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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I hope this President's address finds you well, that you've had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends, and that your new year is starting off well. What an event filled quarter! Let's start with the first class TWS National Conference in Raleigh! With over **1,865** attendees, it was the third largest conference in its 23 year history! A big "Thank You" to all those who helped make the conference a huge success. I am proud to announce that **Darren Miller** from Weyerhaeuser Company and **Mike Mengak** from the University of Georgia were recognized as TWS Fellows at the Annual Conference. Likewise, **Stephen Rockwood** with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission was the recipient of the TWS Distinguished Service Award for the Southeastern Section. Moreover, **Darren Miller** began his term as TWS Vice President, transitioning to President-Elect and then President in 2018. All three of these individuals have contributed significantly to the success and growth of TWS and the wildlife profession. At the annual business meeting the University of Tennessee-Martin was recognized as the SETWS Student Chapter of The Year. It was a pleasure getting to meet these fine students, the future of our profession.

Thank you to those who took the time to review and vote (unanimous approval) on the proposed bylaws changes. These changes will enable the Section to function more smoothly, address new opportunities, and in some cases to keep the Section in compliance with TWS National guidelines. I am pleased to

announce that **Steven Castleberry** from the University of Georgia began his 3-year term on the Society's Certification Review Board.

While the TWS conference was in full swing in Raleigh, the SEAFWA conference was in full swing in Baton Rouge with numerous awards and recognitions. Congratulations to **Mirka Zapletal** from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for receiving the Best Student Presentation Award for her work titled "Carnivore Diet on Louisiana Barrier Beaches" and **Sam Saunders** from Louisiana Tech University for the Best Student Poster Award for his research titled "A Comparison of Radio Tag Attachment Methods in Henslow's Sparrows." A special thanks for **Andy Madison** of Union University, who for several years now has served as the Chair of our Student Awards Committee, and his committee members and volunteers for their fine work. The Best Paper Award for the Wildlife Technical Session of the JSEAFWA Best Paper went to

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Tyler Pittman and **David Kremetz**, Arkansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for their 2015 paper titled “Efficacy of Landscape Scale Oak Woodland and Savanna Restoration in the Ozark Highlands of Arkansas.” A special thank you to **Jessica Tegt** at Mississippi State University for stepping in and chairing the review process.

Mississippi State University will be hosting the 2017 Southeastern Student Conclave March 16-19 in Starkville. This is something I always look forward to each year, the chance to interact with the 400+ amazing students who will be competing in a variety of events for two days.

And finally, please take the time and consider nominating a deserving colleague for one of The Wildlife Society’s many awards, either at the national or section level. Given the above, and reinforced though the pages of this newsletter, without question there are A LOT of great things being done by A LOT of outstanding individuals within the Section. Yeah, it takes some time to develop a detailed nomination letter, but let’s get ‘em recognized! Please visit the TWS website at <http://wildlife.org/engage/awards/> to learn more about all of the awards available. Keep in mind, several of these awards have deadlines that are fast approaching!

Mark Smith
President, Southeastern Section TWS



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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Wildlifers!

I hope you all had a prosperous and enjoyable Holiday Season. During my last article, I mentioned the upcoming TWS annual conference in Raleigh. Our friends in North Carolina really did a great job, the venue was excellent, and the conference was a huge success. As in the past few years, students made up almost half of those in attendance! I am always impressed with the number, quality, and enthusiasm of the students I meet at our annual conference.

The Southeast was well represented among award recipients at the conference. **Mike Mengak** (Georgia) and **Darren Miller** (Mississippi) were named as TWS Fellows, **Reggie Thackston** (Georgia) received the **Jim McDonough** award, **Steve Rockwood** (Florida) was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, **Alix Pedraza** (South Carolina) received the **Diversity Award**, and **Roger Applegate** (Tennessee) was awarded the W. L. McAtee and G. V. Burger Award for Outstanding Service as an Associate Editor. Please congratulate these individuals for their accomplishments. Also, please be aware that the deadlines associated with many of our awards are rapidly approaching. I am sure we all know individuals or groups from within the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society who deserve recognition for their accomplishments. Let's get them nominated! Please see <http://wildlife.org/engage/awards/> for a list of awards and deadlines. If I can help with the nomination process, please feel free to send me an email.

Remember, the 2017 conference will be held September 23 – 27 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The deadline for conference proposals is March 10 and the deadline for contributed papers and posters in April 7. Please make plans to attend as this is sure to be another excellent conference.

When you renew your 2017 TWS membership, you will note that there is a new member benefit—the Give Back Program. When you pay your 2017 dues, you will be given the opportunity to provide a free 6-month complimentary membership to a colleague who is not a member of TWS. I encourage you to take advantage of this offer. It is a great way to introduce someone to all of the benefits associated with being a member of TWS.

During my term as your Section Representative, I hope to attend at least one Chapter meeting in each state in the Section. Over the next couple of years, I will be watching for Chapter meeting dates to see if logistics will allow me to meet this goal. Regardless, I hope that you feel free to contact me with questions or concerns regarding The Wildlife Society. I can be most easily reached by email at mconner@jonesctr.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Conner
Southeastern Section Representative



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DEER COMMITTEE

Southeast Deer Study Group Meeting

The Missouri Department of Conservation will host the 2017 Southeast Deer Study Group meeting February 27 - March 1, 2017 at the Hilton Frontenac in St. Louis, Missouri. This will be the 40th annual meeting of deer biologists, managers, researchers and enthusiasts. This conference will consist of the latest research in deer biology and management. Deer biologists, researchers, and managers come together to discuss the latest findings and experiences to further hone their skills for managing one of most important game species in the Southeast. Please visit <http://www.sedsg.com/> for more information.

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C.W. WATSON AWARD COMMITTEE

John Fischer Named C. W. Watson Award Winner

The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies named **John Fischer**, DVM, Ph.D. of Athens, Georgia the 2016 C. W. Watson Award winner at their annual meeting in Baton Rouge in October. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the Association.

“Dr. Fischer’s extensive research and associated wildlife disease experience, which spans more than 25 years, has been critical to informing state fish and wildlife agency conservation strategies for decades. His knowledge, understanding of the state and federal wildlife management systems, and ability to bring people

to consensus on often divisive issues have enabled him to contribute immensely to the conservation of fish and wildlife worldwide,” said SEAFWA President **Gordon Myers**. “John has led the charge in addressing many of our greatest disease challenges, including epizootic hemorrhagic disease, blue-tongue, avian influenza, West Nile virus and chronic wasting disease.”



SEAFWA President Gordon Myers (left) presented the C.W. Watson Award to Dr. John Fischer.

Fischer has led the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS) for more than 16 years and worked with SCWDS for nearly three decades. In that time, he has authored many peer-reviewed articles, including several chapters in the most popular wildlife diseases field manual for the Southeastern United States. He also serves as both a mentor and graduate committee member for many students in the field of wildlife diseases.

“States and partners know that when Dr. Fischer takes a position on a disease issue, it is time to stop arguing and start listening,” Myers said.

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Previously, Fischer has been recognized nationally for his efforts with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Special Recognition Award in 2005 and the Tom Thorne and Beth Williams Memorial Award from the Wildlife Disease Association in 2014.

The C.W. Watson award is presented to the career individual who, in the opinion of the Award Committee, has made the greatest contribution to wildlife or fish conservation during the previous year or years. This award is presented jointly by the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society, the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society, and the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Best Paper Award

The Best Paper Award for the Wildlife Technical Session of the JSEAFWA Best Paper went to **Tyler Pittman** and **David Kremetz**, Arkansas Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for their 2015 paper titled "Efficacy of Landscape Scale Oak Woodland and Savanna Restoration in the Ozark Highlands of Arkansas."

STUDENT AWARDS COMMITTEE

The following awards were presented at the 70th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Agencies in Baton Rouge, LA:

Student Presentation Award

Mirka Zapletal, with the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, was recognized at the SEAFWA banquet for her presentation in the Wildlife Technical Session entitled "Carnivore Diet on Louisiana Barrier Beaches".

Student Poster Award

Sam Saunders, with Louisiana Tech University, was recognized at the SEAFWA banquet for his poster entitled "A Comparison of Radio Tag Attachment Methods in Henslow's Sparrows".

The following award was presented at the business meeting of the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society in Raleigh, NC:

Student Chapter Award

Student chapters in the SETWS are evaluated by independent judges on an overall application package including professionalism and involvement in research education, management, stewardship, and outreach to name a few categories. This year, the University of Tennessee-Martin Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society was recognized as the Student Chapter of the Year for their outstanding service to their members and SETWS.

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WETLANDS WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

Chaired by: **Tom Moorman** (DU) and **Jerry Holden** (DU) acting on behalf **Stephen V. Rockwood** (FL)

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Committee Members Attending:

Larry Reynolds (LA), **Jerry Holden** (DU), **Andi Cooper** (DU), **Tom Moorman** (AL), **Andy Nyman** (DU), **Steve Smith** (LA), **Cynthia Edwards** (WMI/SECAS), **Joel Porath** (MO), **Andrew Schmidt** (AFWA), **Chris Colclasure** (AR), **Jeff Gleason** (USFWS), **Chris Smith** (AL), **Jessica Graham** (SARP), **Bill Bartush** (USFWS), **Jen Mock Schaeffer** (AFWA), **Rick Kaminski** (Clemson)

Scheduled Discussion Items:

- **Clean Water Act – Tom Moorman** (DU) informed the committee that the U.S. Court of Appeals for 6th Circuit issued a stay on the Clean Water Act Rule pending further action of the court and acknowledging that clarification of the rules is needed. In the meantime and in response to this decision, the USACOE and EPA will rely on the agencies' prior regulations defining "waters of the United States." Both agencies' will utilize guidance documents developed in order to clarify jurisdictional determination. Furthermore, it is likely that numerous environmental groups will issue a "Amicus Brief" in December summarizing the importance of the rule.

