sea turtles and the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge. Because of the overwhelmingly positive response to this conference we plan to host another one this spring at Daytona Beach, FL, April 10-12, 2000. Our theme will be "Managing Wildlife in the Face of Urbanization".

Our Fall Meeting was held October 14-15, 1999 in Live Oak, FL. The business meeting was followed by a social and dinner. The next day we were provided the opportunity by Champion International's enthusiastic staff to tour a tract of their land and learn about their direction in land management under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

We are still accepting donations for our T-shirts to fund our student scholarship. The Florida Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Florida Wildlife Federation generously matched our contribution again. The 1999 recipient was Ken Arrison. He received the scholarship based on his financial need, extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, and professional potential.

We continue to maintain our web site located at www.nettally.com. Our newsletter, The Florida Wildlifer, is published twice a year and mailed to all Chapter members. We are discussing the idea of sending the majority of them e-mail to reduce mailing costs. Our membership directory was published and is available to all members at meetings and can be mailed to those who request it.

Letters of support from The Florida Chapter for the Teaming With Wildlife Initiative (CARA) were sent to Florida's Senators and Representatives. In addition, we donated money toward the Parent Society's public outreach campaign. We were also able to donate funds toward the sponsorship of the Atlantic Flyway Council and Technical Section meeting and the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference's Student Social/Mixer.

The Chapter commented on the USFWS proposal to remove the bald eagle from the federal list of threatened wildlife. We continue to have a member representing us on The Florida Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council and now have a member on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Gopher Tortoise Stakeholders' Working Group.

Submitted by: Susan Fitzgerald

Title: President

GEORGIA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Georgia Chapter began the year with a joint meeting between our chapter and the South Carolina Chapter, 3-4 February. There were 17 speakers including 7 student papers. New officers and board members were elected at the business meeting. We discussed the proposed Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) and members were encouraged to voice their support to their Congressional representatives. Also in February, the President of the Georgia Chapter, Sara Schweitzer, mailed letters to Georgia's members of the House and Senate on behalf of the Georgia Chapter encouraging them to support CARA and explaining its benefits.

In April, the Chapter donated \$100 as a sponsor of the 22nd Annual Southern Conservation Tillage Conference for Sustainable Agriculture that was held from 6-8 July. In May, the Chapter donated \$250 to support the Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society held in Austin, Texas during September. Also during May, Schweitzer wrote letters on behalf of the Chapter to Georgia's members of the House of Representatives encouraging them to vote against an amendment in the Agricultural Appropriations bill that would have cut funding to the USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services program.

Our chapter donated \$100 to the CARA public information campaign of The Wildlife Society in August. Our Annual Fall Meeting was held in Athens, Georgia from 14-15 September. The theme was, "Wildlife Management in Georgia: History, Current Issues, and Future Trends." There were 8 speakers and a panel discussion led by emeritus wildlife faculty of the University of Georgia's D. B. Warnell School of Forest Resources.

A web site for our chapter was completed (www.uga.edu/twsga/) by Bob Sargent and is linked to the web site of the parent chapter.

An additional letter to encourage Georgia's Congressmen to support CARA was sent in November on behalf of the Georgia Chapter.

In December, we ended the year by completing initial plans for our chapter's Annual Spring Meeting to be held in Brunswick, 4-5 April, and to focus on the theme, "Working with the Public on Wildlife Conservation Issues."

Submitted by: Sara Schweitzer

Title: President

MARYLAND-DELAWARE CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Maryland-Delaware Chapter was active on several fronts in 1999. Most importantly, the Chapter and many individual members actively pursued the passage of the CARA legislation, popularly called Teaming With Wildlife. Writing to congress, governors and senators, working within our agencies and supporting the national effort financially, Chapter members, especially Edie Thompson, worked tirelessly on this issue.

The Chapter held two general membership meetings. In April and September, with educational sessions as well as business meetings and dinners. At the fall meeting, our student of the year award was presented to Mr. Brian Eyler for his work studying Sika and White-tailed Deer on Maryland's eastern shore. Bob Colona of Maryland DNR and Kieth Weaver of USFWS Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge were given the professional award for their program on the spread of Nutria.

The Chapter presented \$100 each to the Maryland and Delaware Envirothons, and gave \$100 to the national office of The Society to support its Teaming with Wildlife work. Another \$100 was given to the Student Chapter at Frostburg State University for travel to the Student Conclave.

The Chapter submitted comments to the Office of Migratory Bird Management regarding the Environmental Impact Statement on Resident Canada Goose Management. A standing committee on Environmental Legislation reported regularly to the Executive Board and membership regarding current legislative issues of concern to members.

Two members, Past-President Rob Gano and Student Affairs Chair Dixie Bounds, attended the TWS annual meeting in Austin, TX.

Dixie was also very active in the development of a new interactive video network for teaching the wildlife curriculum throughout the University of Maryland System.

President-Elect Phil Norman returned in June from a year of teaching sciences in Budapest, Hungary to resume his active participation on the Executive Board.

We started a new website this year as well, thanks to Lynn Herman of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. You can find us at <http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/mddel/mddel.htm>.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

During 1999, the Mississippi Chapter continued to support scholarship activities with a \$500 donation to Dale Arner Scholarship Fund at Mississippi State University.

President Randy Spencer became the Mississippi representative to assist the Tennessee Chapter with 2000 annual meeting for Nashville.

We began discussions to set up a list server and web site for the chapter.

Committee chairs were appointed for all committees listed within the chapter bylaws.

Financial support was provided to the Aquatic Furbearer Symposium held at Mississippi State University.

Financial support was provided to the Texas Chapter for the annual meeting in Austin.

Discussion on possible workshops for the chapter were held – possibilities included News Media Interviewing Skills, Negotiating Skills.

The chapter set up student travel grants as part of the budget.

MS TWS will assist the MSU student chapter with conclave at MSU, March 2000.

State Chapter Meeting was held in Vicksburg, October 7-8, 1999.

The Executive Board informed the chapter membership of events occurring with CARA.

Submitted by:

Kris Godwin

Title: President

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

In 1999 the Eastern Kentucky University student chapter of The Wildlife Society presented its members with many educational opportunities through special presentations and hands-on activities. Twelve speakers, throughout the year, gave their insight on the wildlife management profession.

Presentations given by the staff of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources include: "Waterfowl in Kentucky" by Rocky Pritchert, "Peregrine Falcon Reintroduction" by Laura Burford, "The Appalachian Cooperative Grouse Research Project", and "Private Lands and Technical Guidance" by Tom Edwards. Vickie Bishop of the United States Forest Service spoke on the aquatics and fisheries program of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission biologist, Brainard Palmer-Ball, presented "Terrestrial Zoology Research." Dr. Ronald Jones of Eastern Kentucky University discussed "Coastal Wetland Plant Communities" for our chapter. Dr. Robert Fredrick, also of Eastern Kentucky University, presented his research on waterfowl in the Klamath River Basin. Joe Treadway and Tiffany McFalls, both student members of the chapter, spoke on the value and importance of summer internships. Colin Jackson of the National Museum of Kenya presented "Wildlife Conservation in Kenya."

Special events included our Thanksgiving wild game dinner, annual banquet, biannual highway litter pick-up, student conclave, and an educational tour. Our Thanksgiving wild game dinner highlighted Dr. John Gasset, Cervid Coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, as a distinguished speaker. During our annual banquet new officers were elected, and East Kentucky Power Company was presented with the Marvin P. Thompson Award for the work in wildlife conservation. Twice in 1999 members pitched in to help clean up our adopted highway. During the Southeastern student conclave our quiz bowl team placed sixth. We were presented a special opportunity to tour Cyprus Amax Wildlife Management Area to learn more about the recently reintroduced elk.

Hands-on wildlife experience came through many channels to members of our chapter. Members participated in the annual Canada goose round up, hunter/deer check stations, and spotlight surveys at the Bluegrass Army Depot. Our major fundraiser, abomasal parasite counts under contract with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, provides students with even more experience.

Submitted by: Tiffany McFalls

Title: Secretary

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

1. Assisted in the management of the Holston Army Ammunition Plant, Kingsport, TN, white-tailed deer population. Students took body measurements and determined kidney fat index, on harvested deer. Students also conducted mast surveys as well as spotlight and pellet group census.
2. Conducted otter and beaver survey on the Powell river.
3. Assisted in the USDA project of the revegetation of Cumberland Gap National Historic Park, KY, TN and VA. Students were involved in collecting seeds of native plants and the planting of propagated plants from seeds collected.
4. Attended the Southeastern Wildlife Student Conclave held at Louisiana State University
5. Raffle off a Knight muzzle loader to raise funds.
6. Attended Tennessee Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting held at Montgomery Bell State Park.
7. Hosted Birding field trip of the Cumberland Gap NHP. We were joined by members of the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society. The trip covered the Tri-state area with stops in KY, TN and VA.
8. Took birding field trip to Cove Lake State Park.
9. Held several game cookouts for faculty and chapter members.
10. Organized Tri-State Outdoor & Recreational expo, to be held March 2000.

Elected officers for 1999-2000

President: Seth Gallagher

Vice-President: Daniel Collet

Secretary: Dustin Allen

Treasurer: Christine Yannett

Submitted by: Seth Gallagher

Title: President

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Our activities for the past fiscal year have included:

Project WILD certification (February 1999)

Southeastern Wildlife Conclave (March 1999)

Participated in Recreate State (April 1999)

Timber Drive Elementary School Nature Trail (September 1999)

Recreate State (October 1999)

US Fisheries and Wildlife Service at NC State Fair (October 1999)

Quail Unlimited Booth at NC State Fair (October 1999)

Helping Hands for Hurricane Floyd victims at State Fair (October 1999)

Southeastern Assoc. of Fisheries and Wildlife Assoc. (November 1999)

Agri-Life Council Food Drive-Club donated 50 lbs. (November 1999)

NC Wildlife Federation Youth Hunt (December 1999)

Submitted by: Roger Dickens

Title:

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Membership for the year: about 70

Socials:

Annual Meeting and Game Feast
Spring "Welcome Back" Ice Cream Social
Chili Cook-off

Trips:

Southeastern Spring Conclave in Louisiana
Ø 10 members attended
Oklahoma State Chapter meeting
Ø 1 member as representative
6th Annual Conference in Austin, TX
Ø 2 members as representatives
Spring Fieldtrip to tour Keystone Dam, US Corps of Engineers
Ø 7 members attended
Fall Fieldtrip to The Nature Conservancy's Tallgrass Prairie Preserve
Ø 10 members attended

Sponsored Events:

General Meetings- 6 speakers from various agencies and organizations
OKAEE: Oklahoma Association of Environmental Educators
Tom Ulrich: Wildlife Photographer
"I Wonder" Fair - Environmental education day for over 500 5th graders on campus
Homecoming Walk-Around
Information Table at the Arts & Sciences Freshman Orientation
Held a Fishing Clinic at Lake Carl Blackwell
Into The Streets- Community service day
Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickups- 4 total
Nature Day- cooperation with Stillwater Audubon Society for elementary education
event
"Skins & Skulls" -Educational outings to local elementary school classrooms
Assisted in construction and maintenance of new Nature Center in Pawnee
Numerous Information Tables on campus
Set up display for CARA/Resources 2000 Legislation and promoted letter writing to Congress

Submitted by: Laura Kennedy

Title: President

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Our activities for 1999 were:

Meetings

S.E. Deer Study Group Meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas

International Association of Landscape Ecology in Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado

TWS Annual Conference in Austin, Texas

Wildlife Habitat Workshop in Fayetteville, Arkansas

Bi-monthly chapter meetings

Services

Highway cleanup

Cookout

Career Day

High School Seniors' Day

Other

Watched a video on waterfowl

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The University of Florida Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society participated in many activities over the past year. Last spring a number of members attended the Southeastern Wildlife Society Conclave in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Our Chapter was proud to place second in the quiz bowl competition. We also held our big fundraiser for the year, the 16th Annual Wild Game Dinner, a.k.a. The Beast Feast. With the purchase of a ticket, diners were able to sample a variety of donated game meat including alligator, water buffalo, bear, shark, possum, and raccoon. In March, 15 members went through the Project Wild certification, sponsored by the Florida fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Project Wild is an environmental education program to enhance the education of the youth of Florida about the conservation, wildlife, and responsible human activities. It was a great time!

The UF Student Chapter participated in other activities such as Adopt-a-Mile roadside clean-ups. Four times a year, the Chapter cleans a designated three-mile long section of road in Gainesville. Likewise, the adoption of our sea turtle Snapper through the Caribbean Conservation Corporation was also extended. This past fall members attended the SE Conference of TWS in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Through the University of Florida, the Student Chapter participated in events to draw the interests of other Florida students. These events include the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Barbecue, club picnic, and Student Organization Fair. In addition, we have had numerous speakers come to talk to our organization on subjects ranging from bats to bears. It was a very successful year and we hope this coming year is just as prosperous!

