

Based in Bozeman, MT.
(New)
(OLD) in Moscow, ID.

Hornocker Wildlife Institute - WCS

- Focus on Carnivore Research
- Started by Maurice Hornocker (Mt. Lion) Studies
- Institute has expanded to International perspective, projects in several countries
 - Russian Far East
Siberian Tiger, Black and Brown bears
- Most projects ^{STILL} in the western U.S.
 - (old) Black Bears - New Mex. NM. Dept.
 - (new) Black Bears - Yosemite Cal. Dept.
 - (new) Black Bears - Tetons (Id. Dept.)
 - Predator Interaction UNGULATE PREDATION
 - Yellowstone System
 - Central Idaho (us, cougar/wolf)

HWI will most likely have John Beecham (retired IDF&G)... [extensive bear research] host CHAIRPERSON for Conference.

- will seek collaboration with Montana Dept.
FOR WORKSHOP
= Want to expand dialogue between state manager's on issues of depredation, population census, public safety, etc., etc.

ON CAMPUS MSU, OR CHICO HOT SPRINGS
NOT DECIDED YET



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20 June 2000

Dear Larry,

Attached for review by WAFWA's Executive Committee, please find WAFWA application information for sanctioning of the *Western Black Bear Workshop*. Organizers and participants of this workshop feel that a sanction by WAFWA would provide important benefits to participating WAFWA agencies as well as participants of the workshop. The benefits of increased communication and cooperation between agencies will insure black bear research and management evolves to meet agency needs and public expectations.

We are currently prepared to provide a brief PowerPoint presentation to the WAFWA executive committee on Sunday afternoon, 9 July 2000 in Redmond, OR. The presentation will be jointly presented by Dave Immell (ODFW, Host of the 7th Workshop in Oregon, May 2000) and Jim Akenson (Hornocker Institute, Host of the 8th Workshop in Montana, 2003).

Please inform me at your earliest convenience if this application requires additional information or if there is any significant change to the WAFWA agenda. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

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WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

APPLICATION FORM REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP APPROVAL

Name of Workshop/Committee Western Black Bear Workshop

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Briefly describe the following:

Objectives of the Workshop/Committee (attach copy of by-laws or operating procedures):

The goal of the Western Black Bear Workshop is to provide information relative to and to encourage the perpetuation of bear populations as an ecological, aesthetic, and recreational natural resource in western North America consistent with other proper land uses for public and private lands (Appendix A, Bylaws). Specific objectives are: A) To provide an opportunity for all persons interested in bears to meet and discuss current research and management of the species and their habitats; B) To provide a vehicle for disseminating research and management findings to various agencies and organizations concerned with bear management; C) To promote research for development of new information on all aspects of black bear ecology, life history, and management in western North America; D) To identify particular problems associated with bear management and to formulate recommendations and resolutions to the appropriate agency or organization, including the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and E) To promote cooperation among all agencies and organizations concerned with bear management and research, particularly among the various provincial, state, and federal agencies with primary responsibilities of managing bears and their habitats.

Summary of Past Accomplishments (attach business meeting minutes, financial statement and proceedings – if published):

Seven previous Western Black Bear Workshops have been held since 1979 and a host has been selected for the 8th Western Black Bear Workshop in 2003 (Appendix B, Workshop History). Workshops have generally been held every third year. Previous workshops have resulted in three printed proceedings (1st, 4th, and 5th), one proceedings currently in press (6th), and one proceedings currently in review (7th). All meetings and peer edited

proceedings include reports on the status of bears within respective jurisdictions, as well as reports and discussions on pertinent research, management, and issues affecting bear management.

Attendance has varied from a low of 46 in 1991 to a high of 175 at the 2000 meeting in Oregon. The majority of workshop attendees are associated with state and federal management agencies in western Canada and the western United States. However, registration has not been constrained and participants have also cited affiliation with academic institutions, non-profit research or conservation organizations, public press organizations, or have attended as individuals wishing to learn more about bears and their biology.