- **Farm Bill Update – Andrew Schmidt** (AFWA) provided an update on the Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) Program. In fiscal year 2015 and 2016, approximately 18% and 20% of the WRE applications were funded, respectively. Preliminary estimates for FY16 - \$301 million for new ACEP enrollments, resulting in estimated 100,000 acres of farmland, grasslands, and wetlands protected. Under the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership, NRCS awarded \$44.6 million to support 10 wetland enhancement projects in 12 states, helping protect, restore, or enhance 15,000 acres. Southeast states that were awarded funding: AR, KY, LA, MS, MO, TN.

The AFWA Agricultural Conservation Committee (ACC) is standing up an ad hoc 2018 Farm Bill Working Group to be the primary vehicle for identifying and drafting reauthorization principles and policy priorities for the Farm Bill. This working group will draft a policy platform that will then be submitted for adoption by AFWA at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in March 2017. The working group will include representatives from each regional association of fish and wildlife agencies, in addition to ACC leadership, NGO partners, and AFWA staff. Interested parties can reach out to AFWA staff or their state agency Farm Bill coordinators for more information and to engage in the process.

- **Farming on Refuges – Jen Mock Schaeffer** provided an update on the US Fish and Wildlife Service internal policy banning the use of neonicotinoids and genetically modified crops on refuges beginning in January 2016. In the Southeast, farming on refuges provides approximately 44,000 acres of crops for waterfowl and other wildlife. This policy change raises questions on whether or not refuges will be able to



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achieve existing habitat objectives established in the refuge's Comprehensive Conservation Plan for providing adequate forage habitat and sanctuary to support waterfowl and other migratory birds. The US Fish and Wildlife Service Regions 4 and 5 have requested support from the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture staff and others to update step-down NAWMP population objectives at the state level and local level if possible and quantify habitat objectives using an energetics-based approach. This effort should be scalable to the local level so that managers can better understand the implications of policy change on migratory birds.

Presentations:

- **Jessica Graham** (SARP) – Overview of Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership Program
- **Larry Reynolds/Steve Smith** (LA) – Wetland Management Strategies to Address Duck-use Energy Days Deficits in LA.
- **Rick Kaminski** (Clemson) – James C. Kennedy Waterfowl and Wetlands Center

Action Items and Recommendations: Continue to monitor activities associated with Farming on Refuges and its impacts to migratory bird management.

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71st Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Sunday, October 29 - Wednesday, November 1, 2017 • Louisville, Kentucky

The annual conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is a forum for the exchange of ideas and critical information regarding the management and protection of fish and wildlife resources primarily in the southeast. The conference attracts over 500 representatives from state and federal agencies, citizen's organizations, universities, and private wildlife research groups, fisheries and wildlife scientists, agency enforcement personnel, and other natural resource related organizations.

Hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, the 71st Annual Conference, "Creative Conservation Strategies for 21st Century Challenges" will be held at the Galt House Hotel in the heart of Louisville, Kentucky.

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Alabama Bat Working Group

Alabama Bat Working Group (ABWG) held its 2016 annual Fall Meeting at the Alabama Power Headquarters in Birmingham, AL on December 7, 2016. The purpose of the ABWG annual fall meeting was to share information on bat research in Alabama and plan future activities of the ABWG. The meeting included four student research presentations from Tennessee Technological University, West Georgia University, Auburn University (AU), and Alabama A&M University with topics ranging from genetic structure of Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat to how habitat structure affects use by bats to control agents for *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (the cause of white-nose syndrome). Research and update presentations from the USFWS, AU, and Ecological Solutions followed. Agency updates, 2016 Bat Blitz planning, and training needs closed the meeting. There were 58 attendees from at least 29 state and federal agencies, Universities, consulting firms and other natural resource related professionals.

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ARKANSAS



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission received a special "Order of Conservation" award at its April 21, 2016 meeting from Ducks Unlimited Canada for contributions to waterfowl habitat on an international level. **Rachel Norton** and **Richard Bowen** came on board as biologists at the AGFC's Beaver Lake Office. **Andrew Green** was hired to be a habitat biologist at the Monticello Regional Office. **Bubba Groves** was promoted to Assistant Private Lands Biologist Supervisor with the AGFC. **JJ Abernathy**, **Rick Darter**, **Craig Davis**, **Mike Harris**, and **Andy VanHorn** were promoted to Senior Technician with the AGFC. **Dick Baxter**, AGFC Assistant Chief of Wildlife Management, left the agency in September. Dr. **Jennifer Ballard** will be joining AGFC in the position of Veterinarian in the Research Division. **Lou Hausman**, AGFC Region 1 Habitat Biologist, passed away July 19, 2016. **George "Sonny" Howell**, retired AGFC technician from Region 5, passed away March 13, 2016 at the age of 67.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Keith Weaver, longtime member of Arkansas Chapter and current member of the board, was recently recognized as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Manager of the Year after committing over 30 years to working with national wildlife refuges. He serves as the project leader at the Central Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge Complex and is responsible for managing six refuges in Arkansas, five of which are primarily managed for wintering waterfowl. One of the refuges he manages, Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, is designated a wetland of

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international importance and is deemed the most important wintering area for mallard ducks in North America.

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services

Clint Turnage, USDA-Wildlife Services received the 2016 USDA Wildlife Disease Biologist of the Year Award.

Arkansas State University Student Chapter

We were able to send 16 members to The Wildlife Society's 2016 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave at Eastern Kentucky University. All of these members competed in individual competitions with one member winning first place in the fly casting competition and several others placing very competitively in their own events. The quiz bowl team had an excellent showing defeating LSU, UT Knoxville, and Virginia Tech before finally placing third overall behind only Murray State and UGA. Our members have been out twice during the fall semester to remove trash from the club's stretch of adopted highway near Craighead Forest Park. Turtle Creek Lateral is the stream receiving water from storm water runoff on the Arkansas State University campus and members of the club volunteered to assist with removing trash and debris from this part of Turtle Creek. Club members volunteered their time to assist with the clean-up of Lake Charles State Park near Hoxie, AR. Members of the club set up a booth in the Lab Science building to talk with touring high school seniors about the club and what it is like to be a Wildlife major at A-State Senior Preview Day. Club members operated three deer check stations for the AGFC at Cache River NWR. Club members learned to collect information vital to maintaining a healthy deer population including weighing, sexing, and

aging white-tail deer. About 30 chapter members took a tour of The Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Missouri where members were able to see the rarest canid in the world, the Red Wolf, as well as African Painted Dogs, Mexican Wolves, and Fennec Foxes.

University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Student Chapter

The chapter sent 5 members to the 2016 Conclave in Richmond, KY and had their best performance yet. They had three, top-10 finishes in the art competitions, with a 3rd place finish by Diamond Bogle in the digitally enhanced category. The team also had multiple top-10 finishes in the team competition. They excelled at antler scoring and deer aging, tent pitching and packing, mollusk identification, trap setting, fire starting, and tractor part identification. The team had its best overall finish in school history and is ready to build on that success for next year. The chapter started the fall semester by participating in RazorBash, which is hosted yearly by the University Programs Committee to promote clubs and organizations on campus. We had 200+ students visit our booth and show interest in learning more about our chapter and wildlife in general. We were also awarded the Certificate of Appreciation from Hobbs State Park for our continued service and community outreach with our Birds and Breakfast program, where we capture birds and teach the local community about why research is important to wildlife. Students from our chapter also collected biological data, including CWD samples from deer harvested at the McIlroy-Madison County Wildlife Management Area one weekend in November as a joint endeavor with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

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FLORIDA



Florida Chapter

FLTWS is electing an all new board in 2017. The Chapter recently accepted nominations for the positions of President Elect, Secretary, Member at Large and Southeastern Section Representative. Being part of the FLTWS board offers a great opportunity to learn more about The Wildlife Society on a state and national level, and provides a forum to share innovative conservation solutions in the face of an ever changing world. The board meets quarterly, at 1 Winter board meeting, 1 Summer board meeting, 1 Spring Conference Business Meeting and 1 Fall board or business meeting. Voting will begin mid-February.

University of Florida Student Chapter

The University of Florida Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society is looking for meat donations for their annual fundraiser, Beast Feast. Beast Feast is a conservation event with a buffet dinner featuring game meat and invasive species, an outdoor-oriented silent auction, raffle, and educational booths. This event funds their chapter, providing them with opportunities to attend conferences, educational trips, and the TWS Southeastern Conclave. Beast Feast will be held on February 18th at the Heartwood Soundstage in Gainesville, FL. All donations are tax deductible and donors will be publicized. If you have any meat or in-kind donations for their event, please contact Vice President **Ashley Meade** at UFBeastFeast@gmail.com.

Florida Chapter Website: <http://www.fltw.org/>

GEORGIA



Georgia's Revised Wildlife Plan Approved and at Work

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval this past fall on Georgia's State Wildlife Action Plan clears the way for continued efforts and new projects focused on nearly 640 species considered high priorities for conservation. That line-up varies from bald eagles to gopher tortoises and Georgia aster wildflowers. The new plan will guide work by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and partners for the next 10 years.

State Wildlife Action Plans are aimed at conserving populations of native wildlife and habitats they need before the species become rarer and more costly to conserve or restore. An approved plan also is required by Congress for DNR and wildlife agencies in other states to receive State Wildlife Grants, the main federal funding source for states to conserve nongame – animals not fished for or hunted.