Submitted by: Kenneth Arrison/Kelly Martinson

Title: President/Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-MARTIN STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The University of Tennessee at Martin Student Chapter has been busy this past year:

- Annual Fall Picnic
- Annual Spring Banquet
- 5 TVA workdays–included work on goose platforms, wood duck and bluebird boxes, food plots, and moist soil unit management
- Junior Wildlife Society – We've gone seining and electroshocking, studied fish, planted a pecan orchard and food plots, and seen several speakers
- The SEAFWA Annual Conference (we sent about 30 students)
- Hunter's Education Course (we taught that in the fall)
- worked check stations (deer and raccoon)
- participated in a abomasum study for Ft. Campbell
- built raptor traps
- The student Conclave (sent about 8 students)
- had booths at Martin's Soybean Festival
- TWS State Meeting (about 10 students)
- hosted a Fishing Day at Garrett Lake, Dresden, TN
- had booths at UTM's senior day
- Alumni program
- Mentor program
- web page
- several speakers (Larry Markun., Van Colbank)
- TAMP workshop (Alan Peterson)
- hosted all-campus debate (Animal Rights vs. hunting, Carl Wirwa)
- Annual Squirrel Hunt
- Annual Game Dinner
- TWS National Conference
- 2 newsletters ("Hawk Tales")

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

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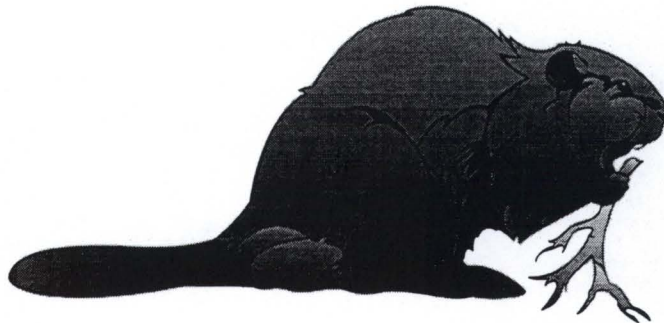
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NORTH CENTRAL SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The North Central Section had an unusually busy year in 1999. The Executive Board undertook a major review and revision of the Section's Operations Manual. The revised Manual is expected to be released early in 2000. A review and revision of the Section's bylaws will follow the Manual update. The Section agreed to establish a Student Chapter of the Year award and to provide an annual travel stipend to the winning Chapter to encourage student attendance at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and the annual TWS meeting. The Section bestowed its 1999 Professional Award of Merit upon Mr. Charles Nixon, retired from the Illinois Natural History Survey. The Section is attempting to liquidate most copies of previous symposia proceedings by providing them free of charge to libraries, Student Chapters and Coop. Units. The North Central Section has established a Continuing Education Fund for the purpose of subsidizing symposia, workshops and other continuing education activities within the Section. The Fund stands at a little over \$20,000 and the goal is to operate off the Fund's annual interest.

Discussions are being held regarding a symposium topic for the 2001 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Ideas and volunteers are welcome.

Officers for 1999 were:

Jeff Ver Steeg, Illinois - President
DeeCee Darrow, Missouri - President-Elect
Robert Rolley, Wisconsin - Secretary
Dave Swanson, Ohio - Treasurer
Norb Giessman, Missouri - Past-President

Officers for 2000 are:

DeeCee Darrow, Missouri - President
Steve Havera, Illinois - President Elect
Stan Gehrt, Illinois - Secretary
Scott Winterstein, Michigan - Treasurer
Jeff Ver Steeg, Illinois - Past-President

Submitted by: Jeffrey M. Ver Steeg

Title: Past-President

ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Our 35th Annual Meeting was held 4-5 March at Allerton Park, near Monticello, Illinois. In addition to paper presentations, we had special sessions on both overabundant wildlife and ecotoxicology. Al Woolf gave a presentation on the history of wildlife conservation in the state, and Scott Robinson followed with a look at future directions. The Professional Award of Merit was presented to Bill Anderson, who spent most of his career with the Illinois Natural History Survey.

Thanks to the organizational efforts of Bob Bluett, the chapter was very active throughout the year helping to sponsor and host three professional development workshops. The first was the Integrated Wetlands Management workshop held in February at Richardson Wildlife Foundation. In September, a Forest Management workshop was held at Dixon Springs. The final workshop on Media Relations was held in December at the Midwest meeting in Chicago. All three events, partially supported by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, were very well attended. The chapter was also active in a variety of conservation initiatives, including financial support for mailings on Teaming With Wildlife, continued support for the Illinois Conservation Congress, and the Illinois Environmental Council. Through the efforts of Tom Nelson, the chapter also established a website: (www.eiu.edu/~biology/ICTWS).

The year ended with our 36th Annual Meeting in December, so that it could be held in conjunction with the 61st Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Chicago. Jack Ellis was presented the Professional Award of Merit for his contributions to the Natural History Survey and Illinois Department of Conservation. Under the direction of past-president John Thompson, plans are underway for the chapter to host the 3rd Illinois Renewable Natural Resources Conference in Springfield. Every three years this meeting brings together not only wildlife biologists throughout the state, but also fisheries biologists, foresters, soil conservationists, and environmental educators.

Submitted by: George Feldhamer

Title: President

INDIANA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Indiana Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ICTWS) held it's annual meeting March 2 and 3 at the Seasons Lodge in Nashville, IN. The meeting highlights were a plenary sessions entitled "Planning....Where will it take us? And a diverse and provocative technical session. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Dean Zimmerman was the recipient of the Hoosier Wildlife Award for his efforts with the Chapters continuing education workshops.

A Fall Meeting was held November 2 and 3, 1999 at Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area. Besides a business meeting members received updates and tours of the ongoing work of the North American Waterfowl Plan: Grand Kankakee Project, and the proposed Kankakee National Wildlife Refuge. About 36 members were in attendance. Also a winter business meeting was held December 17, 1999 at Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area with 12 members attending. New officers for 2000 took over at this time.

As part of continuing efforts to promote Professional Management of Wildlife Resources the chapter again co-sponsored a Legislative Reception with the ICHFS. Thirty-three (33) legislators attended along with 38 ICTWS members.

The Chapter provided financial support (\$2000) for the Purdue University Student chapter to help defray their costs in hosting the 1999 Student Conclave. Chapter members voted to donate \$500 annually to the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program. Two Warm Season Grass Workshops were supported with a \$496.88 donation. The Chapter voted to set up an annual scholarship fund (\$500) from our endowment fund.

The Chapter now has a web site up and running. We can be reached at nfe.com/itws.

Chapter representatives continued to work on the upcoming TWW/CARA legislation and the shooting preserve issue.

Submitted by: Mark Pochon

Title: President

IOWA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Iowa Chapter hosted a two day June meeting in Lamoni, Iowa with a focus on Grassland Management. A diverse group of presenters representing the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Chariton Valley RC&D, Iowa State University Cooperative Wildlife Unit, and the Missouri Department of Conservation highlighted grassland management activities within their respective agencies and organizations. A business meeting followed presentations given the first day.

A tour during the second day included the Kellerton Grasslands and the Ringgold Wildlife Management Areas in Iowa; the Dunn Ranch, Pawnee Prairie and the Seat Conservation Areas in Missouri. Presentations at tour stops included present and future grassland and wildlife management discussions, benefits of rotational grazing for economics and wildlife and an opportunity to visit Missouri's cultivated seed production plots of prairie forbs.

During the fall a Public Statement on Doves was sent to all Representatives and Senators in the Iowa Legislature. The Chapter's position is to support the Natural Resource Commission's authority to set a dove season.

Other activities included donations to the IAFWA in support of Teaming With Wildlife funding efforts, to the Iowa Ornithologists Union for their Wildlife Trunks program and to the National for the pilot program to reduce first year dues for new professionals.

Submitted by: Don Sievers

Title: President

MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Minnesota Chapter held its 1999 annual meeting and celebrated its 50th anniversary on 3-5 February at Camp Ripley, a National Guard Post near Little Falls. Our program theme was "partnering", and, in addition to presentations addressing the benefits and costs of partnerships, we offered a U.S. Fish and wildlife Service-sponsored training session titled Effective Partnerships: A Workshop to Enhance Your Skills in the Art of Partnership building.

Our Chapter has committed to donating half of the proceeds from the fundraiser associated with our annual meeting to a habitat project recommended by the Board. This year, we gave \$862 to a land acquisition effort in Stearns County.

We also provided a second year of funding for a natural resources continuing education effort in Grand Rapids and helped fund a MN TWS representative to the Midwest in Chicago.

In honor of our past president, Bob Fedeler, who died of cancer this year, we named the two student scholarships established last year the Bob Fedeler Memorial student Scholarships.

To heighten our *esprit de corps*, member Ross Hier designed and the Chapter funded production of Chapter T-shirts. These feature a marsh wren on a blue flag iris on the front and a marsh wren perched on one of the letters of the Chapter name on the back. (There are still a few available at \$14.)

Because of the importance our Chapter places on student involvement, we decided to add student coordination activities to the duties of the Membership Committee.

Our summer meeting was held at Kilen Woods State Park near Heron Lake in the southwestern part of the state. The well-attended meeting focused on the award-winning Heron lake restoration project and a discussion of agroecology.

To better advertise our Chapter, we decided to update and reprint a brochure describing the Chapter's activities and to begin work on a traveling display that can be set up at meetings and workshops.

Our Chapter places importance on providing professional opinions and guidance on issues affecting wildlife in the state. This year, we sent letters in support of a hunting and fishing license fee increase that would benefit wildlife management in the state, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999, establishment of the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area, the reauthorization of the Forest Resources Council, extended rotation forest management, retention of consolidated conservation lands as wildlife management areas, funding for WHIP, Minnesota DNR partnering with MN TWS, decisions of the Wolf Roundtable, an EIS for gravel mining that would destroy native prairie, and the use of critical habitat designation in endangered species recovery. We also made recommendations to a task force addressing the aggregate mining issue in the state and sent comments regarding Forest Resources Council forestry guidelines training workshops.

Submitted by:

Janet Boe

Title: Past-President

MISSOURI CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The annual business meeting was held on February 2, 1999 in conjunction with the Missouri Natural Resources Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort on Lake of the Ozarks. The conference is the highlight of the year, sponsored by the Missouri Chapter along with its partners, the Missouri Chapters of the American Fisheries Society, the Society of American Foresters and the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Other cooperators provide additional support. The theme of this years' conference was "Modern Resource Management: Myth, Mystery...Prophecy." Continuing Education Workshops are an integral part of this conference providing attendees an opportunity to increase their knowledge of Natural Resource Issues and Challenges. Other Professional development opportunities included sessions on everything from Cave Conservation to Wetland Ecology.

The conference is also the time when the Missouri Chapter extends special recognition to those who go the "extra mile" to provide and demonstrate leadership in the resource arena. The G. Andy Runge Award is presented to an individual, group, or organization who has made an outstanding contribution to wildlife management or understanding in Missouri. This year the award was presented to Mr. Carl Rapp, of Kansas City, Missouri who is Education Director of the Kansas City Chapter of the Safari Club International. Mr. Rapp, a sponsor and supporter of the Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary in Liberty, Missouri, made it possible for students from 14 elementary schools and 2 youth groups to attend educational programs at the Sanctuary, as well as provided the means for the Sanctuary to purchase many educational items for students.

The Chapter's highest award is the E. Sydney Stephens Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievement over a career, rather than a single episode. Dr. Mark Ryan of the University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Natural Resources, was the recipient of this award in 1999. Dr. Ryan has taught Wildlife Conservation classes at MU since 1984, has authored numerous publications on Natural Resource management, and has continuously served the Wildlife Profession in many other capacities during his career.

During the past year, the Missouri Chapter of TWS signed on as a General Operating Partner for the Missouri Watershed Information Network (MOWIN). MOWIN is designed to provide a central database of watershed information that users can contact to locate needed information.

The Chapter reviewed existing By Laws and, at its annual meeting in February 1999, changed the terms of Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member-at-Large from one year to two years. The implementation will be on a staggered basis. The Chapter felt that longer terms for its Officers will enhance conducting Chapter business by providing more continuity for Board members.

The Chapters Ag/Wildlife Working Group continued to be active in 1999. The group submitted a project for a WIN grant consideration, but final approval was unsuccessful.

The Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society issued a public statement to the USFWS regarding the Conservation Order on Snow Goose management in 1999. Our Chapter also wrote public statements regarding Chip Mills in Missouri, CARA and TWW, and NABCI (the North American Bird Conservation Initiative).

Submitted by: Mark Jackson

Title: Past-President

OHIO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Secured a donation from the Hardwood Forestry Fund for \$15,600 to assist the Ohio Division of Wildlife in the purchase of hardwood trees for planting on reclaimed strip mine land in Southeast Ohio.

Held the OCTWS annual meeting in February at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow on the campus of The Ohio State University.

Held the OCTWS fall meeting at *The Wilds* in October. *The Wilds* is a research and educational facility that encompasses nearly 10,000 acres of reclaimed, surface mined land that has been developed and divided into large paddocks where African, Asian and North American species, including Indian, black, and white rhinoceros, giraffe, bison, and pronghorn antelope, roam freely. Additional research concerning grassland nesting birds, particularly Henslow's sparrows, is ongoing.

Presented the OCTWS's Wildlife Awareness Award at the Ohio Academy of Science's State Science Day. The first place award was presented to Bailey Miles, a seventh grade student from Athens Middle School in Athens, Ohio. Her project was titled "Frogs and Acid: Life or Death" and it examined the affects of low pH on the hatching and development of the Northern Leopard frog.