Historically, organizers of past organizing committees have strived to ensure conferences are self supporting. Registration costs have been kept reasonable (\$90.00 student, \$120.00 early, \$150.00 late for 2000) and meeting locations have been selected to keep associated costs within standard government per diem rates (\$57.68 single/double room rate in 2000). Any Workshop income not spent conducting the Workshop or publishing associated proceedings is transferred to the next host agency or organization.

Benefits to WAFWA if the "Sanction" is Granted (include anticipated recognition for WAFWA):

The primary benefits to WAFWA that would result from sanctioning this workshop would include increased communication of knowledge relative to bear management issues (scientific and social), and increased cooperation in formulating innovative solutions to management challenges facing agencies throughout the west. Additionally, proceedings will serve as a centralized and timely location for trends in populations, management techniques, research findings, and social issues potentially affecting bears. All external communications for the workshop would appropriately display WAFWA's recognition and support of the Workshop.

Benefits to Workshop/Committee if the "Sanction" is Granted:

The Western Black Bear Workshop will directly benefit from a sanction by WAFWA in a number of ways. First, we hope that a WAFWA Sanction for this workshop by agency directors and commissioners will lead to continued agency support for attending and participating in this workshop. Second, by officially supporting this Workshop WAFWA will lend additional credibility to the results and proceedings of the Workshop through recognition of the importance and relevancy of the information to agency management needs. Third, WAFWA support will provide impetus for rigorous and timely publication of associated proceedings of each workshop. Finally, acceptance by the members of WAFWA will help insure the workshop continues to meet with agency expectations in the future as member agencies continue to come forward as hosts for successive workshops.

Selection of Officers (describe process):

One person from each participating agency or organization would be appointed by the agency or organization to serve as a voting member for the Western Black Bear

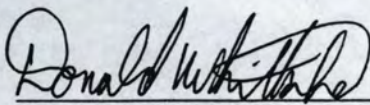
Workshop (see Appendix A, Bylaws). The agency or organization hosting the next workshop will designate one person to serve as chair for the Workshop committee. The organizing committee size, membership, and duties will be left to the discretion of the committee chair. Also, it will be the chair's responsibility to ensure that all objectives of the workshop, requirements of WAFWA, and proceedings publication deadlines are met in a consistent and timely fashion.

Selection of Meeting Locations (describe frequency and location):

Workshops will be conducted on a triennial basis. Host agency/organization will be decided voluntarily with acceptance by popular vote during the business meeting to be conducted in conjunction with each workshop. Exact dates and location will be determined by the host agency and committee.

By signing this application, the workshop/committee organizer/host agrees to:

1. Provide copies of all announcements and agendas to all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer of WAFWA.
2. Provide a copy of the minutes and/or proceedings to all Directors and the Secretary/Treasurer of WAFWA as soon as they are printed.
3. Provide a written and oral report at the next WAFWA summer meeting following the workshop which includes the following:
 - Number of registered participants.
 - Copy of the agenda from the meeting.
 - Financial report.
 - Summary of key issues reviewed in the workshop, including policy ramifications of recommended actions.
 - When available, a copy of the workshop proceedings if one is completed.
 - Time, place, host agency and contact person for the next workshop.
 - Any additional items that would be of interest to the WAFWA leadership.



(Signature of authorized agent)

Oregon Dept Fish + Wildlife

(affiliation)

6/20/00

(date)

Executive Committee Review

Comments:

Approved: Yes _____ No _____

Appendix A: Bylaws

**ORGANIZATION and FUNCTION
of the
WESTERN BLACK BEAR WORKSHOP**

BYLAWS

I. Designation

This organization shall be known as the "Western Black Bear Workshop" hereafter referred to as the Workshop. The official publication of the Workshop shall be known as the Western Black Bear Workshop Proceedings hereafter referred to as Proceedings.