Experts from DNR and more than 100 conservation partners and stakeholders created Georgia's Wildlife Action Plan in 2005 and reviewed and revised this comprehensive strategy from 2013 to 2015. Using the best available data, the revision includes new details about the status of species, developing regional conservation efforts and emerging issues such as white-nose syndrome, a disease deadly to bats.

For more information, visit: www.georgiawildlife.com/conservation/wildlife-action-plan



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Educator Awarded \$1,000 as 'Conservation Teacher of the Year'

A Monroe County teacher's proposal to create a bog garden out of a regularly flooded area at her school earned a \$1,000 grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

The agency recently announced **Tiffany Smith**, a third-grade teacher at Samuel E. Hubbard Elementary (Forsyth, Ga), as the 2016 Conservation Teacher of the Year grant recipient. The award is given annually to a third- through fifth-grade public or private school teacher in Georgia who demonstrates exceptional energy and innovation in teaching life sciences.

The grant is made possible with funding from The Environmental Resources Network, or TERN, friends group of DNR's Nongame Conservation Section. The section, part of the agency's Wildlife

Resources Division, conducts the contest and reviews proposals.

Smith was selected for her "Georgia Native Bog Gardens" proposal, which was inspired by her students' idea to divert water between two school wings into a bog garden that students will create. In addition to solving a condensation problem, the bog garden will serve as an outdoor classroom to learn about native plant and animal interactions while covering several curriculum standards. Through various activities, Smith will help her students hone the 4 C's of 21st Century Learning: critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication.

More information at: www.georgiawildlife.com/TeachingConservationGrant

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Third-grade teacher, **Tiffany Smith**, receives her Georgia Conservation Teacher of the Year award.

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KENTUCKY



Kentucky Chapter

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Chapter of TWS will be held at Barren River State Resort Park on Feb 16-17. The meeting theme is "Communicating Wildlife Sciences." The meeting will include a panel discussion by invited speakers and a workshop for students. For more information: <http://wildlife.org/kentucky-chapter/annual-meeting/>

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LOUISIANA



Louisiana Chapter

The Louisiana Chapter TWS / LAPB held their Fall Symposium September 15-16, 2016 with 71 people in attendance. Outstanding student awards went to **Kristy D. Capelle**, first place, with the School of Renewable Natural Resources at LSU with her presentation "Evaluating survival of released ranches American alligator in coastal Louisiana". Second place for oral presentations went to **Madelyn B. McFarland** with the School of Renewable Natural Resources at LSU for her presentation on "Prothonotary warbler nestling diet and parental provisioning rates at BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center, in Baton Rouge, LA". Top honors for poster presentation went to **Melissa Bloch**, ULM, for her poster on "The use of unmanned aerial systems in forest management". A special focus session on the Evaluation of Effects to Fish and Wildlife 5 Years After the BP Oil Spill finished out the meeting on 16 September.

Dr. **Any Nyman** with LSU instated as Chapter Past President. Dr. **Eddie Lyons** with McNeese State University instated as President. Newly elected officers are Dr. **Jeff Duguay** with LDWF as President Elect. **Troy Mallach** remains as Secretary, **Larry Reynolds** remains as Treasurer, and **Jeff Duguay** remains as Newsletter Editor.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Surprisingly High November Aerial Waterfowl Survey in Louisiana

Despite abnormally warm fall temperatures, a solid migration of ducks resulted in a November aerial survey estimate of 3.06 million ducks in coastal Louisiana and Catahoula Lake before the opening of the regular duck season. That estimate was 2.5 times last November's estimate and 50% higher than the long-term November average of 2.04 million ducks. Another 454,000 ducks were counted on the aerial survey in NE Louisiana the following week, which was 3 times the long-term average of 145,000 on this survey. It appears that drought conditions in much of the Central and Mississippi Flyways created conditions favorable for a large number of early migrants finding their way to Louisiana relatively early this fall.

The Louisiana Whooping Crane population got a much needed a boost in 2016 when the re-introduction project received a record 25 juvenile cranes from two captive breeding centers. Seventeen juveniles were transported to the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Grand Chenier, while the remaining 8 went to the White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area in Gueydan. With these 25 new juveniles, the Louisiana non-migratory population now numbers 59 individuals. All members of the population have been

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captive reared except for one juvenile (LW1-16) who was hatched in a crawfish field in Jefferson Davis Parish in April 2016 by a newly formed pair. LW1-16 is the first Whooping Crane to hatch in the wild in Louisiana in over 75 years, and marks an important milestone for the reintroduction project.

A recently completed lead shot deposition project on Sandy Hollow WMA in Tangipahoa Parish revealed high lead shot levels both within and surrounding dove fields. Dove field management practices did not result in reduced lead shot concentrations on the field surface. LDWF is now investigating the use of non-toxic shot on managed LDWF WMA dove fields.

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MARYLAND/DELAWARE

MD-DE Chapter

Members of nearby states are invited to the April 20-21, 2017 Maryland-Delaware State Chapter spring meeting, being held in Western Maryland at Deep Creek Lake State Park, with lodging available nearby at Herrington Manor State Park. The focus is on natural resource and wildlife management communications. Attendees will participate in a course entitled, "Verbal Judo," receiving a Certificate of Completion and TWS-Awarded CEU credit. This theme

was chosen as a reminder that the challenges that face us and our work are significant - if we cannot explain our management actions or the complex science behind them, then we could lose important progress made in recent decades toward conserving species and ecosystems for the future. We, as wildlife professionals and aspiring wildlife professionals, are being called upon to share the importance of what we do and to make compelling arguments for why we do it; to raise the public's understanding for the need to manage and protect wildlife and habitat. Our work is needed more than ever today - so I hope you will join us in April - we are planning some great speakers, hands-on sessions, and a field trip!

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Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center, Swanson, Maryland, the meeting location.



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MISSISSIPPI



Mississippi State University
Student Chapter

Southeastern Wildlife Conclave

Mississippi State University will be hosting the 2017 Southeastern Wildlife Society Conclave March 16-19 in Starkville. The Wildlife Society (TWS) student chapters host regional conclaves each year to provide college students with valuable hands-on training in wildlife management and conservation. Activities include field trips, field competitions, game-calling competitions, quiz bowl, art and photography contests, guest speakers, and many opportunities for professional development. The Southeastern Wildlife Conclave promotes networking and cooperation among students, faculty, and wildlife professionals while developing new knowledge and skills. Please visit <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/workshops/wildlife/index.asp> for more information. To register, visit the Eventbrite website at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-tws-student-conclave-tickets-29310023068>.

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NORTH CAROLINA



23rd Annual Conference – Raleigh Makes TWS History!

In 2012, The North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society offered to host the 2016 TWS Annual Conference in North Carolina. The bid was put in and accepted in 2013, and thus our Chapter began a two-year planning effort with TWS staff! Over 60 (that's about 1/3 of) NC Chapter members took a role in preparing for the 23rd Annual Conference. Some put in hundreds of hours, others just a few, but all served with joyful hearts and contributed to the success of the Conference.

The 23rd Annual TWS Conference in Raleigh attracted 1,865 registrants who were greeted by the towering Sir Walter Raleigh adorned in full wildlife regalia. Over the 5-day conference with nearly a dozen workshops, a daily keynote or plenary session, concurrent contributed paper sessions and symposia, panel discussions and over 100 contributed posters, there were far more educational opportunities than any one registrant could attend. Some of the most memorable events were the unique and amazing field trips where wildlifers experienced lemurs up close and personal, bird watched at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve, explored behind the scenes at the Museum of Natural Sciences and delved into the cultural and natural history of the longleaf pine ecosystem at the Walthour Moss Foundation. The Opening Night Student Professional Mixer was a highlight as was the closing night with bluegrass and barbeque. As if that wasn't enough, there was a nail-biting quiz bowl, 86 exhibitors to visit, a North Carolina led laidback jam session, inspiring speeches and awards, and many opportunities for local craft beers around Raleigh.

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Conference attendees and TWS also contributed \$2,818 to a North Carolina led sustainability project, to help offset the carbon and energy use at the conference, with NC GreenPower where funding is directed to the Solar Schools Pilot Program which aims to raise awareness and educate students about renewable energy. See the following link for more information and to make a donation: <https://my.ncgreenpower.org/groups/wildlife-society-conference-2016-882/campaigns/wildlife-society-conference-2016-supports-ncgp-solar-schools-project-186>.

During the TWS conference, an informal social event was held between the NC and SC Chapters. We had a great turn out of about 50 people at the informal social at the Mash & Lauter on October 17, 2016! We enjoyed meeting our neighbors and getting to know one another over drinks and appetizers. In the future we hope to send representatives to each other's annual meetings.



History-Making Conference Stats:

- #3 in conference attendance (Portland, OR takes the lead in 1995 and 2012)
- #2 in fundraising (only \$15,000 behind the 2015 Winnipeg Conference)
- #1 in securing partnerships for TWS (our Chapter members help secure two partners for TWS - Bayer Bee Care and Caterpillar - which no host state has ever done before!)
- #1 in the number of exhibitors
- #1 in the number of sponsors
- #1 in the number of educational sessions provided (over 900!)
- #1 in the number of Native American students traveling to the conference

Thank you to everyone for your support and attendance at the TWS Annual Conference!

2017 NCTWS Annual Meeting

Please join the NC Chapter for our upcoming Annual Meeting at the Eastern 4-H Center in Columbia, NC on February 7-9, 2017. The meeting theme is "Wildlife Management in North Carolina: Then and Now" which will focus on retirees and students, allowing them to mix and mingle and share their knowledge (both past and present) on reoccurring or new wildlife issues. Check out our website for more information: http://nctws.org/wordpress/annual_meeting. Walk-in registration is still available.