The Continuing Education Committee conducted a workshop and field trip in April focusing on wetland mitigation and restoration techniques. An excellent list of presenters, including Dr. William Mitsch from The Ohio State University, provided detailed information and data needed to properly complete this process.

A OCTWS resolution supporting the need for purchase of public land for the Wayne National Forest was forwarded to members of the Ohio House of Representatives Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee. This was in response to recently introduced legislation that would halt or substantially reduce any future land purchases for the Wayne National Forest in Ohio.

Correspondence was sent on behalf of the OCTWS to Ohio Congressional members and Senators in support of CARA, HR 408, HR 1906, HR 2066, and S1448. A letter was sent to Ohio Senators DeWine and Voinovich urging them to vote against any anti-trapping language that was offered in the Senate FY 2000 Interior Appropriations Act (S1292).

Supported with a \$500 contribution the Ohioans for Wildlife Conservation for their promotion of Professional Wildlife Management.

Submitted by: Luther Miller

Title: Past-President

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

January 14th 1999: Conducted an internship panel that featured the following subjects: Osprey reintroduction, positions with the Forest Service and USDA, and working with the local metro parks.

January 28th 1999: Wildlife officer visited to discuss operations that protect wildlife, and protect against pollution sometimes using covert methods.

February 11th 1999: Speaker from the Columbus Zoo discussed conservation programs that are supported by The Columbus Zoo.

February 25th 1999: Featured speaker discussed the growing world population and the affect on agriculture and how wildlife and natural systems are affected.

April 8th 1999: Featured speaker discussed graduate work at The Ohio State University in Aviary science.

April 22nd 1999: Guest speaker discussed the affect of wildlife damage, specifically Canadian Geese.

May 6th 1999: Guest speaker discussed forest management techniques and how wildlife populations are affected.

May 20th 1999: Resource Manager for the Columbus Metroparks spoke about restoring and managing prairie and grassland areas within Ohio.

September 30th 1999: Guest speaker conducted slide show featuring Old Growth and Ocean beaches of Oregon.

October 14th 1999: Forever Wild! Featured presentation discussing the importance of biodiversity, publicly owned land and how it is used, and potentially destructive activities such as: logging, mining, and grazing.

October 28th 1999: Speaker from the Ohio Division of Wildlife discussed Wildlife law enforcement.

November 4th 1999: Conducted chainsaw safety course. Husqvarna certified 18 students.

November 6th 1999: Conducted habitat management in a wooded area of Southern Ohio. Trees were cut trees and used to build brush piles.

November 18th 1999: Internship featuring, Sea Turtle management, wildlife management in Kenya, and bats and wetland bird management in Illinois.

December 1999: Conducted fund-raiser program for Treasury.

During 1999 season: Purchased second chainsaw for habitat projects.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Purdue Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society had quite an eventful year. In March we hosted the North Central Section student conclave. A total of twelve schools attended. Students participated in the annual quiz bowl as well as in demonstrations put on by Purdue University faculty, graduate students, and personnel from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Demonstrations included; rocket-netting of wildlife, use of prescribed burns, and use of telemetry in the wildlife science. In September seven members from our student chapter had the opportunity to attend the national TWS meeting in Austin, TX. Representatives from our chapter also took part in the national quiz bowl.

Our student chapter has a number of working committees that conduct research within our own chapter. The songbird committee has 20 tree swallow nest boxes that we monitor as part of the Cornell monitoring program. Members of our herpetology committee participate in many national monitoring programs. The herp committee has also been active in the creation of a new system of wetlands on Purdue property. The new wetland allows us the opportunity to monitor and observe the colonization and density fluctuations of herps over time. Last February our forest wildlife committee rocket-netted Wild Turkeys and fitted a hen with a radio transmitter to monitor her through the breeding season and summer. Our newest committee, special topics and concerns, is conducting deer spotlighting surveys on Purdue properties to estimate densities. This committee also plans to build deer enclosures for use in studies of vegetation damage by deer on Purdue properties. These plots will provide wildlife cover, food, and aesthetic viewing and the subsequent use by wildlife will be evaluated.

Aside from our own research goals and activities, many of our committees assist professors and graduate students in their research. The songbird committee in the fall and spring assisted a professor in mist-netting on Purdue properties. The herpetology committee this fall assisted in the digging of pitfall traps for the Wildlife Techniques class. The forest wildlife committee has a long tradition of attending the deer check stations at Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center for the collection and processing of biological data. Our newly founded raptor committee has been assisting a graduate student in her Red-tailed Hawk research.

In addition to our research activities we enjoy taking trips to see animals and ecosystems not present in this area. The songbird committee regularly travels to Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to observe migrating shorebirds and Sandhill Cranes and frequently birds with the local Audubon Society. We also have plans to visit state parks and scenic areas for hiking and camping adventures. As a student chapter we also are proud of the volunteer work we, along with other student organizations, accomplished with the clean up of a system of hiking trails in one of Purdue's large wooded parks.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Monthly meetings were held featuring a variety of speakers, including:

- Scott Ballard, Natural Heritage Biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources who spoke about the endangered reptiles of Illinois. He discussed the factors for the differing species decline, conservation efforts to help the population stabilize, and the different laws concerning collection of reptiles.
- Beverly Shofstall, Director of Free Again, Inc., a wildlife rehabilitation center, talked about the mission of the center, the animals that are brought in, and how they determine if an animal is able to be released back into the wild.
- In September the new officers, along with Dr. Dugger, the faculty adviser, welcomed old and new members, and discussed the mission of The Wildlife Society, and events scheduled for the upcoming school year. Dr. Woolf, the Director of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at SIUC spoke about the opportunities that members of the student chapter had in learning about the field of wildlife biology through volunteer opportunities with graduate students and the student chapter.
- John Mabrey, a wildlife biologist from Crab Orchard National Refuge discussed the mission of the refuge, volunteer opportunities at the refuge, and described his duties performed as a wildlife biologist with the federal government.
- Andrew West, the site superintendent at Trail of Tears State discussed his job as manager for the state forest and job opportunities that exist for those students interested in pursuing a career in wildlife management.

Activities for the year included:

- A spring end of term picnic/cookout at a local park at which the new officers for 1999-2000 were introduced: Michael Barbour (President), Emily Horton (Vice-President), and Ponciana Jacinto (Treasurer/Secretary).
- A fall trip was taken to the La Rue pine Hills Ecological Area near Pomona, IL. Several students enjoyed searching for and identifying the reptiles and amphibians that the area is known for.
- Fundraisers for the student chapter including bake sales and working a concession stand during a football game.
- Ongoing work on the chapter's plot of Thompson Point Woods on campus in support of the hardwood restoration project for the woods. The trees previously planted were watered because of summer and fall drought conditions.

Submitted by: Emily Horton

Title: Vice-President

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The University of Missouri Student Chapter did have a very exciting year and are looking forward to the new millennium. Through out the year we have welcomed in a great number of speakers to help those in our society gain a better knowledge of the wildlife field, from what is happening in our state of Missouri with trapping, to the Middle East with tiger conservation. Beginning in the fall semester we brought in speakers from the Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, National Fish and Wildlife Service and the US Forest Service. We held a "job fair" with representatives from each of these agencies talking about jobs with their agencies and what they look for in applicants. Not only have the speakers been informational we have also had volunteering opportunities with dove and quail research. We had the opportunity to volunteer at deer check in stations where we aged the deer brought in by hunters. We hosted a telemetry workshop with Jeff Demand(MDC) in which our members were able to gain experience with radio tracking equipment. Our chapter decided to back the CARA bill after an informational meeting was held. We spent the fall semester planning for a new education program to present to fourth and fifth graders in the surrounding schools dealing with pollution of the environment. The planning for a species monitoring program at a local farm also took place in the fall semester. The president and vice-president were given funds to attend the annual national TWS meeting in Austin, TX which they did attend and were able to spend three days at the meeting. Our fundraising efforts, which consist of working a concession stand at all the home football games, were again successful in 1999. The chapter is involved in the adopt-a-highway program and we put a real dent in the trash littering Interstate 70. It was not all hard work and learning though, we were able to hold our first annual TWS camping trip which oddly enough due to the weather took place inside a barn. 1999 held a lot of great learning experiences and more importantly a lot of new friendships with lots of fun.

Submitted by: Tony Mong

Title: President

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

During the spring 1999 semester we held bi-monthly meetings with a speaker present at most meetings. Attendance averaged around 15-20 people per meeting. Our officers for the semester were Tracy Green, President; Cherrie Warren, Vice President; Matt Ruwaldt, Secretary; and Chad Rittenhouse, Treasurer. We continued our projects started the year before with the same enthusiasm as last year. The projects we run are:

- Educational Outreach, which does educational programs to area elementary schools
- Marsh Monitoring, which monitors wetlands in the UW Arboretum
- Underwood Prairie Project, which helps restore the Underwood Prairie near Mt. Horeb
- Policy Discussion, which meets approximately bimonthly to discuss relevant legislation
- Small Mammal Survey, which traps small mammals for various studies
- Weekend birding group, which travels to area birding hotspots

The four officers attended the student conclave held at Purdue University. We also attended the state TWS meeting held in Steven's Point, at which our former president Erin Barclay was given the Wisconsin student of the year award. In April, a group of students participated in the ICF crane count. We met with the UW-Steven's Point student chapter on several occasions, including two prairie chicken observations at Buena Vista marsh. Both chapters found that they had much to learn from each other, and everyone agreed that we should have more contact in the future. The semester ended with elections, and all officers were re-elected.

The fall semester saw a marked increase in our student membership. We prepared an extensive presentation for our first meeting, and invited all incoming wildlife ecology freshmen. All of our biweekly meetings had excellent attendance rates, with 30-35 people at most. Four members attended the national TWS meeting in Austin, Texas. We had our first major camping trip ever at Castle Rock Creek in southwestern Wisconsin. We went to the Aldo Leopold shack again, which everyone enjoyed. Our projects had extensive student involvement, which we were very pleased to see. The semester was wrapped up with the annual game dinner. The dinner was truly a team effort, and a huge success. Sixty-five people attended, which was by far the most ever. Bear, beaver, duck, goose, venison, salmon, pheasant, and snapping turtle were on the menu, in addition to a number of side dishes. We received many compliments on our job, and hope to repeat it next year.

We are very pleased with the progress of our young chapter. Feel free to visit our web page at <http://wildlife.wisc.edu/TWS/twsindex.htm>, which lists our current projects, officers, and events.

Submitted by: Matt Ruwaldt

Title: Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student chapter of The Wildlife Society made 1999 one of its most successful years to date. Our organization, which consists of over 150 active members, had members participating in over 20 projects in 1999.

January and February started off fast with our wolf-tracking project in the Central Hardwoods region of Wisconsin. The Wolf-Tracking project, which is now in its fourth year of operation, has quickly become one of the most popular projects in our society. Data collected by UWSP wolf trackers has been very crucial in determining the status of wolf packs in the hardwoods region. The Wood Duck project was also out early to ready the wood duck boxes for spring. Society members cleaned and repaired over 50 boxes that are located on the Wisconsin River. By putting in a lot of hard work, they were able to prepare all the boxes before the icemelt.

March is the favorite month for many wildlifers here at UWSP. March means that it is prairie chicken time again! Students observe and record the number of prairie chickens they see from day to day on the booming grounds at Buena Vista Marsh. The Prairie Chicken project has been a solid project for the wildlife society for many years. 1999 was definitely no exception. Students packed the prairie chicken blinds for the entire duration of the project.

The society was just bursting with activity for the rest of the spring semester. The Frog Census project conducted a successful frog census. The Prairie Project was hard at work at Camp Helen-Brockman, working on a prairie restoration project. The Urban Wildlife Abatement project started seeing some action as animals began to emerge from their winter slumber. The Bluebird project was busy putting the finishing touches on bluebird houses that would soon be going up. Eleven members also attended the Midwest Student Conclave at Purdue University.

As students returned for the fall semester, seven members of the society took the first week of school off to attend the national conference in Austin, Texas. In the first month of the new semester, several projects got the ball rolling right away. The Small Mammal project trapped for a week in September using a grid of 36 traps. They also conducted a 48-hour trapping session in which the traps were checked on an hourly basis. Black lighting was also used for the first time this year by the Small Mammal project.

In October, the Crane Count project's fall count was an outstanding success. Over 12,000 cranes were counted in seven counties. October also saw the publication of the second edition of "On the Wilder Side", the society's biannual newsletter. The prairie project was also hard at work in the green house, preparing for another year of work at Camp Helen-Brockman. The Deer Telemetry project successfully trapped and radio-collared two deer in the campus nature preserve. The Education project was also hard at work in the local schools the fall of 1999. Thanks to the Education project, our office was covered with thank you letters from the children who attend their programs.

As we head towards a new millennium in wildlife management, our society will continue to give students important experiences that will help them develop into successful professionals. We also have plans to develop some new projects in next year or two, so exciting times lie ahead of us. As we head into a new year, we feel confident about where our society is headed. The future looks bright for the UWSP student Wildlife Society.