II. Goal

The goal of the Workshop is to provide information relative to and to encourage the perpetuation of black bear populations as an ecological, aesthetic, and recreational natural resource in western North America consistent with other proper land uses for public and private lands.

III. Objectives

- A. To provide an opportunity for all persons interested in bears to meet and discuss current research and management of bears and their habitats.
- B. To provide a vehicle for disseminating research and management findings to various agencies and organizations concerned with bear management.
- C. To promote research for development of new information on all aspects of black bear ecology, life history, and management in western North America.
- D. To identify particular problems associated with bear management and to formulate recommendations and resolutions to the appropriate agency or organization, including the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
- E. To promote cooperation among all agencies and organizations concerned with bear management and research, particularly among the various provincial, state, and federal agencies with primary responsibilities of managing bears and their habitats.

IV. Organization

- A. The Workshop will be open to any person interested in bears and their management.
- B. Voting

Voting members shall consist of one representative from each of the following:

- 1. Western states, provinces, and countries where bears are present: Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northwest Territories, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Yukon.
- 2. Federal Agencies

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Canadian Wildlife Services, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Parks Canada, and the Direccion General de Fauna Silvestre.

3. Universities, Colleges, and Research Institutions

The chair may appoint up to three people to represent colleges, universities, and research institutions. Appointee shall come from any college, university, research institution actively conducting bear research.

Voting representatives for all the states, provinces, countries, or organizations shall be appointed by the agency directly responsible for wildlife management within the above named states, provinces and countries.

The chair shall request that each of the above named federal agencies appoint one voting member. This request shall be directed to one of the regional offices or service centers in the western United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Voting shall be accomplished only by those authorized representatives in attendance at the business meeting of the workshop.

C. The Workshop will be scheduled triennially.

D. The new host state, province, country, or organization shall be selected and announced at the business meeting of the Workshop. It is the intent of the Workshop that the host state, province, country or organization will be volunteered on a rotating basis among the actively participating member states, provinces, countries, organizations.

E. The host state, province, country, or organization shall select the time and place of the meeting. The host shall appoint one of its representatives who will act as chair. Responsibilities of the chair shall be:

1. To serve as chair for the three-year period following his/her appointment.
2. To call for papers and prepare an agenda for the workshop and assemble and distribute any recommendations or resolutions passed at the Workshop.
3. To prepare and distribute the proceedings of the Workshop for which he/she has been responsible.
4. To organize and conduct the meeting and business of the Workshop.
5. To appoint committees as necessary.
6. To maintain the goals and objective of the Workshop.
7. To prepare and make a formal report to the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA).

F. The mailing list of the Workshop shall be:

1. The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

2. The Director and Game or Wildlife Chief of every member state, province, and country.
 3. All biologists known to be conducting bear research.
 4. All Bureau of Land Management State Offices and Regional Service Centers in the western United States.
 5. All Regional Forest Service Offices in the western United States.
 6. All Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Offices in the western United States.
 7. All Natural Resource Conservation Service Offices in the western United States.
 8. All Cooperative Wildlife Research Units in the western United States.
 9. All persons attending the last Workshop.
 10. Any person or organization requesting a copy of the proceedings.
- G. The chair shall forward the mailing list and other pertinent material to the new Workshop chair upon completion of his/her responsibilities as chair of the current Workshop.

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Appendix B: Western Black Bear Workshop History.

Year	Location	Proceedings	Host	Attendance (If Known)
1979	Arizona	Published ¹	AZ Game and Fish Dept.	88
1985	Montana			
1988	Utah			
1991	California	Published ¹	Yosemite National Park	46
1994	Utah	Published ¹		69
1997	Washington	In Press ¹	WA Dept. Fish and Wildlife	
2000	Oregon	In Prep ¹	OR Dept. Fish and Wildlife	175
2003	Montana		Hornocker Wildlife Institute	

¹ Published or expected table of contents attached.



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Jem -
A reminder that the
deadline for the August
newsletter is July 15.

You wanted to include
an announcement
about the 8th bear
workshop -
Thanks!

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