Members of the NC Arrangements Committee, which was responsible for arranging the conference details, in conjunction with TWS staff and the Program Committee. (back L to front R): **Lori Williams, Colleen Olfenbutt, Lara Pacifici, Kelly Douglass, Todd Menke, Danny Ray, John Ann Shearer, Susan Miller, and Josh Parris.**

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SOUTH CAROLINA



South Carolina Chapter

Several representatives from the South Carolina state chapter attended the recent annual TWS meeting in Raleigh, NC. They assisted with the judging of posters and presentations. A South Carolina Chapter meeting is being planned for March 2017. Details will be forthcoming.

South Carolina DNR

In the April 2016 newsletter, we reported that over the next 3 years, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) will continue efforts to restore populations of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers by translocating birds to Donnelley Wildlife Management Area (WMA), which is located within the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto River (ACE) Basin in Colleton County. The first successful translocation of 8 pairs (8 females and 8 males) occurred in October 2016. The birds came from both Carolina Sandhills NWR (most) and Poinsett Electronic Bombing Range. Read the News Release at http://www.dnr.sc.gov/news/2016/oct/oct26_woodpeckers.html.

The Annual Meetings for the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network and the Colloquium on the Conservation of Southeastern Mammals will be held in Asheville, NC February 16-17, 2017. Please visit the following link for a schedule of events: http://sbdn.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Meeting_Announcement_2017-SBDN-Mammal-Colloquium.pdf.

Representatives from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will be leading a session on updating state ranks, SWAP species ranks, and possible state listings.

US Fish and Wildlife Agency

Team Achievement Award

At the 11th Biennial Longleaf Conference, the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge (CSNWR) was presented with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Team Achievement Award for outstanding work and leadership in longleaf pine both on the Refuge and within the Sandhills (SC) Longleaf Pine Conservation Cooperative Longleaf Implementation Team (LIT). Since October 2015, the Refuge has made significant advances in longleaf pine restoration, habitat enhancement, and ecosystem management on its lands. These accomplishments include the removal of 1,011 acres of off-site pine and restoration to longleaf pine; 234 acres of midstory control (hand felling of precommercial slash pine and hydroaxing and roller chopping scrub oaks); 150 acres of invasive species control (lovegrass); 131 acres of timber stand improvement (TSI) to a residual basal area of 50 ft²/ac.; 5,997 acres of ecological forest inventory; and 17,513 acres of prescribed burning.

The Refuge has the largest population of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) on USFWS lands and the second largest population in SC. Currently, the Refuge has 162 active clusters and serves as a donor population. In 2015, the Refuge donated six birds as part of the Cooperative Recovery Initiative to the Great Dismal Swamp NWR in Virginia to re-establish an extirpated population. In 2016, the Refuge donated 10 RCWs to the Great Dismal Swamp NWR project and 10 RCWs to the Donnelly Wildlife Management Area RCW Restoration Project in the Lowcountry of SC.

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In addition to excellence in RCW management, the Refuge was recognized by the SC Department of Natural Resources and SC Bobwhite Initiative as a Quail Focal Area (QFA). Since October 2015, the Refuge has conducted fall covey counts, written a five-year QFA Management Plan, conducted whistling cock censuses, and rehabbed 15 fields in the QFA that total 130 acres. Restoration activities included mowing, disking, spraying to remove love grass, hydro-axing to reduce brush, chainsaw work to remove trees too large to mow down, and planting Chickasaw plum seedlings for cover.

Finally, the Refuge provided leadership and capacity for the LIT. During 2015 and 2016, the Refuge hosted a “Longleaf and Lunch” land management demonstration tour for more than 50 private landowners to view the many restoration activities that are underway on the Refuge. In addition, the LIT coordinator has harvested wiregrass and other native plant seeds from burned areas on the Refuge to restore understory plants on private lands within the LIT. The Refuge serves as an advisory partner for grant applications and technical review, community outreach and education, and long range planning. To date, the Partnership has restored 12,580 acres of longleaf pine on private lands within the LIT.



Staff at Carolina Sandhills NWR (left to right) with the award: Equipment Operator **Randy McLain**, Refuge Manager **Allyne Askins**, Forester **Jack Culpepper**, Biologist **Nancy Jordan**, Lead Technician **Derrick Odegard**, Deputy Manager **Cliff Berger**, Fire Management Officer **Mark Parker**, and Administrative Assistant **Patricia McCoy**. The award itself was a work of art having been handcrafted from a piece of heart pine lap siding from a historic cabin in the NC Sandhills. Photo Credit: USFWS.

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Department of the Interior's Resilient Landscapes Program

Carolina Sandhills NWR is one of three national wildlife refuges selected to represent the longleaf pine ecosystem in the Department of the Interior's Resilient Landscapes Program. This program is a new approach to achieve fire resiliency goals across landscapes between the Department of the Interior and other federal, tribal, state, and local government and non-governmental partners. The program places priority on landscapes at elevated risk posed by wild-fire and where fire risk could be mitigated, along with re-establishing the ecological function of fire for enhancing or protecting critical natural resources and watersheds. In the South Atlantic geography, longleaf pine has been identified as a resilient landscape where significant gains could be achieved investing in prescribed fire to treat hazardous fuels and thereby reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfires.

At CSNWR, staff trained and worked alongside fire crews from the SCDNR. CSNWR fire crews completed prescribed burning on 11,583 acres of the Refuge. With the assistance of SCDNR fire crews, the joint crew completed prescribed burning on an additional 2,265 acres of refuge lands and 450 acres of Wildlife Management Area. In total, 14,298 acres were burned on state and federal lands. The sharing of resources across boundaries has increased the capacity of both agencies.

Clemson University

Congratulations to Dr. **Shari Rodriguez** on her new publication *Does Education Influence Wildlife Friendly Landscaping Preferences*, Urban Ecologist, November 2016. See <http://rdcu.be/mMWJ>. Congratulations to Drs. **Paul Leonard** and **Rob Baldwin** on their new publication Leonard, P. B., Duffy, E. B., Baldwin, R. F., McRae, B. H., Shah, V. B. and Mohapatra, T. K. (2016), *GFlow: Software for Modeling Circuit Theory-based Connectivity at Any Scale*, Methods in Ecology and Evolution. doi:10.1111/2041-210X.12689. Congratulations to **Dr. Paul Leonard** who was recently featured for his work in the article *Clemson Scientists Unveil Software that Revolutionizes Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Modeling*. For more information visit <http://newsstand.clemson.edu/mediarelations/clemson-scientists-unveil-software-that-revolutionizes-wildlife-habitat-connectivity-modeling/>.

Dr. **Shari Rodriguez's** work, *Understanding Perceptions of the Impact of Feral Hogs on Private Lands in South Carolina*, has received national attention with over 40 media outlets featuring her work including the Washington Times, SF Chronicle, and Fox News! For more information about her work checkout <http://newsstand.clemson.edu/mediarelations/wild-hogs-a-costly-headache-for-s-c-landowners-clemson-study-shows/>.

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TENNESSEE



Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Several changes in wildlife program leaders occurred this past year. **James Kelly** (most recently with the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation) is now the Deer Program and Wild Hog Eradication Program Leader, replacing **Chuck Yoest**, who was promoted to Assistant Chief of Wildlife. **Jamie Fedderson**, (most recently with the Florida Fish and Conservation Commission), assumed the position of Waterfowl Program Leader, replacing **Joe Benedict**, who was promoted to the other Assistant Chief of Wildlife position. **Brad Miller** (most recently with NWTF) is the Elk Program Coordinator, replacing the retiring **Steve Bennett**. Several big research projects were approved, including a 6-year study of wild turkey population demographics and a regional bear population study, both in coordination with the University of Tennessee. Causing a stir of excitement in the deer world is a 47-point buck that was taken during muzzleloader season in Sumner County, just north of Nashville, that once officially scored by Boone & Crockett might be the new world record non-typical white-tailed deer.

Roger Applegate, Tennessee's Furbearer, Small Game, and Wildlife Health Program Leader, was recently honored by The Wildlife Society as the first recipient of the W. L. McAtee and G. V. Burger Award for outstanding service as an associate editor of a TWS publication. Roger was presented the award in October at the national meeting of The Wildlife Society in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Roger Applegate (left) was presented with the W. L. McAtee and G. V. Burger Award by Past-President **Gary Potts** (right) at The Wildlife Society Annual Conference.

Austin Peay State University Student Chapter

This fall the student chapter at APSU was finally kick-started after a few years of inactivity and we have been working hard to share the goals of TWS with students campus-wide. The officers recruited a good batch of 16 graduate and undergraduate student members through outreach events on campus at the beginning of the semester. We have held a variety of regular meetings with our new members including presentations by our faculty advisor Dr. **Jason Malaney** on the importance of natural history collections and Dr. **Don Sudbrink** who introduced issues surrounding global food security and the economic benefits of entomophagy. This meeting was a very exciting one, as the students were able to get first-hand experience

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eating insects after Dr. Sudbrink's talk! Many of our graduate student members were also able to share their own skills and interests with the other student members through presentations of their current and past research projects as well as demonstrations of wildlife techniques like small mammal trapping and nocturnal owl monitoring. Our faculty advisor as well as the student chapter president, vice president, and treasurer attended the 2016 national TWS conference in Raleigh, NC where they attended numerous talks, workshops, networking events, meetings, and field trips. The officers shared these experiences with the other student members and are looking forward to raising funds to offset the cost of sending more students to Tennessee TWS state and TWS national meetings next year!