Submitted by: Kelly Rueckheim

Title: Vice President

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION

Central Mountains & Plains Section

Colorado Chapter

Kansas Chapter

Nebraska Chapter

North Dakota Chapter

South Dakota Chapter

Kansas State University Student Chapter

Utah State University Student Chapter



CENTRAL MOUNTAINS & PLAINS SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The last year of the Millennium was busy and productive for the Central Mountains and Plains Section, TWS. The following is a list of our major accomplishments:

1. The Section developed a statement protesting exclusion of grassland strip plantings from provisions of the Conservation Reserve Program.
2. The Section provided comments on the Valentine and Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge Draft Management Plans.
3. The Section became "Bronze Sponsors" of Ducks Unlimited.
4. The Section continued its efforts to develop a Student Travel Grant Program and Student Chapter of the Year Award.
5. The Section contributed to the Society's promotional efforts for the Teaming With Wildlife Initiative through funding and a letter writing campaign.
6. The Section published 3 Newsletters during 1999.
7. The Section updated its 45-year History Publication to commemorate the end of the Millennium.
8. The Section elected a new Section Representative to TWS Council, Mr. Jerry Kobriger of North Dakota.

Kansas Chapter, TWS hosted the Section's 44th Annual Summer Conference and Business Meeting during early August in Emporia, Kansas. The Conference focused on ecology of the Tallgrass prairie. Two excellent technical sessions informed members of the problems encountered by public agencies and private conservation organizations when managing residual prairie tracts and their dependent wildlife species. Two associated field trips allowed attendees to view the beauty of remaining Tallgrass prairie habitats in Kansas' Flint Hills. Members also enjoyed a variety of social events and new Officers were installed at the Business Meeting. Manitoba Chapter, TWS has agreed to host the 2000 Section meeting.

Submitted by:

Thomas J. Ryder

Title:

President

COLORADO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The new Board for 1999 was officially installed during the Annual meeting held during January 20-22 in Colorado Springs. meeting.

One of the best attended summer meetings in recent times was held in June. The theme was the recovery of threatened and endangered species. The meeting was in held near facilities where black-footed ferrets are being raised for future release and expansion of their range. The topic, good meeting organization, and the opportunity to see black-footed ferrets produced a very well attended meeting.

The Chapter sponsored registration fees for Colorado State University student to attend the Wildlife Conclave. The CSU student chapter represented itself well at the Conclave.

The Allen E. Anderson memorial fund was established to honor Mr. Anderson who was a well respected researcher for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The award was presented to Jessica Higgins, CSU, for her scholastic accomplishments as well her involvement in the Student Chapter and other wildlife related activities.

This was the inaugural year for the Colorado chapter's web site. It was established by mid-year and has undergone much development since then. It's usefulness was demonstrated toward the end of the year when there was much use related to the upcoming Annual Meeting.

The Strategic Plan received further attention by the Board and implementation is still in progress.

The Chapter purchased a laptop computer for use by the secretary, treasurer, and for storage of archived information.

Our annual election for a new board was held in December and the new board was announced at the Annual Meeting in January, 2000.

The Annual Meeting was in Fort Collins during January 20-21, 2000 with a very successful workshop on the 19th. The workshop topic was the impacts of recreation on wildlife and about 80 persons attended. The attendance at the Annual Meeting was about 180 persons; the theme was Ethics, Politics, and Biology of Reintroduction of Threatened and Endangered Species.

Two very important topics were addressed by the Chapter. The Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) was followed closely and the Chapter provided official support wherever possible. The White River National Forest Management Plan is still in the review stage but the Chapter is drafting a position statement for this plan as well as encouraging all members to comment individually.

Submitted by: Tom Pojar

Title: Past-President

KANSAS CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

During 1999, the Kansas Chapter continued to advocate good stewardship of the state's wildlife and other natural resources. Chapter members were given opportunities for professional development and social interactions:

The chapter remains involved in the U.S. Army and the Sunflower Ammunition Plant near Desoto, Kansas. We gave testimony to the state legislature relative to the establishment of an OZ theme park on the property.

A joint meeting with the Soil and Water Conservation Society was held at the Highland Community College in Hiawatha, Kansas during June 9 -11.

The chapter sponsored the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year, which is given by the Kansas Wildlife Federation.

The chapter hosted the Central Mountains and Plains section of TWS annual meeting at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas August 12 -14. Over 70 people attended the meeting. Papers were presented on the theme of grasslands of the Great Plains. Field trips took us to Walk-in-hunting program sites and the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Our fall meeting was held in conjunction with the CMPS meeting. The chapter voted to support the CMPS position on the black-tailed prairie dog issue.

We expect the chapter to continue to meet the needs of our members and the Kansas wildlife resources in the year 2000.

Submitted by: Elmer J. Finck

Title: President

NEBRASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

-The Nebraska Chapter was very active working in support of the passage of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) of 1999 (Senate bill S.25 and House bill H.R.701). Chapter members promoted the bills through work with state and national leaders as well as on the grassroots level through the chapter newsletter and members.

-The Executive Board met several times throughout the year and the chapter's annual meeting was held on October 21-22, 1999, at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey. The program focused on a theme of Nebraska's public lands and management.

-The chapter recently developed an interactive CD-ROM program that helps Nebraska schoolchildren learn about Nebraska's endangered wildlife. In close cooperation with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, during the summer of 1999, the CD-ROM was distributed to every 4th grade teacher in the state. On August 21, the chapter received the Conservation Education Award of the Nebraska Wildlife Federation in recognition for it's work with the CD project.

-In August, the chapter announced the availability of it's website, address:
<http://www.wildlifeconsultant.com/NeTWS>

-The chapter presented three awards to deserving individuals for their efforts supporting wildlife conservation in the state. Dr. Ron Case was awarded the 1999 Professional of the Year; Curt Twedt was awarded the Career Professional; and Micah Perkins was awarded a \$250 scholarship for work with GIS in riparian areas.

-The chapter submitted several letters towards the end of 1999 addressing a variety of issues of concern:

- To Governor Johanns expressing concern over the recent PEER survey of NGPC employee survey.

- To Mary Petersen, Nebraska National Forest Supervisor, expressing comments for future management of NNF properties in Nebraska as addressed in the Land and Resource Management Plans 1999 Revisions for the Nebraska National Forest Units.

- To Senator Ed Schrock concerning Legislative Resolution 231 which pertains to elk hunting in Nebraska.

- To Mr. Mitch Coffin, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, concerning the potential listing of purple loosestrife as a noxious weed in Nebraska.

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (Chapter) is comprised of 335 members, including 67 life members. The Chapter is governed by an eight member Executive Board. During 1999, the Executive Board included Bill Bicknell - President; Scott Peterson - Past President; John Schulz - President Elect; Theresa Olson - Secretary/Treasurer; Bob Meeks, Bill Jensen, Mike Goos, and Randy Renner - Advisors. The members of the Executive Board each hold committee portfolios and work directly with the Chapter's 35 active committees to address a variety of issues affecting North Dakota's natural resources.

The Chapter's Annual Meeting was held February 10-12, 1999, in Mandan, North Dakota, with over 200 members in attendance. The theme of the Annual Meeting was, "Current Topics in Wildlife Management." The meeting featured sessions and individual papers on law enforcement issues, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the future of agriculture in North Dakota, the North Dakota Wetlands Trust, the National Grasslands Management Plan, and updates concerning key legislation pending in the North Dakota State Legislature. Other activities that took place during the Annual Meeting included the fund raising buffet and auction, review and approval of the Chapter's operating budget, election of officers, and presentation of awards and scholarships. The 1999 award recipients included, Dr. Douglas Johnson - The North Dakota Award for professional accomplishments during his career; the Fish and Wildlife Service's Small Wetlands Acquisition's Program - The Habitat Award; Dave Hirsch, Tammy Fairbanks, and Gary Raedeke - Special Recognition Awards.

The Chapter also passed two resolutions during the Annual Business Meeting. The first resolution voiced support for the newly established Missouri River Coordinated Resource Management Program. This community based effort has been established to bring a diverse group of stakeholders that are interested in issues affecting the Garrison reach of the Missouri River to the table. The second resolution addressed Governor Schafer's Wetland Working Group and the need to develop a state wetland policy.

Five Executive Board meetings were held in 1999. The major issues addressed by the Chapter during the past 12 months included, preparing a successful bid to host The Wildlife Society's Annual Conference in September of 2002; field inspecting and submitting comments on 183 tracts of State School Land that do not provide a net cash return to the State Land Department; presenting testimony on the conservation provisions of the Dakota Water Resources Act; coordinating with the U.S. Forest Service and commenting on the National Grasslands Management Plan; testifying before the North Dakota State Legislature on a host of natural resource issues; and working with State Legislative leaders to proactively address issues affecting agriculture and wildlife.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

SDTWS continued its annual sponsorship of a Legislative Social on January 19th 1999, in Pierre, SD. The social is intended to provide exposure for constituency groups to the legislature and the legislative process.

The SDTWS annual meeting was held in Sioux Falls, SD. on March 1-3, 1999. The theme for the meeting was "Education And Communications: Our Path To The Future."

- Two new Life Memberships were signed up at the meeting.
- The 1999 Professional of the Year was awarded to Carolyn Hull Seig.
- The 1999 Citizens of the Year was awarded to Sandy Ullrich.
- The Outstanding Doctoral Student was awarded to Kristel Bakker.
- The Outstanding Masters Student was awarded to Shaun Grassel.
- All Past Presidents of SDTWS were recognized and given a pin.

The SDTWS has been very actively involved with several issues over the past year. Those issues are listed below:

- The Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999.
- The NRCS policy change regarding wetland delineation standards in South Dakota.
- The possible listing of the Black-tailed Prairie Dog.
- The National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act

In addition to the above mentioned issues the chapter has also commented on a variety of EAs, EISs, PEISs and other subjects affecting public lands, waters and wildlife.

- The Missouri River Improvement Act of 1999.
- The Missouri River Master Manual Revision.
- The Belle Fourche Resource Management Plan & Environmental Assessment.
- The use of DRC-1339 to Control Blackbirds in South Dakota.
- USDA WHIP program funding.
- American Rivers Conservation Budget recommendation to Congress.
- The Terry Peak Land Conveyance Act of 1999.

The Chapter has also assisted with sponsoring several events throughout the past year which are listed below:

- Bald Eagle Awareness Days-Pierre.
- SD Junior Duck Stamp Competition-Huron.
- Mikal Kellner Foundation-Montana.
- Outdoor Education Area-Hamlin County School District.
- Cows, Condos, Critters and Communities Forum-Rapid City.
- Ramsar Wetland Site Dedication-Sand Lake NWR.
- The Wildlife Society Annual Conference-Austin, TX.
- Wonders of Wetlands Project-Sand Lake NWR.
- Wonders of Wetlands Project-Madison.
- Duck Unlimited.

The 2000 SDTWS Annual Meeting will be March 6-8, 2000 in Chamberlain, SD. The theme will be "The Missouri River-Past, Present and Future."

Submitted by: Ron Schauer

Title: President

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Spring 1999 - Fundraisers and Promotionals: Hat, t-shirt and book sales.

February 2 Speaker: Barth Crouch, Pheasants Forever. "Pheasants Forever Habitat Programs".

March 3 Speaker: Don Gablehouse, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. "Fishing in Modern Society - Public Perceptions".

March 11 - Officer Elections

March 21-25 - Spring Break Ski Trip, Copper Mountain Colorado.

April 7-8, 11: Konza Prairie Research Natural Area Prairie Chicken Lek viewing.

April 9: Spring TWS Banquet. Speaker: Lee Queal, "The Role of Hunting in Future Wildlife Management".

April 17: Trash pick-up and Campout, Tuttle Creek Reservoir Spillway State Park

April 19: KSU Open House: TWS Wildlife and Fisheries Biology Displays

April 21: Earth Day at Manhattan High School: Project Wild Presentation

Fall 1999 - Fundraisers and promotional: Calendar, hat, t-shirt and book sales

Sept. 2: Icebreaker Social and Watermelon Feed.

Sept. 7-11: National Chapter TWS Conference: Austin, Texas.

Sept 16: Speaker: Kathy Owens, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. "The National Wildlife Refuge System". Post-meeting of National Wildlife Federation video on the Conservation and Reinvestment Act.

Sept. 30: Summer Jobs: Where to look and how to get them; KSU students share their secrets.

Oct. 14: Konza Prairie Research Natural Area: Night Tour, visit the prairie and its nocturnal inhabitants.

Oct. 28: Speaker: Greg Wurst, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "Water level Management for Wildlife".

Nov. 11: Speaker: Craig Freeman, Kansas Biological Survey. "The Kansas Biological Survey".

Nov. 13-14: Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization shortcourse and workshop. Mark R. Johnson, D.V.M., Wildlife Veterinary Resources.

Dec. 2: Speaker: Jeff Schanowith, U.S. Forest Service/Cimarron National Grasslands. "Wildlife Management on Cimarron National Grasslands".

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

February 1999

USU's Chapter organized and hosted the annual Logger's Ball and Game Dinner.

March 1999

Students from USU's Chapter of TWS attended and competed in the annual Western Universities Student Wildlife Conclave, held in Moscow, Idaho.

April 1999

Annual closing social

New officers were voted in

September 1999

Opening social

New members recruited

Members attended weekly wildlife watching hikes.

