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The Wildlife Society "The Fish and Wildlife Professionals of Idaho"

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Dr. George Rabb Chicago Zoological Society Brookfield Zoo Brookfield, Illinois 60513

Dear Dr. Rabb:

Thank you very much for agreeing to present at our special training and workshop, "Species That Slip Through the Cracks of Current Management Paradigms - Conservation of Non-Game and Non-Threatened or Endangered Fish and Wildlife." The meeting is sponsored by the Idaho chapters of The American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society and will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on February 25 (the day preceding the annual meetings for both organizations) at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise. An agenda is attached to provide you with more details.

The meeting organizers felt there is a common need to address the issue of tracking species, both temporally and spatially, that otherwise goes relatively unnoticed by current management agencies and entities, be it sculpin amphibians or neotropical migratory birds, many species in Idaho become known to biologists only after their population status and habitat appear to be threatened or declining. The purpose of this meeting is to identify what we can do to get ahead of this curve. We hope to benefit from some of your experiences and how you have approached this problem; particularly on a broader scale and with greater taxonomic complexity than the state of Idaho.

We will be pleased to pay for your air fare from Chicago and hotel reservations while you are in Boise. We would additionally like to provide you with some support for food and miscellaneous travel expenses while in town. Also, please evaluate the description of your presentation to ensure that we are generally accurate in representing some of the points you will cover. Provide any edits to Ted Koch at (503)231-6120 or Chuck Harris at (208) 334-2920.

Sincerely,

James W. Unsworth, President Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Chip Corsi, President Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society