Cleveland State Community College Student Chapter

At Cleveland State Community College, we work to involve our students in as many hands-on opportunities as possible, whether it be in our community or beyond. This year, we were able to help our campus with maintaining the pond, and challenge others to get more involved with community wildlife management. We participated in the R3 Challenge which pushed us to get others more involved with harvesting animals by hunting. Each year, CSCC members assist TWRA personnel in data collection at deer check stations, bear check stations and with annual bird bandings at Whigg Meadows in Tellico Plains. Members also work with the Tennessee Valley Chapter of SCI and TWRA on events like "Hunts for Warriors" to provide distinguished veterans an opportunity to harvest their own deer. Early in the fall semester, we hosted an event on campus called "Burgers for Badges." Our TWS chapter prepared meals for all first responders, and all proceeds went to Cleveland State's own first responder program. We were able to bring in

\$3,088! In October and November, we worked with the Tellico Hatchery to sample and stock brown trout, and electroshock and remove rainbow trout. In late November, members set up a wildlife booth at the Downtown Old Fashion Christmas in Athens. In December, several of us came home from the Fall Creek Falls "Hunts for Warriors" to see the devastation that had struck our home counties by the passing tornadoes. To show our support, we broke out the chainsaws and gloves and lent ourselves to helping those that were victimized in McMinn county. Through the winter months, members will participate in the annual Crane Day Festival at Hiwassee Refuge. In spring, members will visit Standing Stone State Park for a Naturalist Rally and will assist in bird banding with Tennessee River Gorge Trust. Several of our members will represent Cleveland State at the TWS State Meeting and the Southeastern Wildlife Conclave. Our school year concludes with our annual wild game dinner. The school year may end, but Cleveland State's Student Chapter does not! Right after finals, a New Mexico trip is in line! Summer activities include Kids Fishing Day and Tellico Hatchery Veterans Fishing Day and the annual Chickamauga Goose Roundup. Also, we will be monitoring 38 sites for bear DNA by setting traps in Bradley and Hamilton counties.

Tennessee Tech University

The Tennessee Technological University student chapter of The Wildlife Society's mission is to make sure that our members enter the wildlife field with the most useful training and education possible. We strive to make our members stand out above the crowd, and to have all the experience and confidence necessary to be successful. Our chapter seeks to develop each member into a well-rounded individual by laying a foundation of opportunity, experience, networking, and comradery. Some of the opportunities we provide are working with TWRA personnel at deer check

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stations, helping disabled hunters in the Wheeling Sportsman Hunt, attending the TN-TWS meeting in March, and, of course, the Southeastern Wildlife Conclave! Every year we look forward to gathering our best and putting our best foot forward! In 2016 we finished 4th, and we aim to keep moving up the ranks. One of the things we pride ourselves in at TTU is that we want all of our members to feel at home and with friends. We bolster this by doing our annual canoeing trip down the Caney Fork River, encouraging newer members to mingle with our senior wildlifers. We have a diverse and strong community here at Tennessee Tech, and as Golden Eagles we will continue our ascent upward.

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VIRGINIA

Virginia Chapter



Join us for the Virginia Chapter TWS Annual Meeting, February 23-24, 2017, in Blacksburg Virginia. This meeting will bring together biologists, private and public land managers, consulting organizations, educational institutions, student chapters, among others from across the Commonwealth. Our Panel and breakout discussion topic this year is “Changing Techniques and Technology in Wildlife Management”. We are also offering an additional professional development workshop starting the day before our meeting (February 22, 2:00 pm) entitled “Communicating Science: The Art of Connecting Across Difference”. As usual, it’s shaping up to be a great meeting and we hope to see you there. Visit <http://wildlife.org/virginia-chapter/virginia-chapter-annual-meeting/> for more information.

VDGIF Biologist Honored by Regional Peers

The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies named **W. Matthew Knox** the 2016 Wildlife Biologist of the Year at their annual meeting in Baton Rouge in October. Knox is the deer project co-leader for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

“Matt’s long tenure as Virginia’s deer project leader is unusual for such a high profile, stressful position, but he continually approaches all aspects of his position with a passionate commitment to the principles of sound science and ethics,” said VDGIF Director **Bob Duncan**.

Beginning as project leader in 1992, Knox led the development of Virginia’s first comprehensive deer management plan and three updates. He designed the first statewide disease surveillance program in response to the discovery of chronic wasting disease in Wisconsin in 2002. He manages the statewide Deer Management Assistance Program and is an avid promoter of Hunters for the Hungry, a charitable organization that provides donated venison to needy families.

Prior to joining the VDGIF, Knox worked for the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department and the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study. He holds degrees in zoology and wildlife management from the University of Georgia, and he has served as treasurer and audit committee chair for the Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

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Southeast Conservation Unit – AR, AL, FL, GA, North LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA

North Louisiana Wham Brake Restoration

The 3,500-acre Wham Brake complex in north-east Louisiana, previously used as industrial settling ponds, was purchased in 2013 by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). After determining potential contaminant levels would not pose a threat to wildlife and public use, the property was added to Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, providing increased public hunting opportunities in central Louisiana. LDWF plans to improve waterfowl habitat in this wetland basin through moist-soil management and sought Ducks Unlimited's restoration and engineering expertise.

DU completed Phase I of the project, replacing three large, screw gate water-control structures with two larger structures and replacing a bridge that connected the entrance road to the boat ramp and levee. Phase II of this project is under construction and includes the replacement of a large concrete weir water-control structure that serves as the terminal structure and controls the majority of the water level on the basin. Once replaced, LDWF will manage the Wham Brake impoundment for highly productive moist soil habitat for waterfowl.

This project provides water quality, recreation and wildlife habitat benefits. The enhancement work is part of a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant. Funding partners include LDWF, DU, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation and major sponsors from north Louisiana that supported the America's River Initiative.



The terminal structure on Wham Brake under construction.

Mississippi

Delta National Forest Enhancement

Delta National Forest managers were dealing with the failure of a drainage structure at the Long Bayou Greentree Reservoir (GTR). The main drainage structure for a 1,600-acre GTR was threatening the stability of the levee and management infrastructure. Since the existing main large concrete structure in the Long Bayou GTR was failing and had the potential to cause levee failure before next construction season, DU moved quickly with survey, design and construction of a temporary fix to prevent the wash out of a large levee.

This summer, a new concrete water-control structure will be attached to the new pipe. DU will also replace several other smaller water control structures in minor drains and reconnect Long Bayou with the GTR. All this work is part of the MAV Wetlands Enhancement standard NAWCA grant that included work at Delta National Forest,

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Mahannah Wildlife Management Area and Hillside and Morgan Brake national wildlife refuges.



Long Bayou will be reconnected to the GTR.

North Carolina

DU Receives \$250,000 Grant from NCEEG Program

Ducks Unlimited was recently awarded a \$250,000-grant from the North Carolina Attorney General's Environmental Enhancement Grant Program (NCEEG) for the "Wetland Restoration and Water Quality Improvement in the Tar-Pamlico and Pasquotank River Basin Project." This project will support wetland conservation and restoration activities to improve water quality and wildlife habitat on the Texas Plantation Game Land. The tract lies within the Pasquotank River Basin and adjacent to the Tar-Pamlico River Basin.

In partnership with the NCEEG and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC),

DU will provide turnkey engineering and construction services to restore water management capabilities on six managed wetland units totaling 251 acres for the benefit of waterfowl, shorebirds and other wetland-dependent species. The NCWRC acquired this Tyrrell County property in early 2015 and added it to their portfolio of publically accessible game lands.

The Texas Plantation Game Land is open to the public for hunting, hiking, bird watching and other outdoor recreational activities. This project continues DU's successful history of partnership with the NCEEG and NCWRC to provide quality habitat for the benefit of the people and wildlife of North Carolina.

South Carolina

Broad River WMA

Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is managed for waterfowl and waterfowl hunting. Though a relatively small 670 acres, the area presents prime public waterfowl hunting opportunity near Columbia. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources manages the area for waterfowl, but water management problems limit crop production and moist soil management.

DU engineering and biological staff designed and delivered a project to improve water management and enhance waterfowl habitat on 180 acres of wetland habitat on Broad River WMA. The primary goal of this wetland enhancement project is to produce beneficial vegetation for waterfowl and other wetland dependent wildlife. Plans included installation of two pump stations, replacement of one water-control structure, canal enhancements and selective vegetation clearing, which will enable managers to manipulate water levels in the wetland systems to

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provide optimal waterfowl and wildlife habitat. Partners on this project include: SCDNR, DU, NAWCA, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture, Wildlife Restoration Program, DU license plate funds and the Columbia DU Granders tribute event in recognition of **Marvin Davant**, a longtime volunteer and major donor.

Tennessee

Eagle Lake Refuge

Ducks Unlimited completed enhancement work at Eagle Lake Refuge owned by Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) in Shelby County, Tennessee. The project included the replacement of three water-control structures and the installation of underground piping and alfalfa valves to connect existing water wells to



Broad River WMA dedication – (l-r) SCDNR Deputy Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries **Emily Cope**, DU Director of Development for NC & SC **Al Clark**, SCDU State Committee and DU Board Member **Bill Short**, SCDU State Chairman **Tony Pope**, SCANA Representative **Jim Lambert**, Granders DU Chairman **Michael Edens**, Representative **MaryGail Douglas**. Photo Credit: **Sarah Nell Blackwell**, Wingshot Design.