October 1999

Members aided Utah Division of Wildlife Resources with hunter check stations

Members participated in College of Natural Resources week activities, including a canoe trip organized by our chapter's officers.

November 1999

Students attended the annual field trip to Yellowstone, during which they attended presentations given by a Yellowstone wolf biologist and a Grand Teton National Park naturalist.

December 1999

The chapter participated in university Sub for Santa activities.

Members aided Utah Division of Wildlife Resources biologist with reseeded a burned area.

Submitted: Kimberly J. Klein

Title: President

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Arizona Chapter

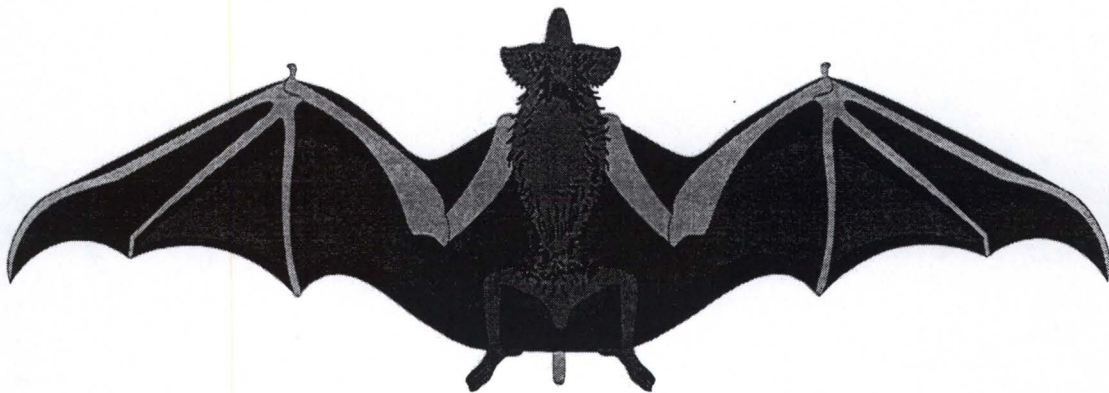
New Mexico Chapter

Stephen F. Austin State University Student Chapter

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Texas A&M University - Kingsville Student Chapter

University of Arizona Student Chapter



ARIZONA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Arizona Chapter supported CARA and Resources 2000 legislation through several contacts with our congressional representatives encouraging them to support these issues.

We had a summer meeting that was attended, primarily, by the Executive Board. The membership missed out on a great opportunity, but the Board got a lot accomplished.

The Chapter is sponsoring a Wildlifer's Memorial Garden that has been on hold for the past few years due to some legal issues with the chosen site. Those issues were resolved this past year, and the project is now under development. The details concerning who will be included in this Garden are being worked out. We expect the dedication to be held in mid-2000.

Much of the Board's time in 1999 was spent planning the 33rd Annual Joint Annual Meeting that was held in Sierra Vista, AZ February 3-5, 2000. This meeting was the cooperative effort of the Arizona and New Mexico Chapters of The Wildlife Society and the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The three chapters have about a total of 600 members, and the attendance at the annual meeting has been in the vicinity of 400 for the last two years. We have out grown the facilities in Sierra Vista and hope to find more space somewhere else. This is a very successful meeting, and we do not want to exclude anyone from participating.

We plan to have our Chapter Web Pages posted in 2000. Look for us on the Web!

Submitted by:

Reed Sanderson

Title: President

NEW MEXICO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Chapter began its yearly activities with the presentation of three awards and a scholarship at the annual meeting. The Chapter's Professional of the Year Award was presented to Randall Isler of the NM Department of Game and Fish. Two Conservation Awards were presented this year. One to the Save Our Bosque Task Force for their work across organizational and jurisdictional boundaries to benefit stakeholders and effectively bring conservation efforts to people and to the land. The second presentation was to Bob Nordstrum for active volunteer work for over 20 years on the conservation scene in NM. The Biodiversity Scholarship (\$500) was presented to Jason Bak, a student at NMSU.

The various committees were very active throughout the year responding to numerous items of concern and interest. Work continued on a publication in response to a document presented in 1998 titled "The Ailing Gila". A final version is to be ready by the annual meeting. Special mailings and contacts were made with Chapter members to encourage written support for CARA. Chapter members served on a Governor's task force to address the issue of Wildlife Conflicts. Members were also active in support of the purchase of the Baca Location by the federal government. Members served on a committee of resource interest groups addressing issues raised during the legislative session. Work continued on development of a Chapter web page. The Education and Outreach Committee developed a long-range plan aimed at promoting the Chapter within the state. A final draft was presented to the membership and is to be acted on at the annual meeting. Members attended a joint meeting of the NM Chapter TWS and the Society of Range Management and plans are in progress for another joint meeting this coming year.

One request for assistance with a conservation program was received and the Chapter provided \$1,000 to the Friends of The Bosque to help fund the Junior Duck Stamp Program in New Mexico. Assistance (\$500) was provided to students from various state universities who wanted to attend the annual meeting.

Three resolutions were prepared during the year for action at the annual meeting. The first addresses "Support For The Revitalization Of The Land And Water Conservation Fund" and encourages members contact their Congressional representatives. The second expresses "Concerns Of State Game Commission Actions" and calls for a review by the legislature and the Governor and for development of a process for decision making utilizing a sound biological basis and public input. The third addresses concerns involving elk management within the state.

Submitted by: Dan Sutcliffe

Title: Secretary/Treasurer

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

- * Members attended the Texas State Meeting
- * Members participated in Quiz Bowl at the Texas State Meeting
- * Members attended the Western Conclave and participated in Quiz Bowl
- * Members participated in the University's public relations phone-a-thon to answer questions about the wildlife program at SFA
- * The annual beast feast event allowed members to try a variety of wild game and offered a chance to foster a community spirit

- * Student chapter dove hunt allowed members to visit with each other and encouraged freshman participation
- * Members attended the National Meeting in Austin and helped operate lights and projectors for paper presentations
- * Members worked with Texas Parks and Wildlife to sponsor the Region VI Big Game Awards
- * Members participated in the Quiz Bowl event at the National Meeting
- * Members conducted deer spotlight counts for private landowners and the Dollarhide Hunting Club

Submitted by: Wes B. Littrell

Title: Secretary/Treasurer

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The SRSU Chapter TWS was very busy in 1999. We hosted 9 Club meeting which included standard business meetings, a Bar-B-Q, and a guest speaker. Topics presented at meetings included: "Birds of Black Gap Wildlife Management Area"; "Texas Big Game Awards"; "Texas Trapping Techniques"; "Conflicting Conclusions of Fire Ant/Quail Research: Observation vs. Experimentation"; "Wildlife Law Enforcement and Regulatory Duties in west Texas"; "Diet, Home Range, and Status of Black bears of the Chihuahuan Desert"; Wildlife Research and Volunteer Opportunities at Big Bend National Park" .

Members of the SRSU Chapter TWS attended various professional meetings throughout the state and region including: the 34th Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society; the Texas Section of Society for Range Management Annual Meeting; the 3rd Texas Black Bear Workshop; the Trans-Pecos, Texas Big Game Awards; the Texas Wildlife EXPO; the 6th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society; and the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute 5th Symposium.

The SRSU Chapter TWS also co-sponsored several meetings and conservation activities with private, state, and federal organizations including the 3rd Texas Black Bear Workshop (co-sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department); the Trans-Pecos, Texas Big Game Awards and Wild Game Cook-off (co-sponsored by Texas Wildlife Association); and the Annual Bighorn Sheep Habitat Improvement Project (co-sponsored by Texas Bighorn Society). Other conservation activities include sponsoring the Highway 67 Trash Clean-up and 2 work days at Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Fundraisers for the SRSU Chapter TWS and our scholarship program included a biannual membership drive, the Wild Game Cook-off, an annual raffle, the 23rd Annual Turkey Shoot, and a consulting job with the Department of Natural Resource Management and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for installing herp arrays at Black Gap Wildlife Management Area.

We encourage you to visit our website at www.sulross.edu/~nrm/student.htm

Submitted by: Steven White

Title: Vice President

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Texas A&M Kingsville Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society has had a busy year. Membership is up, and involvement in club activities is as great as ever. Following is a brief overview of just what we've been up to in this section of South Texas.

- Participated in the TWS 6th Annual Meeting in Texas.
- Co-sponsor for the Texas Big Game Awards banquet in Carrizzo Springs.
- Conducted and assisted with deer captures on seven ranches in various counties, including the King Ranch and the Faith Ranch.
- Spotlight surveys for white-tailed deer for five area ranches.
- Wildlife presentations for local primary and secondary schools and the Boys & Girls Club.
- Pre- and Post-season quail surveys for numerous ranches
- Wildlife assessment conducted over two weekends for Dupont in Victoria, TX.
- Fund raisers, including a student auction to faculty and local businesses.
- Assisted with a TWA youth hunt on the King Ranch

The club also had guest speakers at every meeting and conducted several club socials to give members a chance to visit and get to know each other. Overall, 1999 was a very successful and prosperous year for our chapter, and we are looking forward to an even better year in 2000.

Submitted by: Deanna Rogers

Title: Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Projects and Activities

- Radio Telemetry Workshop
- Teaming with Wildlife Campaign – letter writing for CARA and Resources 2000
- Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy Owl Nest Box Construction
- Urban Wildlife Workshop – trapped bats under urban bridge in Tucson
- Environment Education Committee – introduced wildlife management to elementary school students
- Student chapter Web Page – http://ag.arizona.edu/clubs/wildlife_society/

Activities with Arizona Game and Fish Department

- Dove Check Station
- Quail Check Station
- Deer Check Station
- Urban Raptor Survey
- Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy Owl Nest Box Construction

Socials

- Big Game Barbecue
- Madera Canyon Picnic
- Meet the Professors Socials

Trips

- AZ/NM Fish and Wildlife Conference, Sierra Vista, AZ
- Student Conclave, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID
- 6th Annual Wildlife Society Meeting, Austin, TX

NORTHWEST SECTION

Alaska Chapter

Montana Chapter

Oregon Chapter

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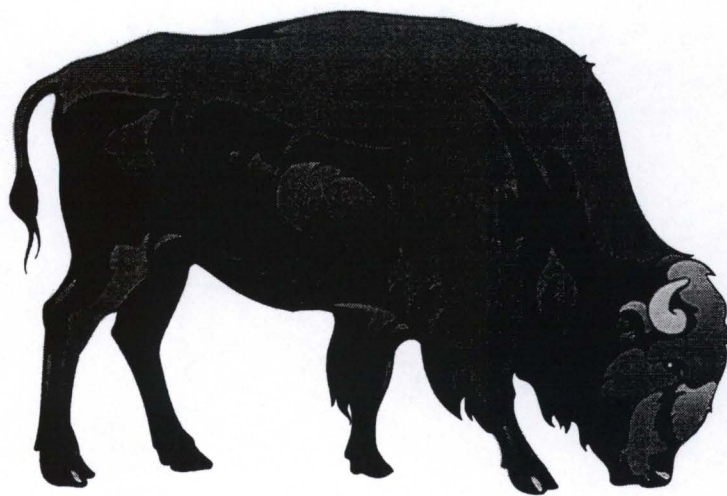
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University of Montana Student Chapter

Washington State University Student Chapter



ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

In January, the Executive Board of the Alaska Chapter considered the possibility of submitting a bid for hosting the TWS Annual Conference in Anchorage in 2002. The Board determined that the Chapter should not submit a bid at that time, pending a member survey for potential volunteers for a possible future bid. Steve Brockmann (USFWS), Southeast; Dave Yokel (BLM), Interior/Arctic; and Don Spalinger (ADF&G), South-central/Western were elected to the Executive Board of the Alaska Chapter as Regional Representatives in March 1999. Ellen Campbell (USFS), Past President; Roger Post (ADF&G retired), President; Gino Del Frate (ADF&G), President Elect; and Anne Morkill (USFWS), Secretary-Treasurer continued their 2-year terms as officers.

Chapter Past President and Northwest Section Secretary-Treasurer, Ellen Campbell, attended the March 8-10, 1999, Northwest Section (NWS) Annual Meeting in Bozeman, Montana, as did Chapter President, Roger Post. Ellen and Roger participated in the NWS Executive Board Meeting and the NWS Business Meeting.

The Alaska Chapter held its 1999 Annual Meeting in Fairbanks on April 7, 1999, with approximately 39 registrants. The meeting featured eight invited presentations on various aspects of wildlife disease and parasites, two submitted presentations on moose ecology, and one submitted presentation on biodiversity. The poster session included 11 presentations on current wildlife research in Alaska. Substantial interest centered on an invited presentation concerning recent attempts to arrest the spread of the dog-biting louse, *Trichodectes canis*, among wild canids in South-central Alaska.

Topics covered at the Alaska Chapter business meeting included discussion of hosting a TWS Annual Conference in 2003 or a subsequent year (deferred to committee), status of legislation related to wildlife management by ballot initiative, a request (declined) to co-sign a letter by other organizations protesting mining camps on a Wild and Scenic River, distribution of newsletters by e-mail (to be investigated), and future funding for the Chapter President to attend the Northwest Section (NWS) TWS Meeting if agency funding were not available. Members present agreed to a policy that would allow the Executive Board to fund up to \$500 for travel to NWS meetings.