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several different shallow water impoundments. This work enhanced nearly 160 acres of moist soil and flooded agricultural wetlands to provide important migrating and wintering habitat for waterfowl along the Mississippi River. The work was completed during the summer of 2016, and will allow TWRA to manage the area to provide quality habitat for waterfowl and other wetland dependent species. This work was a part of the West Tennessee Wetlands Enhancement NAWCA proposal that will include enhancement work at Tully Wildlife Management Area.

Virginia

Second Phase of Restoration on Princess Anne

DU has begun the second phase of wetland restoration work on Princess Anne Wildlife Management Area. As part of the Virginia Tidal Rivers and Bays I NAWCA grant, we will install a pump station and water-control structures to enable independent water control and habitat management for moist soil plants for waterfowl and mudflat habitat for shorebirds. The project will enhance 50 acres of the Beasley Unit. This \$320,000 project is supported by funding from NAWCA, the Virginia Outdoor Foundation, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture, private landowners, Dominion, Carter Machinery and the Caterpillar Foundation.

DU Receives \$200,000 from Virginia Waterfowl Stamp Grant Program

Ducks Unlimited was recently awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' Virginia Waterfowl Stamp Grant Program for the Hog Island Wildlife Management Area Wetland Enhancement project. This grant will be combined with the Virginia

Tidal Rivers and Bays I North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant and contributions from other foundations, corporations and donors to enhance water management capabilities and provide quality waterfowl habitat on 1,100 acres of wetlands on Hog Island WMA.

The project will enhance water management capabilities on existing managed wetlands by improving the size and functionality of water-control structures, removing debris from existing canals and restoring embankments. These impoundments are intensively managed to provide habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds and other wetland-dependent species.

Managed wetlands are critical to wildlife since a large portion of the original wetland acreage in the state has been lost and wetland habitat throughout Virginia continues to decline. This project is located along the James River across the river from Williamsburg, in one of the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture's focus areas. Hog Island WMA is open to the public for hunting, hiking, bird watching and other outdoor recreational activities.

Southwest Conservation Unit – South LA, OK, TX, NM

South Louisiana

Golden Meadow Marsh Terracing

DU completed the Golden Meadow Marsh Terracing NAWCA grant project in September. This three-part project impacts 3,274 acres of brackish and saline coastal marsh and 20 acres of beach habitat benefiting an array of migratory, wintering, breeding and resident birds. The project enhanced three tracts in Lafourche, St. Bernard and Jefferson parishes.

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Approximately 75 percent of marsh vegetation in the Golden Meadow Tract was dead, resulting in areas of turbid, open water of little value to migratory birds and other wetland dependent wildlife. NAWCA grant funds were used to construct marsh terraces on 282 acres which will promote increased production of desirable plant communities and provide protection for remaining emergent marsh habitats. The site is used for research and education and via lease agreements for commercial fishing and recreational hunting.

Near shore breakwaters were constructed using matching funds to protect a 2,992-acre portion of Biloxi Marsh. As part of the 35,000-acre Biloxi Wildlife Management Area, it is managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and open to public hunting, fishing and bird watching.

The final component of the project restored 20 acres of beach habitat at Elmer's Island using matching funds. This area is part of Elmer's Island Refuge which is state owned and managed by LDWF as a public beach and is popular for fishing and bird watching.

Project funding was provided by Ducks Unlimited, LDWF, The Louisiana Land & Exploration Company, LLC, Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority, the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council.

BCT and DU Team Up for Coastal Restoration

Gulf Coast habitat restoration projects on both sides of Louisiana are benefiting from the combined strength of two of the nation's most passionate and effective conservation organizations, Ducks Unlimited and Coastal Conservation Association's (CCAs) national habitat program, Building Conservation Trust (BCT).

"The same coastal marshes critical for waterfowl provide habitat for most of our recreationally important fisheries, so it's a natural fit for CCA and DU to work together, leverage our funding and multiply our conservation footprint," said **John Newman**, past DU president and current BCT board member.

BCT contributed \$75,000 to DU's Gulf Coast Initiative at a tribute dinner to Newman in New Orleans. The funding will support projects in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on Rockefeller State Refuge in southwest Louisiana and Pass-a-Loutre Wildlife Management Area in southeast Louisiana. Both areas are on the front lines of coastal land loss and provide critical habitat for fisheries and waterfowl as well as ample public enjoyment opportunities.

"These same wetlands protect the communities of the Gulf Coast and provide jobs and enjoyment for its people, many of whom are hunters and anglers and support both organizations," Newman said. "It's our mission to ensure wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever, but that habitat-focused mission provides for far more than ducks."

Partners Celebrated Past Projects, Start New Ones at Pass-a-Loutre WMA

Ducks Unlimited is working to create lush marsh where coastal erosion has turned historic marsh into open water. Both old and new delta splay projects are creating prime waterfowl habitat on Pass-A-Loutre Wildlife Management Area, the oldest WMA in Louisiana. Located in southern Plaquemines Parish approximately 80 miles southeast of New Orleans, Pass-A-Loutre WMA encompasses 115,000 acres and is one of the most popular public lands for waterfowl hunting in the state.

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The WMA winters more than 750,000 waterfowl annually at the mouth of the Mississippi River and the heart of the Mississippi River Delta.

LDWF and partners toured three sites on Nov. 1, that should have people excited about large sediment diversions planned to restore the processes that built coastal Louisiana. In 1986, the state implemented the Louisiana Crevasse Project by cutting three crevasses – artificial distributary channels used to improve flow of water and sediments – in natural levees on Pass a Loutre WMA. The crevasses were expected to produce land for 10 to 20 years, but are still delivering positive gains today, and are now expected to be land-builders for at least the next decade. To date, the cuts have built 760 acres of marsh at a cost of only \$115 per acre, compared to an average cost of \$50,000 an acre for marsh creation using dredged material.

Working with LDWF, Ducks Unlimited is undertaking a current project to modify two existing crevasses which will significantly increase water flow, resulting in the creation of even more land. Dredged material from the crevasses will be used to create two remote bird nesting islands. Partners include the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council and the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.



Waterfowl now thrive where open water offered no forage just a few years ago.

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Oklahoma

Drummond Flat Expansion Continues

DU submitted a Playa Lakes Joint Venture/Conoco Phillips small grant proposal for \$25,000 to support the acquisition efforts underway at Drummond Flat Wildlife Management Area in northwest Oklahoma. Ducks Unlimited is working to acquire two parcels that will be leased to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to become part of the Drummond Flat WMA. The state will eventually purchase the properties as budgets allow. DU's acquisition will ensure future restoration and management of Drummond Flat. DU's Alan Stacey has been facilitating acquisitions and coordinating our activities with our partners to ensure Drummond Flat is a premier waterfowl area in the Central Flyway.

Staff Changes

Diana Iriarte joined the DU family on Oct. 31 as a conservation specialist in the South Atlantic Field Office. Her primary responsibilities will be supporting the lands program with conservation easement monitoring, landowner outreach and technical assistance, baseline documentation and field inventories, and collaboration with

partners on regional conservation planning. Diana holds a BA in Zoology from UT Austin and an MS in Wildlife Science from South Dakota State. Most recently, Diana worked with the USFWS at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge where she was responsible for biological program and planning, development of land management work plans for the refuge, habitat management and invasive species control.

Cameron Dyson also joined DU's South Atlantic Field office in October as the newest member of our engineering team. He is a 2013 graduate of The Citadel, with a BS degree in Civil Engineering. He spent his first three years of work experience in the surveying department of the Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, office of Hussey, Gay, Bell Engineering, and he has already obtained his Engineer in Training and Land Surveyor in Training certifications. Originally from Hanahan, South Carolina, Cameron grew up an avid outdoorsman, hunting and fishing in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Cameron is excited to be part of a team dedicated to conserving and restoring the lands where he spends the majority of his free time.

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BUSINESS

MINUTES FROM THE FALL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Wednesday, 19 October, 2016

Raleigh, NC

(DRAFT - Minutes have not been finalized at time of publication)

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Mark Smith

The fall business meeting was called to order at 10:30 am (Eastern)

II. Approval of Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve, so moved.

III. Reports

Secretary/Treasurer – Susan Rupp provided the account balance and informed members that our financials were in order. The EB discussed a declining trend in the financial report. On April 12, 2016, a deposit was made for \$1,856.00. Total Balance is currently \$10,504.50 (\$808 of it is WG money), but still needed to write check for \$1,000 sponsorship for national meeting. Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation WG (HTC WG) still using account.

SETWS Section Representative - Mark Smith for **Mike Conner** gave the report.

1. 1,851 in attendance – 5th largest meeting in history
2. Starting in December, members can nominate someone to get free 6-month membership
3. All members will get free electronic subscription to all TWS journals.
4. TWS finances are doing well, 6-month “rainy day” fund
5. Mike made 3 visits to state chapters: TN, GA, FL; hopes to make more state visits this year
6. SE section members received several notable awards this year (Reggie Thackston, Steve Rockwood, Darren Miller, Mike Mengak)

Comment made that UGA came in first place, NC State placed second, ABAC placed 4th in Student Quiz Bowl. Lots to be proud of.

Associate Editor for Wildlife – Todd Steury could not be here, 14 manuscripts submitted, 2 sent back with minor revision, 12 sent back (poor writing) with major revisions. Encourage folks to send in manuscripts. Submissions were down – may be due to overlap with SEAFWA. Hopefully will rebound. Dr. **Mark Ford** will be new AE for wildlife next year. We are in the process of revising guidelines for JSEAFWA – working on timelines and submission dates.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster – Mark Smith for **Katie Edwards**. Encourage states to make submissions. January, May, September newsletters went out. On average, ~560 – 625 members receive it (roughly ¼ of SE Section). Newsletter is usually ~40 pages. Please contact Katie for any website submissions.

Student Awards – No report

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C. W. Watson Award – Award is always presented at SEAFWA each year.....very hush-hush. Best kept secret. The award this year went to **John Fischer**. Need to find a replacement for Craig Harper. It is a 3-year commitment. Craig will be rotating off.

Deer Committee – **Mark Smith** for **Steve Demarais**. 303 pre-registered. 45 abstract, 33 selected incl. 16 students. 19 posters with 16 student exhibitors. The Career Achievement Award was presented to **J. Scott Osbourn**. Best student awards were presented to **Becky Shuman** (University of Georgia) for presentation and **Lindsey Phillips** (Texas A&M – Kingsville) for poster. The 2017 annual meeting will be hosted by Missouri Department of Conservation. **Barbara Keller** reported it will be held at the Hilton Frontenac in St. Louis during February 27- March 1. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for Tennessee in 2018, Kentucky in 2019, and Alabama in 2020. Request to review “Captive Cervid” position statement because about to expire. **Steve Shea** will take over as Chair for Deer Committee after 2017 meeting.

Endangered Species and Non-Game Wildlife Committee – No report

Fur Resources Committee – **Colleen Olfenbuttel** reports. Had 30th annual meeting in Georgia in May for 3 days. Had 11 of 13 states represented and 13 guests including researchers on coyotes. Full-day session on coyotes. Four action items to approach SEAFWA with, but may need to discuss with SETWS:

- 1) In 2012, Directors in SE asked for recommendation on NUCOs regulations....presented recommendation in Dec. 2014, got stalled because of changes in leadership, recently sent over to directors of _____ for approval,
- 2) In 2013, asked by directors for recommendation for movement of rabies vector species found out on Sunday that moving forward for approval of BMPs. Requested SETWS to look at and possibly endorse.
- 3) Muskrat population discussion since ~2006. Used to be highly desirable species to trap. Starting in 1980's there was a decline in trapper harvest....not due to decline in prices. A few years ago had joint meeting of NE and SE Furbearer Biologists. Looking at joint research. Muskrats are indicators for other species (e.g., river otters).
- 4) Next meeting May 15 – 18, 2017 in Southern Pines, NC

Wetlands Wildlife Committee – Joint SEAFWA/SETWS. **Steve Rockwood** was here, but had to leave. At meeting, had several presentations (CWA, Farm Bill, wetland strategies, open discussion, Wetlands Center, etc.). Hosted special symposium.

Minorities in Natural Resources Committee – No report

Wildlife Management Excellence Award – **Chris DePerno** provided update to EB. Not getting a lot of submissions. Encourage people to submit. Committee received one nomination.....more discussion on nomination is scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

BUSINESS

Publications Committee – Protocol document for JSEAFWA admissions – shooting to have draft copy for review/approval by SETWS before director's fall meeting. **Dr. Pelren** says in past conversations two documents: 1) guiding document for editors and 2) guiding document for contributors.....one and the same? Or two separate documents? Both need to be addressed.

TWP Editorial Advisory Board – **Joe McGlincy** sent report. Editorial Advisory Board provides recommendations for content to TWP. Several conference calls regarding content. Has reviewed several papers for publication. Put in request in SE Section newsletter for submissions. TWP has gone to 6 issue/yr. Feel free to contact Joe or Nancy at headquarters with questions or comments.

Membership Committee – No report.

Nominating Committee

- Distinguished Service Award – moving forward with nominating **Steve Rockwood**. Waiting for endorsement letters (May 20th), will put together packet after that and submit to us for vote. Needs to be to TWS national by June 1st. Surprised we didn't get any nominations. Nominations were due to section on May 1st. so we should not have issues with last minute nominations.
- TWS Fellows – have been notified and was announced in alumni newsletter. **Mike Mengak** and **Darren Miller**. Protocol for nominating individuals through sections will be brought up by Mike Conner at fall meeting. Procedural change? Probably not a by-laws change. Everyone tends to agree that the current process is probably not bad.

Conservation Affairs Committee (CAC) – **Nelson Lafon** is new chair and gave report. Has heard from 12 of 13 states; enthusiasm to be engaged. Some chapters still determining who is contact. Next steps will be developing a regular communication schedule, a committee structure, determining mutual conservation priorities, and collaborating to improve our chapters' and region's impact on these issues. **Keith Norris** has been very helpful. Only specific item addressed was a Georgia issue on feral swine. Provided documentation they believe has been helpful. Possible contribution of student chapters to CAC discussed; also brought up at CAN meeting yesterday. Maybe have a single contact in each state, then have students work through that person. Mark sends thanks on behalf of SETWS to **William Moore** for being chair of ad-hoc committee.

SEAFWA Liaison – **Steve Rockwood**. Website development proceeding forward.

Strategic Planning – By-laws changes....Mark contacted Darren to figure out the add-ins. Changing verbiage for where to hold business meeting.....but other changes by Darren that Mark does not fully understand.

IV. Other Business

Strategic records update – **Eric Pelren** reports. **Billy Minser** gave Eric Pelren 8 boxes, which he has since consolidated to 2 boxes. Did scan all newsletters in archives. Most everything else in digital format. Has been discussion with EB how to proceed forward with documenting records.

BUSINESS

SETWS Approval of University of Central OK Student Chapter – University has gone through initial steps to form chapter and sent to **Mariah Simmons**. Has been forwarded to SETWS. Next step is to seek approval from SETWS to become interim chapter for 3 years; progress will be monitored; then submitted for final approval. SETWS EB had a few questions that will be answered by Mariah before we call it to a vote.

SETWS Representative to Certification Review Board – 3 year commitment, ~8 hours per month. Need to be CWB to serve. Expectations of a CRB member are to review and vote on applications, and participate on monthly conference calls (typically ~2 hours) to discuss the applications. CRB members also attend the annual TWS conference, and have a meeting during that conference (travel funds are available). Appointments last for 3 years (this appointment would be effective from October 2016-October 2019). Need to have person identified within next 3 weeks.

Awards – **Steve Rockwood, Reggie Thackston, Darren Miller**, Best student presentation and poster awards reviewed by **Andy Madison**. Best paper review by **Jessica Tegt** and committee and was awarded to **H. Tyler Pittman** and **David G. Kremetz** for “Efficacy of Landscape Scale Oak Woodland and Savanna Restoration in the Ozark Highlands of Arkansas”

SE Section Student Chapter of the Year – Mark announced this year’s awardee: University of TN at Martin.

Other items: Western Carolina student chapter is celebrating 5 years. ABAC celebrating 10 year, UGA celebrating 50 years next year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.



BUSINESS

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Submitted by: Susan Rupp, SE Section Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance (01/08/16)	\$5,914.50
Deposits	\$5,388.00
Debits	\$(5,696.18)
Ending Balance (12/31/16)	\$5,606.32
Outstanding Checks (12/31/16)	\$(1,985.10)
Realized Balance (1/1/17)	\$3,621.22

DEPOSITS

Item	Amount
TWS Reimbursement (dues rebates)	\$2,682.00
TWS Reimbursement (dues rebates)	\$1,856.00
HTCWG Dues	\$152.00
HTCWG Dues	\$144.00
TWS Reimbursement (dues rebates)	\$554.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$5,388.00

DEBITS

Item	Amount
Reimbursement to Eric Pelren for SETWS file material	\$100.00
SEAFWA Website Development	\$2,500.00
Certificate Plaques	\$65.29
TWS (2016 Conf. support, student travel)	\$1,000.00
Shipping to Andy Madison	\$30.89
Katie Edwards (SETWS Newsletter)	\$1,500.00
UT-Martin Student Chapter of TWS (Student Chapter Award)	\$500.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,696.18

HTCWG

Item	Amount
HTCWG brought forward from 2015	\$656.00
HTCWG 2016 Deposits	\$296.00
TOTAL HTCWG	\$952.00

OUTSTANDING BILLS

Item	Amount
Andy Madison (shipping reimbursement)	\$33.10
Mike Conner (separate HTCWG/SETWS acct)	\$952.00
MSU Student Chapter (conclave)	\$1,000.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$1,985.10



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TWS Give Back Program: Engaging More Wildlife Professionals

Beginning Dec. 1, 2016, when professionals, early-career professionals and retired TWS members renew their memberships, they'll have the opportunity to "Give Back" to the wildlife profession by gifting a six-month complimentary TWS membership to an active wildlife professional of their choice to introduce that person to the many benefits that TWS has to offer.

Over the past two years the Society has significantly improved the benefits of TWS membership, but those who aren't members of the parent Society likely do not know how much they are missing. During that same time period, the Society's student membership has continued to grow, but the number of professionals has remained mostly stagnant. So in order to grow and strengthen the TWS network of professionals and increase collaboration for all members, the new Give Back program specifically targets individuals who are active wildlife professionals to receive these introductory memberships.

Nominees, should they choose to accept their gift membership from a TWS member, will experience all the same benefits as members, including but not limited to:

- *The Wildlife Professional* bimonthly magazine
- Free online access to all TWS publications (*The Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Wildlife Monographs* and *Wildlife Society Bulletin*)(effective Jan. 1, 2017)
- Weekly editions of the eWildlifer newsletter, including featured TWS Talks presentations
- Networking through the TWS Online Member Directory
- Ability to join any and all working groups
- Ability to pursue certification opportunities
- A variety of members-only discounts, including \$200 off TWS Annual Conference registration
- And much more!

If you renew online, you will immediately have the opportunity to nominate an active wildlife professional. If you renew through TWS' paperless automatic renewal program or mail in a paper renewal form, you will receive an email with a link that can be used to submit your nomination.