The Executive Board of the Alaska Chapter received a request for a financial contribution to a special symposium and resulting publication to honor Chapter member Dr. David R. Klein, Professor Emeritus, University of Alaska, and the 1999 recipient of the Leopold Memorial Award. The Board agreed to provide \$500 in support of publication costs for a special issue of *Alces* that will contain the 25 invited papers featured in the symposium, which will occur March 31 to April 2, 2000, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Submitted: Roger Post

Title: President

MONTANA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Chapter organized a symposium on open space and land use entitled *2001: A Space for Wildlife Odyssey - A Symposium on Living in the Western Landscape* March 8-10, 1999. Before the symposium we gave a public radio commentary on Conserving Montana's Open Space that reached about one third of the state. The symposium was excellent with featured speakers and panelists from across the U.S. These included Dr. Tom Hobbs from Colorado State University; Tracy Grubbs from the Sierra Business Council; Cynthia Lummis, Wyoming state treasurer and editor of Ways to Conserve Wyoming's Wonderful Open Lands; Jeff Jones from the American Farmland Trust, Marc Racicot, Governor of Montana, plus a number of other state and local legislators, ranchers, agency people and those with private organizations. We plan on publishing the proceedings of the symposium in a 2001 issue of The Intermountain Journal of Science. The symposium immediately preceded the joint annual meeting of Northwest Section and Montana Chapter which the Chapter hosted in Bozeman on March 10-12, 1999. In addition to 62 technical papers the meeting included workshops on technical writing and resource selection using GIS. Dr. Valarius Geist opened the plenary session with a talk on wildlife conservation beyond 2000 and Dr. Jack Horner of dinosaur fame was our banquet speaker. The annual meeting was well attended and well received.

An internet website for the Chapter was developed in 1999. It explains who we are, what we do, chapter activities, our newsletters and will soon provide access to our bylaws, mission statement and ethics statement. The entire document of The Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife and its attendant bibliography are available online. The Chapter's website address is: www.montanatws.org.

In 1999 the Chapter published a comprehensive literature review entitled The Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife: A Review for Montana. This 307 page document chronicles the effects of all types of recreation on 8 different species groups and topics including: amphibians and reptiles, birds, small mammals, semi-aquatic mammals, ungulates, carnivores, domestic dogs in wildlife habitats, and soils, vegetation, and water. The effort drew on the expertise of over 70 Chapter members and has been extremely well received across the US. It is supported by a 4,300 citation bibliography. Both the document and bibliography can be viewed and downloaded from the new Chapter website at www.montanatws.org.

The Chapter used information from The Effects of Recreation on Rocky Mountain Wildlife in a letter that was sent in support of a no-wake proposal on the Swan River adjacent to the Swan River National Wildlife Refuge.

In light of the petition to list the black-tailed prairie dog as endangered and threats to the prairie/grassland ecosystem the Chapter formed the Prairie/Grassland Ad Hoc Committee. This committee is made up of 17 of our members with expertise in this ecosystem and its fauna. The committee is charged with reviewing prairie/grassland ecosystem conservation plans and strategies already developed by other agencies and/or groups, identifying if and where these plans could be improved and recommend Chapter endorsement if appropriate. It is also charged with drafting a Chapter position statement on listing the prairie dog. We suspect that this ad hoc committee will play an important role in the Chapter as issues concerning the prairie/grassland ecosystem become more high profile in the near future.

Game farms have once again become a hot issue in Montana with the recent finding of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in elk on a Montana game farm. Because of the rising number of game farms and game farm applications the Chapter has drafted a position statement on gam farms. This will shortly be available on line through our website.

Submitted by: John Vore

Title: President

OREGON CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society rounded out the millennium with several accomplishments. Membership has leveled at around 500 people this year. Our Annual Meeting was held at Salishan Lodge on the Oregon Coast, and it was attended by more than 300 members. The Annual Meeting itself was well-attended despite snowy weather, road closures, and the unfortunate wreck of the New Carrissa, which spirited away many of our members to deal with its damage to wildlife. The theme of the meeting was "Reflecting on our Past to Shape our Future: Changing Wildlife Perspectives and Values in the 20th Century." This theme was addressed by our acclaimed plenary speakers: **Dominich DellaSala** from World Wildlife Fund, **Robert Kentta** from the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, and **Dan Zekor** from the Missouri Department of Conservation. The theme was also reflected in the evening dinner speaker, **Jim Fowler**, who shared his experiences with Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom and other efforts in wildlife conservation over the last several decades. **Sarah Madsen**, **Dave Kennedy**, and many other selfless volunteers did a great job putting together the program.

The Annual Meeting was preceded by one large Symposium, "Ecosystem Restoration: A Practitioner's Showcase." The symposium, featuring the successes and lessons of numerous presenters, also included a ½-day field trip to view projects in the progress. Board member **Cheryl Friesen** did an outstanding job of organizing this interesting and successful event.

The Executive Board met every other month to conduct Chapter business and address issues affecting wildlife at state and national levels. The board acted on several important issues during the year. We retained **Stephen Kafoury** as our Legislative Representative. Three Bylaw changes were proposed to the membership, and all three were approved. The first was to split the Secretary/Treasurer into a Secretary and a Treasurer, allowing more time for each position to focus on the tasks of record-keeping and finance. A specific objective to support professional development, continuing education, and scholarships was added to the bylaws. And finally, a clarification the "Elections and Officers" section of the bylaws allowed the Nominations Chair as well as the Secretary/Treasurer to count ballots.

The Legislative Affairs Committee, newly chaired by **Warren Aney**, was very active during the legislative session. Generally, the committee and Stephen Kafoury were able to provide the legislature with clear and concise information to assure the defeat of legislation that would harm wildlife. Over 15 bills were tracked, most of which were opposed by the chapter; many of them were defeated, and the bills that passed were generally amended such that the chapter no longer maintained strong opposition. The major victory for the Chapter was its part in getting the support of Representatives Peter DeFazio, Earl Blumenauer, and Darlene Hooley by co-sponsoring the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). While not perfect, CARA is the greatest hope for funding of state wildlife conservation programs.

The Conservation Affairs Committee, chaired by **Gary Ivey**, was also active during the year. We reviewed and provided comments on several issues. The Chapter provided recommendations to the Corps on their *Environmental Assessment: Caspian Tern Relocation, Columbia River, Clatsop County, Oregon*. We also provided one of the many comment letters on the *Draft environmental Impact Statement, Pelican Butte Ski Area Master Development Plan*, opposing the construction of the ski area. The Chapter supported the listing of the Washington ground squirrel (*Spermophilus washingtoni*), which will become a state endangered species on February 4, 2000.

Sally Olsen-Edge, our Newsletter Editor continued to provide superior assistance with the Quarterly Newsletter. The Chapter Home Page on the World Wide Web and the internet discussion group were utilized by a growing number of members and non-members, thanks to the endeavors of **John Loegering**. We also offered members the option of saving paper and mailing costs and downloading the newsletter from the website at http://www.orst.edu/dept/fish_wild/tws/twsnews.htm.

The success of the Oregon Chapter is dependent on the volunteer efforts of its members. These efforts are exemplary and every year the accomplishments are noteworthy and commendable. Thanks to all who gave their time and skills to the Chapter.

Submitted by: Laura Todd

Title: President

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

We started the new school year off with a float trip down the Madison River, and a big dinner following this cold and rainy day. All in all this was a great day, we were able to get new members involved, and enjoy a day outside of classes.

To inform students of different areas of study and get them interacting with people in the profession, we had weekly meetings that included guest speakers and graduate students. Such speakers included Steve Gehmen and Betsy Robinson of Wild Things unlimited, Steve Hess, a graduate student from MSU and Keith Aune from Fish, Wildlife and Parks, to name a few.

We also exposed students to employment opportunities, as well as internships, and volunteer work in the community. A recruiter from the Oregon State Police came and presented information on job openings within the department, both in Trooper and Fish and Game divisions. Some students followed through with the interviewing process and are waiting to hear about the results.

As a club we try to work closely with many of the grassroots organizations in Bozeman, some groups like Montana Wilderness Association and American Wildlands have some great learning opportunities for students that have a few hours to volunteer.

To sum up the year I would say that it was a busy and hectic semester, however having The Wildlife Society keeps us informed and in contact with the right people in the field of Fish and Wildlife. Many of our members are from different fields of study, and I believe they get just as much out of our meetings as we as officers do. We are looking forward to another year and hope to see some new faces at the meeting in Great Falls, or at the Conclave

Submitted by: B.J. Lukins

Title: President

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

"We have really cool activities!" exclaimed Lisa Cross. The Oregon State University Student Chapter has had a busy 1999. The Chapter was involved in the community, helping professionals and having fun!

In the spring of 1999 the Chapter participated in Museum Days. Members set up displays, mounts and aquariums for elementary school children. The members also helped to answer the children's questions about birds, mammals and fish. The OSU Student Chapter also made a display for the OSU campus and students during Agriculture Days.

This fall term, some members participated in Hawk Watch. The students counted hawks on their migration patterns over Bonnie Butte, near Mt. Hood, and watched Hawk Watch volunteers capture and band birds.

During the fall Chinook run, students helped Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife capture wild fish for brood stocking of the lower Yaquina River.

"The salmon seining trip was an excellent learning experience which taught us new field sampling methods and allowed us to interact with ODFW Employees." stated Michael Heck. The students seined the width of the river and caught fish in the net. Water-filled waders made the trip fun and chilly!

Chapter members learned or polished up their compass and map skills in a workshop held in the fall. During one of the meetings, members worked together to read topography maps and read compasses. Next Saturday, the group went up to McDonald Forest to practice their new skills.

The Chapter also had some fun. Spring snowshoeing in the Cascades was a great way to spend a Saturday outdoors for Chapter members.

The Wildlife Society Student Chapter of OSU improved their skills, learning about future careers in wildlife and having a great time in 1999.

Submitted by: Sarah Miller

Title: Secretary-Treasurer

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

- February** - Participated in intramural men's basketball league
- March** - Hosted the 35th Annual Western Student Conclave
- Trail maintenance on China Garden Creek along the Snake River (owned by the Nature Conservancy)
- Participated in intramural men's softball league
- April** - Volunteer to help with the Palouse Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's Annual Banquet
- Road clean up through Idaho's Adopt-a-Highway program
- Began conducting small mammal research on several islands on the Clearwater River
- May** - Field trip to the San Juan Islands
- September** - Awarded the first annual University to Student Chapter Research Award To Jennifer Newcomb for research being conducted on Masked shrews (*Sorex cinereus*)
- October** - Manned a volunteer elk check station for Potlatch Corporation (every weekend For five weeks)
- November** - Held a raffle for a snowboard

Submitted by: Brad Lowe

Title: President

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Early in the spring semester an old tradition was renewed when Dr. Chuck Joakel took members to Lolo Pass to build igloos. Later in the spring we sent six members to the joint Montana State and Northwest Sectional meeting in Bozeman and four members to our student conclave in Moscow, Idaho. In April, our chapter organized a job skills day at the University's experimental forest. There, new members got to try their hands at navigating with both compass and a hand held GPS unit, use radio telemetry equipment, and see demonstrations on small mammal trapping and the use of GIS.

During the 1999 fall semester the student chapter took a fun-filled raft trip down the Blackfoot River. In October, about 20 members volunteered to take part in the annual Big Game Count at the National Bison Range. The big trip of the semester was a four-day trip to Banff National Park, where members enjoyed day hikes and talks by local biologists about grizzlies and the issue of wildlife corridors.

One of the main purposes of the student chapter is to bring students into contact with professionals in the field of wildlife biology. To accomplish this, distinguished members of the community such as Melanie Parker of Northwest Connections, Pat O'Heren of Brown Bear Resources, Bill Ruediger (USFS), and Bart O'Gara, a retired director of the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, spoke at our meetings. In addition Jack Ward Thomas, ex-chief of the Forest Service and a new professor here, spoke on the ramifications of the roadless area EIS. For those members of the student chapter looking to apply to graduate school, Dr. Dan Pletscher and Dr. Scott Mills discussed how to write strong cover letters and how to have competitive applications. During another meeting Dave McCleery (BLM), John Firebaugh (Fish, Wildlife, and Parks), Ron Steiner (Plum Creek Timber Co.), and Mike Huering (UM Career Services) explained what they and other possible employers were looking for in resumes and applications.

At this time the student chapter has plans to send members to the Northwest Section meeting and the Montana State meeting as well as sending a team to Utah State University to compete in this year's Conclave.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Washington State University Chapter of the Wildlife Society started out the New Year and the spring semester with its annual elk-feeding trip in January. This activity takes place at the Oak Creek Wildlife Center near Naches, Washington. Members helped feed two large elk herds and a herd of bighorn sheep over the course of the weekend. Other activities throughout the semester included a trip to Wolf Haven in southeast Washington, participating in a graduate student project concerning duikers, and helping to coordinate the annual Department of Natural Resource Sciences banquet in April. Our final activity of the semester was a rafting trip on the Salmon River in Idaho, which proved to be an enjoyable way to end the semester for all of us, and for some, an enjoyable end to their college experience at WSU.

Our chapter, which meets on Tuesday evenings every two weeks, incorporated different programs and speakers into each meeting. Local graduate students from WSU and the University of Idaho are usually eager and willing to present their topic of research, and this year we heard from several graduate students about topics ranging from a pheasant study being completed in Oregon to cougars in the Selkirks. We have found that this is an excellent way to get graduate students involved in our chapter, while at the same time providing undergraduates with information on current wildlife research. Other guest speakers that presented to our group in 1999 include representatives from the WSU Raptor Rehabilitation Club and the WSU Environmental Learning Center. An employee from the WSU Career Services Center also took time out of her schedule to do a resume building workshop for our members.

We kicked off the fall semester with our first annual "Wild Game Feed" potluck in September, for which everyone cooked up their favorite dish using wild game. Because of the need for owl nest boxes in our area, an "Owl Nest Box Committee" was formed, and has begun to look into designs for barn owls and great horned owls. Opportunities were available for students to work at deer check stations, members represented our organization at a "Back to School Barbeque" sponsored by the WSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics in September, and several students participated in a graduate project involving the analysis of bear DNA throughout the semester.

Submitted by: Bess Brittell

Title: President

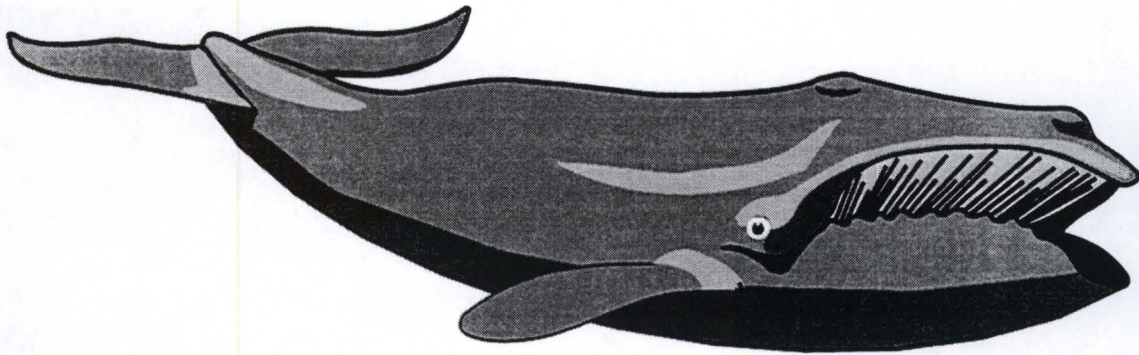
WESTERN SECTION

Western Section

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Sacramento/Shasta Chapter

University of California - Davis Student Chapter



WESTERN SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Officers:

President: Linda Spiegel
Past-President: Dean Carrier
President-Elect: Michael Morrison
Secretary: Catherine Hibbert
Treasurer: Barbara Kermeen
Newsletter Editor: Michael Bradbury
Transactions Editor: Linnea Hall
Section Representative: Brad Valentine

Chapter Representatives:

California North Coast: Jay Harris
California Central Coast: Tom Olson
Sacramento-Shasta: Stephanie Quick
San Francisco Bay Area: Phil Leitner
San Joaquin Valley: Steve Juarez
Southern California: Don Mitchell
Nevada: Don Armentrout
Hawaii: David Smith
Davis Student: Jim Shannon

Committee Chairs:

Awards: Mark Dedon
Electronic Communication: Barbara Kermeen
Membership: Charlene Hall
Conservation Affairs: Shawn Smallwood
Professional Development: Doug Padley
Historian: Jim Yoakum
Membership Coordinator: Karen Brown
Executive Secretary: Bill Hull Asst. Transactions Editor: Brian Cypher

The Western Section of TWS had a very productive year in 1999. The Section worked hard to promote membership services including activating a listserver, developing a membership directory and on-line e-mail directory, expanding the newsletter, developing an index of past Annual Conference Transactions, and promoting an aggressive Student Mentor Program. Our web address is tw-west.org.

The Western Section had several active committees as shown above. The Membership Committee initiated a successful membership drive, which increased membership by 14% and distributed a questionnaire soliciting comments and services wanted by members. Our Conservation Affairs Committee commented on several regionally important wildlife-related issues such as recovery plans and the repeal of the critical habitat designation, and prepared a draft statement Suggested Standard for Science Applied to Conservation Issues. Our Professional Development Committee put on several high quality conferences and symposia including our Annual Communications Workshop, The Annual Conference, Population Viability, GIS for Biologists, and Deadwood Symposium. Our Annual Conference was held in Monterey and was well attended by approximately 600 people.

The Student Mentor program was greatly expanded. We continue to waive registration fees to students that volunteer at conferences and workshops. The Section received grants from regional utilities (PG&E and SCE) to reactivate the Student Awards Program and to initiate a Student Mentor Program.

Several Chapters are very active and the Southern California Chapter was resurrected. However, some Chapters are experiencing low participation. The Executive Board formed an ad-hoc Committee to explore this problem and to recommend potential solutions to the Board.

SACRAMENTO/SHASTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

For the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of TWS, 1999 was a productive year. We have made some substantial progress finding ways to serve the membership and large geographic area that we cover.

Summary of 1999 Chapter events:

We had a good turn out at the annual chapter meeting in Monterey (Jan. 1999) and the newly elected officers were inducted. A motion was carried to move regular meetings to a quarterly, rather than a monthly basis.

A Chapter Web Site was established in March of 1999. The site lists upcoming events, job announcements, and provides links to other wildlife and natural resources oriented sites. Check out the website at www.tws-west.org/sac-shasta/index.htm and provide any feedback on what you'd like to see. Tom Boullion (member from the Redding area) was instrumental in getting this site up and running. Special thanks to Tom who has continued to update the site.

Also beginning in March the chapter newsletter, *The Magpie* got a new look thanks to our new Newsletter Editor, Jennifer Hogan. Jennifer has worked tirelessly to make sure the *Magpie* includes useful information, is well laid out and is assembled, printed, and mailed out in a timely manner. This is no easy task!

In May of 1999 the chapter hosted a certification workshop on the CSU Chico campus. Cindy Graves, a chapter member and CSU graduate student helped in planning the event. This was a great workshop for those who attended and our invited speaker, Certification Review Board member Jim Rammaka, provided some great information about the certification process.

The Chapter provided a donation of \$250.00 to the fund raising committee for the annual TWS conference in Austin in October of 1999. We also provided student travel grants to Chapter members who wished to attend the Annual Western Section Meeting in Riverside (Jan. 2000).

Topics for quarterly meetings included:

- a discussion of the new organizational structure of the California Department of Fish and Game
- an overview of the multi-agency Cal Fed program designed to address water and habitat restoration issues in the Sacramento-Bay Delta area
- a barbecue/social/organizational meeting

Here are some goals for the 2000 year.

- We are trying to go to an electronic format for the *Magpie* in order to save costs for printing and postage.
- We are undergoing a revision of the Chapter by-laws to more closely follow the President Elect, President, Past President structure used by TWS.
- We will be staffing standing committees to add some structure to the chapter.

Submitted by: Robert L. Carey

Title: President

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Membership

- The SJV Chapter had 98 members in 1999.

Meetings

- The Chapter held 3 business meetings and 4 general meetings in 1999.
- At the April general meeting, Phil and Sallie Mook of the Sierra Foothill Conservancy gave a presentation on the Conservancy's Black Mountain Preserve.
- At the July general meeting, Kerry Arroues of the Natural Resources Conservation Service gave a presentation on soils in the San Joaquin Valley.
- At the October meeting, Scott Blackburn of the Center for Natural Lands Management gave a presentation on hellbenders.

Communications with members

- Four Chapter newsletters were produced and distributed to members
- The Chapter continued to maintain and improve its website: <http://www.tws-west.org/sjvc/>
- The Chapter maintained an email list which it uses for the timely distribution of news, notices, job announcements, etc. Several hundred notices are sent out to Chapter members each year

Activities

- On March 25th, the Chapter sponsored the 2nd San Joaquin Valley Natural Communities Conference in Bakersfield. The Bureau of Land Management and California State University at - Bakersfield were co-sponsors of the Conference. The conference featured 24 presentations on studies and conservation projects in the San Joaquin Valley, and was attended by 90 participants.
- The Chapter awarded 2 grants of \$500 for research projects in the San Joaquin Valley. One grant was awarded to a graduate student working on California newts, and the other was awarded to a non-student researcher working on a habitat restoration study.
- The Chapter sponsored a "Snow Day" on February 20th. Seven Chapter members met for a day of cross-country skiing in Yosemite National Park.
- The Chapter provided a comment letter on the Arroyo Pasajero EIR and also provided a letter of support for the San Joaquin River Public Education Program.

Chapter Administration

- Elections were held for the offices of President-elect and Secretary.
- A brochure was prepared to assist with recruiting new Chapter members.

Submitted by: Brian Cypher

Title: Past-President

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Davis Student chapter holds general meetings every two weeks when school is in session. At general meetings, we will usually have a speaker. In 1999, we had graduate students, professors, professors emeriti, and others grace us with their presence. As alternatives to having a speaker, we have shown wildlife videos, played Wildlife Jeopardy and Wildlife Pictionary, and last spring we had a discussion on animal ethics.

Aside from general meetings, we also like to get outside and see the wildlife we spend so much time talking about. We went out several times in 1999 to UC Davis' Experimental Ecosystem and had workdays there. The primary focus of the Ecosystem is to restore populations of the once present California Quail. The habitat restoration that is planned here will take quite a long time, so to supplement this plan, we have constructed several brush piles and elevated quail roosts. California Quail have been seen using these structures, though perhaps not with the frequency we had hoped for. Also, this past fall at the Ecosystem, we helped remove some human debris and garbage left in the area from other projects using the land.

In the spring we trekked out to a nearby farm, and installed several underground structures intended for the Burrowing Owls. This fall, the chapter went on a tour of the relatively new Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, south of Sacramento. Our most enlightening road trip, of course, was to Monterey, California for the TWS Western Section Convention.

This past spring, our chapter organized an intramural team. The sport: Innertube Water Polo.

Submitted by: Sean Kenady

Title: President

WORKING GROUPS

Biological Diversity Working Group

Biometrics Working Group

GIS & Remote Sensing Working Group

Native Peoples' Wildlife Management Issues Working Group

Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Resources Working Group

Urban Wildlife Working Group

Wildlife Planning and Administration Working Group

Wildlife Toxicology Working Group



BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Biological Diversity Working Group of The Wildlife Society had another productive and successful year in 1999. Our membership remained stable at just below 300. The Working Group has a strong Newsletter, is developing a web site, is active in organizing symposia and discussion groups at The Wildlife Society Annual Conferences, and holds regular meetings at the Annual Conference and at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference.

The Newsletter - Biological Diversity - From Theoretical Discussion to Practical Application - comes out 4 times per year. We have established regional representatives for the newsletter who alternate reporting on activities relating to biodiversity conservation within their regions. The Newsletter has generally been well received by our membership. We note that the Newsletter is our major expense, and are struggling to maintain our budget at the current dues rate and to continue to provide the Newsletter to all members. We may need to raise dues in the future in order to maintain this important communication tool, although we are exploring other alternatives.

A new development in the Working Group is the consideration of a web site. This would not only allow us to distribute information to members in a timely and cost-effective fashion, but would also provide a logical venue from which to recruit new members. We have a volunteer web master in place who is perfecting our site, and we hope that it will become available in the near future. Any assistance from TWS in maintaining our web site in future would be much appreciated.

At the 6th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Austin, Texas, the Biological Diversity Working Group sponsored a half-day symposium on Incentives for Conserving Biodiversity on Private Lands. The symposium covered existing programs for helping landowners conserve biological diversity, with a focus on non-industrial private lands. For the 7th Annual Conference in Nashville, we are proposing a full-day symposium on Landscape Classification Systems.

The Working Group held 2 meetings this year, in conjunction with the North American Conference in San Francisco and the Annual Conference in Austin. Reports from established and ad hoc committees were presented, as well as questions and comments from members. We again used the North American Conference meeting to activate a subcommittee which prepared a Symposium proposal for the Annual meeting, thus giving us the necessary lead time to properly address questions of interest to the TWS Annual Conference Program Committee. Along with the symposium and business meeting in Austin, we also held a discussion group on the topic 'HCP's - do they help conserve biological diversity?', which provided considerable insight on this topic.

Submitted by:

Rick Baydack

Title:

Chair

BIOMETRICS WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

As in previous years, the activities of the Biometrics Working Group (BWG) have focused on (1) developing symposia and workshops for the annual conference, and (2) communication and sharing of ideas through our listserver, website, and periodic newsletters.

The BWG sponsored a proposal for one symposium on excellence in biometrics education in the wildlife profession, to be included for the program at the Austin conference. This was to include talks by academics that teach these courses and employers who hire those who take these courses. The BWG also sponsored a proposal for a workshop on the use of generalized linear models in the analysis of count data, a particularly timely topic with the increased interest in monitoring programs. This was to include two talks of a tutorial nature, as well as state-of-the-art approaches. Neither of these sessions were accepted for the Austin conference.

The annual business meeting in Austin was well attended, and there was a transition of officers. Because two candidates for board members were inadvertently left off of the original ballot the BWG sent out a second ballot for board members only, replacing the original ballot. That election was completed in October.

Two sessions for the annual conference in Nashville were proposed. The previously mentioned symposium on biometrics education was accepted and the organizer has since obtained the co-sponsorship of the Wildlife Education Working Group. A workshop on model selection was also accepted. This workshop will involve a fee, the proceeds from which will be used by the BWG to fund the travel of future speakers at BWG-sponsored sessions at the annual conference. The BWG plans to sponsor future workshops with the same structure, at the annual conference and perhaps regionally at other times of year.

The traffic on the BWG listserver increased during 1999, and the news about statistical activities in other professional societies has been added to the newsletter.

Submitted by: William Kendall

Title: Past Chair

GIS & REMOTE SENSING WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

1999 was an exciting year for the GIS and Remote Sensing Working Group.

We transferred money and records to the new Secretary/Treasurer (Richard Lawrence). As per our charter, we conducted our internal yearly audit. This was performed by Tom Sklebar. Our account and transfer showed no errors.

Unfortunately, Darren Divine, who was our chairperson-elect, felt he could not complete the duties of that office (and eventually the chairmanship) and stepped down. Luckily, he is still a very active member. To maintain continuity, the executive board voted to name Scott Klopfer as Darren's replacement. Scott will serve the remainder of the chairperson-elect term and then become chairperson during our annual meeting in September 2000.

Our working group sponsored 2 agenda items at the TWS annual meeting in Austin. The first was a workshop on the use of metadata entitled *Data Stewardship: Biological Metadata to Ensure Data Longevity*. This was taught by two individuals from U.S.G.S. A symposium called *Analysis of Radiotelemetry Data* was co-organized by our working group, namely Darren Divine. This was a well-attended, full day event. We are hoping to publish the proceedings of this symposium.

We also held our 1999 annual meeting in Austin. Several items discussed include: official addition of A Telemetry@ as a focus of our working group, a possible change of names to better reflect the mission of our working group, and future workshops and symposia. The voting on the name change and addition of "telemetry" continued on-line via our website (<http://fwie.fw.vt.edu/tws-gis/index.htm>). The results were unanimous. As of February 2000 our new working group name is "GIS, Remote Sensing, and Telemetry Working Group". "Telemetry" was added to our charter as an area of focus. The official report and paper work are currently being submitted to the national TWS council.

A month after the TWS annual meeting, the GIS and Remote Sensing Working Group co-sponsored a conference on *Computer Applications in Fisheries and Wildlife*. This was held October 24-27 in Stateline, Nevada. Several members were involved in the planning of this meaning from the start. Our working group hosted a specialized symposium, called *Technology in the Wildlife Profession: Research, Education, and Management*. This event was very successful. An informal Working Group meeting was also held during this conference. This gave our membership an additional chance to discuss working group business and operation. It also gave non-members an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of TWS and our working group. TWS memberships forms were distributed to potential members.

During 1999 we published 3 electronic newsletters (*Remotely Wild*). The newsletters are posted to our website at: http://fwie.fw.vt.edu/tws-gis/newsletter/nov_99/frames.html. The current newsletter and past issues can be found at this location. To insure that our members are aware of a new issue, an e-mail announcement is made at the time of posting. This results in a need to maintain a current e-mail address list of the membership. To facilitate this process we have made Stacy McNulty, the current website administrator, our secretary. This essential splits the position of secretary/treasurer into 2 separate positions. Richard Lawrence will remain our treasurer. The secretary has the responsibility of maintaining the membership list, keeping records, and updating the website.

At the end of 1999 we were notified of acceptance of our proposal for a special poster session at the 2000 TWS annual conference in Nashville. We look forward to hosting: *GIS Software Applications for Wildlife* in September.

Submitted by: David D. Morton

Title: Chairperson

NATIVE PEOPLES' WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

The Native Peoples' Wildlife Management Working Group was asked by The Wildlife Management Institute to organize a paper session entitled "Fish and Wildlife Management on Indian Reservations" at the Sixty-fourth North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in San Francisco, California in March, 1999. This session consisted of seven presentations on the management activities of Native American governments. These presentations covered perspectives of federal government agencies and native American Tribes in the Northern Great Plains, the Southwest, the Pacific Northwest, and Alaska. The proceedings of this session were published in the Transactions of the Sixty-fourth North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. Copies of the papers from the session were sent to Working Group members to share the information presented.

The Working Group held its Business Meeting at the Annual TWS Conference at Austin in September. Those attending this meeting received updates on the recent Board of Directors activities. Other topics discussed included CARA legislation, training ideas and existing programs for tribal wildlife students, and informational publications. The meeting provided an opportunity for several tribal wildlife biologists and others to gather and share ideas.

The Working Group coordinated with several interested Indian Tribes and the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society in disseminating information on the CARA legislation. The Working Group Chairman and Chairman-Elect also met with the Board of The Wildlife Society at the Annual TWS Conference to discuss the status of tribal wildlife management efforts in the United States and funding needs. Opportunities for improvement of wildlife management efforts on Indian lands if Indian tribes were allowed to participate in programs that may evolve from CARA legislation were also discussed.

At the Working group's Board of Directors Meeting in September, the Board moved to develop a series of white papers on several wildlife management topics important to Indian tribes. At the TWS Board Meeting, development of these papers as articles for a Wildlife Society Bulletin issue on Tribal wildlife management activities was suggested. Organizational work on those papers is underway.

The Working Group is planning to hold a Business Meeting at the 2000 Annual Conference at Nashville, Tennessee in September of 2000.

Submitted by: Dale Becker

Title: Chair

SUSTAINABLE USE OF ECOSYSTEM RESOURCES WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

Membership in the Working Group continues to be high (i.e., 131 members as of August 1999) and our financial situation is strong. However, despite our large membership, overall participation is low and the newsletter continues to be the primary form of communication. A variety of discussions were held throughout 1999 to address the lack of participation in the Working Group. Although several attempts were made to focus or refocus the group (with a new charge and/or name), the acting-board decided to continue to hold the Working Group together under its current charge until enough interest can be generated to fill all of the officer positions. Despite these struggles, the Working Group has participated in several activities worth noting.

Co-hosted a symposium, at the 6th Annual Conference in Austin titled "The Role of Private Agricultural Lands in Waterbird Conservation along the Gulf Coast". Co-sponsors of the symposia included the USGS, National Wetlands Research Center, Wildlife Management Institute, and the USDA. The purpose of the symposium was to highlight the importance of private lands for waterbirds and develop partnerships for future efforts along the Gulf Coast, focusing on the sustainability of Coastal resources and communities.

Several members continue to contribute to drafting a TWS technical report on identifying performance measures for ecosystem management.

Preparations are underway for hosting a symposium at the 7th Annual Conference in Nashville titled "Sustainable Use Making it Work".

Currently not all positions on the Board are filled. Current offices reflect the decision by the Chair to postpone 1999 elections indefinitely until the acting-board can discuss the Working Group's future. The following individuals are currently directing the Working Group:

Chair: Brian J. Kernohan, Boise Cascade Corporation, 1111 West Jefferson St., Boise, ID 83728, phone 208/384-7277, fax 208/384-7699, brian_kernohan@bc.com

Acting-Secretary/Treasurer: Dave de Calesta, 201 Quacker Hill Road, Warren, PA 16365, phone 814/563-1040, fax 814/563-1048, dekryn@penn.com

Acting-Board Member: Carolyn Mehl, Wildlife & Ecosystem Management Associates, 5 Yellow Pine Dr., Boise, ID 83716, phone 208/384-0059, fax 208/384-0115, wema@micron.net

The Chair-Elect, Past-Chair and two (2) Board Member positions remain vacant.

URBAN WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

A meeting of the group was held in September 1998 at the Annual Meeting of TWS in Buffalo, N.Y. At that time, we learned that two outstanding issues need to be completed by 1 March 1999 for the group to become official. One, the charter had to be approved, and two, election of officers and board members had to be held. By unanimous agreement, those present at the Buffalo meeting drew up a slate of candidates. Individuals were contacted regarding their willingness to run for office and a ballot was distributed to members in early 1999.

Chair: Lowell Adams - Chair-elect: John Hadidian - Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Bruleigh
Board members: Vagn Flyger, Dan Leedy, Seth Riley, Bill Shaw, Kate Stenberg, Larry VanDruff

Election results and the group's proposed charter were forwarded to TWS Executive Director Hodgdon for submission to the Council meeting in March 1999, where Council approved the group as an official working group of TWS.

The group held meetings in May (Tucson), in conjunction with the 4th International Symposium on Urban Wildlife Conservation, in August (Hungary), in conjunction with the 2nd International Wildlife Management Congress, in September (Austin), in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of TWS, and in December (Chicago), in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Three standing committees were filled (Nominating and Elections, Annual meeting Technical Session, and Communications). Two standing committees (Audit and Membership) remain to be filled. In addition to the standing committees, the following special committees were appointed:

Special Committee on College and University Urban Wildlife Education (Clark Adams, Chair)

Special Committee on Integrating Urban Wildlife Issues Into the model State Agency Nongame Program Being Developed by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (John Herron, Chair)

Special Committee on Publications (Becky Field, Chair)

Special Committee on International Affairs (Lowell Adams, Chair)

Special Committee on Urban Wildlife Symposia (Bill Shaw and Lisa Harris, co-chairs)

The group co-sponsored two symposia during the year—the 4th International Symposium on Urban Wildlife Conservation (May), and Ecological and Social Balance in Management of Urban/Suburban Wildlife (September, at the annual meeting of TWS). Two symposia sponsored by the group, Thirty Years of Urban Wildlife Management: Directions for a New Millennium, and Nonlethal Approaches to Wildlife Damage Management: Promise, Potential, Reality, have been approved by TWS for the Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2000.

A web site for the group was created and linked to the web site of TWS.

Submitted by: Lowell Adams

Title: Chair

WILDLIFE PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

During 1999, the Planning and Administration Working Group of Wildlife Society achieved official status. It produced two (2) Newsletters, which were distributed to members. A listing of e-mail addresses of members was compiled and distributed to members.

The Working Group also produced a Draft Charter, which was distribute to members and to the Program Director for review and comment. Based upon comments received, a revised Charter was drafted and circulated to members for approval. The Charter was approved by membership by unanimous vote.

A request for nominees for officer elections was circulated to membership during 1999. One individual was nominated for each of the four (4) official positions. Subsequently, ballots were distributed to membership. Four officers were elected by unanimous vote, one for each of the four offices: Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

Submitted by: Kenneth R. Scarlatelli

Title: Chair

WILDLIFE TOXICOLOGY WORKING GROUP OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: January - December 1999

- January** ● newsletter #1 published
- August** ● completed first draft of an educational program for wildlife biologists dealing with responding to wildlife mortality/morbidity incidents (presented and discussed at our business meeting in Austin, TX); this project is being headed by Dr. Joe Sullivan and several other WTWG members are contributing to this effort.
- September** ● 6th Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society, Austin, TX
- Wildlife Toxicology Working Group held their annual meeting in Austin, TX and sponsored a special poster session entitled "Wildlife Toxicology: Contaminant Issues in the Southwestern US, Mexican Border, and Gulf of Mexico"
- put out call for papers (Dec 1998), received 30 abstracts (by Feb 1999), compiled abstracts and corrected format (Feb 1999), organized session (with help from the program committee people at TPWD) (Feb 1999)
- arranged food and drink for our session with Fine Host (Austin Convention Center) (Mar - Aug 1999)
- sought and received industry sponsorship to help offset costs of food and drink at session (Aug 1999)
- sought and received co-sponsorship for our session from the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) (May - Aug 1999)
- October** ● held our annual Business Meeting at the TWS meeting in Austin, TX (9 Sept 1999)
- submitted proposal for a full-day special poster session for 2000 TWS meeting in Nashville, TN, with the session theme being "Wildlife Toxicology: Contaminant Issues in the Southeastern US"
- minutes of WTWG Business Meeting were distributed to Business Meeting attendees for comment; comments incorporated and minutes finalized
- December** ● proposal for full-day special poster session at TWS meeting in Nashville, TN accepted
- put out call for papers (WTWG mailing list and WTWG-TWS, TWS-L, Ecotoxicology-L, Wildlife Health-L, and Ecolog-L listservers) for our Special Poster Session at TWS meeting in Nashville, TN
- began compiling materials for Jan 2000 newsletter.
- worked up preliminary ballot for WTWG election to be held in early 2000

Other Working Group Activities in 1999

- The 1999 WTWG Membership list updated monthly (# of members for 1999 - 95)
- Initiated writing a manuscript on procedures for dealing with wildlife mortality/morbidity incidents in the field as a possible companion for the educational program being developed (targeted for the Wildlife Society Bulletin)
- Initiated development of a WTWG website to be linked to the TWS Working Groups webpage

Current WTWG-TWS Officers

Chair - Dr. Steve Sheffield	At-large rep (Eastern) - Dr. Pete Albers
Chair-elect - vacant	At-large rep (Central) - Joanna Whittier
Secretary - Robert Troup	At-large rep (Western) - Karl Ford
Treasurer - Dr. Joe Sullivan	Immediate Past Chair - Dr. Kris Brugger

Current Working Group Committees

Education	Nominations	Program
Membership	Publications	

Submitted by: **Steve Sheffield**

Title: **Chair**