The nomination process is easy:

- Provide the name and email address of the nominee.
- TWS will send an email on your behalf inviting the person to accept your gift.
- The nominee accepts the gift by simply providing a mailing address (to receive *The Wildlife Professional* magazine).
- The nominee receives a welcome email with member login information. You receive an email confirming that the person has accepted your gift so that you can stay in touch and continue to encourage your nominee to join at the end of the six months.

Before your renewal date sneaks up on you, start thinking about who you can nominate. It may be a friend or colleague in your organization or agency; a respected peer at a different organization; a TWS local chapter or section member who isn't a parent society member; or anyone you believe would benefit from a TWS membership and would be a valuable addition to our network of wildlife professionals.

BUSINESS

TWS Releases New Statements on Energy and Invasive Species

At the 2016 Annual Conference in Raleigh, The Wildlife Society's Council approved two new position statements which incorporated comments and suggestions from TWS members. The position statements approved in Raleigh are titled Energy Development and Wildlife and Invasive and Feral Species. Each statement consolidates several previous position statements into one document that addresses the issue on a broader scale. Those previous position statements have been reclassified as Issue Statements – situation-specific documents relevant to the issues covered by Position Statements. TWS now also recognizes Standing Positions – documents that describe foundational, long-standing positions held by TWS which are unlikely to change in the near future. The position statements approved in Raleigh are valid until 2021. The statements will be reviewed by a Council subcommittee prior to expiration, after which Council will vote to approve, revise, or rescind the statements. To read the new position statements, please visit <http://wildlife.org/position-statements/>.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Awards 2016

C.W. Watson (SEAFWA)

John Fischer (GA)

SEAFWA Publication of the Year

Tyler Pittman and David Kremetz, Arkansas
Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
Efficacy of Landscape Scale Oak Woodland and Sa-
vanna Restoration in the Ozark Highlands of Arkansas

SETWS Student Chapter of the Year

University of Tennessee - Martin

SETWS Best Student Presentation

Mirka Zapletal, University of Louisiana-Lafayette
Carnivore diet on Louisiana barrier beaches.

SETWS Best Poster Presentation

Sam Saunders, Louisiana Tech University,
A comparison of radio tag attachment methods in
Henslow's sparrows.

SEAFWA Wildlife Biologist of the Year

W. Matthew Knox (VA)

SEAFWA Wildlife Officer of the Year

Willard E. "Wes" Stewart (SC)

Diversity Award

Alix Pedraza (SC)

W. L. McAtee and G. V. Burger Award

Roger Applegate (TN)

TWS Distinguished Service Award (National)

Stephen Rockwood (FL)

Jim McDonough Award

Reggie Thackston (GA)

TWS Fellows (National)

Darren Miller (MS), Michael Mengak (GA)



Darren Miller (left) was recognized as a TWS Fellow at the TWS Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC by TWS Past-President Gary Potts (right).



Mike Mengak (left) was recognized as a TWS Fellow at the TWS Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC by TWS Past-President Gary Potts (right).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



Southeastern Section TWS President Mark Smith presented the the University of Tennessee-Martin Student Chapter with the Student Chapter of the Year Award in Raleigh, NC.

Apply Now for the 2017 TWS Leadership Institute

The Wildlife Society is currently accepting applications for the Leadership Institute Class of 2017. Ten early-career professionals will receive leadership training, mentoring, and a travel grant to attend TWS' Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in September 2017. The Leadership Institute introduces such exceptional young people to the management, mentoring, and organizational skills they need to become successful leaders. Participation in the Institute is geared toward early-career professionals—individuals 2 to 3 years out of school (either undergraduate or graduate school) currently working full-time in a wildlife professional position—and with demonstrated evidence of their leadership potential. Also eligible are more recent graduates who have shown strong evidence of their leadership potential and those who are working while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree. All applicants must be dues-paying members of TWS and a chapter or section of TWS. Preference will be given to individuals who are certified as Associate Wildlife Biologists® or Certified Wildlife Biologists®, or who have submitted such an application to TWS. The application deadline is March 17, 2017. Learn more at <http://wildlife.org/next-generation/leadership-institute/>.

NOMINATIONS

Aldo Leopold Award

The highest honor bestowed by The Wildlife Society is the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award for distinguished service to wildlife conservation. The basic selection criterion is the significance of an individual's contribution(s) to the wildlife field. Recipients receive a medal, plaque, and honorary membership in The Wildlife Society. The Aldo Leopold Memorial Award Committee needs your help.

This is an opportunity for you to participate in identifying and recognizing an individual who has made an enduring contribution to wildlife conservation. You are encouraged to consider individuals not only from our traditional professional realm, but also those who bring their skills and talents to wildlife conservation from across society and across the world. Each nomination should include a statement emphasizing the basis for determining "distinguished service to wildlife conservation," a detailed resume, and no more than five supporting letters. Nominations of unsuccessful candidates remain in the candidate pool for a maximum of three years, unless the individual is re-nominated. The award is not given posthumously.

Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The nomination and complete supporting documentation should be sent as a single PDF file by May 1, 2017.

Conservation Education Award

Conservation education covers a wide diversity of activity. It encompasses particular works of great merit and also programs representing sustained effort that can achieve great significance over the years. The Conservation Education Award is given in each one of the following categories on a four-year-rotation basis:

Writing – Authors, editors, or publishers of books, a series of articles, or other written material which effectively conveys sound conservation concepts to the public.

Audio-Visual Works – Artists, photographers, lecturers, radio commentators, songwriters, film producers, computer programmers, or other creative workers whose accomplishments are outstanding in the dissemination of conservation knowledge to the public.

Media – TWS member and a journalist who have collaborated on a media report (print, radio, television, or website) that epitomizes excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education.

Programs – People involved in long-term, continuing efforts that support conservation education. These individuals are typically, but not exclusively, supported by either public or private organizations promoting a broad framework of goals and objectives.

Please visit <http://wildlife.org/conservation-education-award/> for information on this year's award criteria. Materials should be sent as one PDF file via email to Awards@wildlife.org by May 1, 2017.

NOMINATIONS

Distinguished Service Award

The Wildlife Society Distinguished Service Award (TWSDSA) is designed to recognize TWS members who have made a long-term commitment to the Society based on membership longevity and TWS service. The award recognizes individuals who have worked throughout their careers in a variety of ways to further the mission of the Society but have not been previously recognized with other TWS awards. The nominee should be someone who is/was “always there” and could be counted on to serve the Chapter, Section, or International organization. This award is not intended to continue to recognize members that have already received other TWS awards.

Criteria

Nominees must have been a parent TWS member for at least 20 years. If membership is not continuous, evidence of membership longevity must be provided. The intent is to recognize candidates while they are still active TWS members.

TWSDSA nominees must have served TWS in such a way that furthers the goals of TWS. Examples of service are Chapter, Section, or International Board member or Officer; served in a significant manner to keep a Chapter active or to reactivate a Chapter; consistent attendance of, at least, Chapter meetings; dependable member to support Chapter, Section, and/or international activities such as review of EIS reports, positions statements, etc.; Chapter, Section, parent, or international committee chairperson or member; assist or organize Chapter, Section, or international conferences or special meetings, programs, training seminars, etc.; as appropriate, testify at hearings, etc. Basically, a collective commitment to TWS goals and activities.

Nomination Procedures

Any TWS member or members, Chapter, Section, or Working Group may submit nominations or self-nomination. Only one Distinguished Service Award will be awarded per Section per year.

Nomination should include:

1. Name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and affiliation of nominee
2. A one-page nomination statement that clearly outlines the nominee’s contributions to The Wildlife Society.
3. Nominee’s curriculum vitae, and
4. Signed statements of endorsement from three endorsers.

Nominations are to be submitted to the TWS Section Executive Committee (<http://wildlife.org/subunits/sections>) by May 1, 2017.



NOMINATIONS

Excellence in Wildlife Education Award

In 2010, The Wildlife Society Council asked the College and University Wildlife Education Working Group to establish the criteria, nomination procedures, and a selection mechanism for an Excellence in Wildlife Education Award. In addition to honoring individual faculty members, the award will celebrate exemplary teaching and contribute to the improvement of wildlife education. Eligible faculty will be actively engaged in undergraduate and/or graduate, wildlife-related education.

Criteria: Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of a dossier documenting outstanding contributions to wildlife education. The dossier should provide specific evidence of outstanding performance in one or more—not necessarily all—of the 5 categories listed below:

1. **Teaching:** direct contact with students in courses and programs and in co-curricular activities. Teaching activities include instructing groups of students in classes, seminars, and laboratories; and supervising individual activities, such as practicums, internships, field-learning experiences, tutorials, performances, exhibitions, and independent study - including supervision of undergraduate and graduate research projects. Evidence of, at least, campus-level recognition of teaching excellence is desirable.
2. **Advising:** activities that aid individual students with course and major selection, career plans, and personal development, especially in ways that go beyond formal curricular advising; and those that provide guidance to student organizations or groups. Documentation should include information about accessibility to students, which ordinarily includes but is not limited to office availability. Evidence of recognition by the individual's institution of the nominees advising excellence is desirable.
3. **Research Activities related to teaching and learning:** such activities should be documented and discussed in terms of the relationship between these activities and the nominee's contributions to wildlife education. Peer-refereed publications related to education are desirable.
4. **Academic Program Development:** such activities that contribute to the planning, design, or development of improvements in wildlife education. Contributions in this area might include new courses or a cluster of courses, and valuable programmatic innovations of any kind.
5. **Educational Leadership:** extra-programmatic activities of any kind and at any level that constitute leadership and contribute substantially to wildlife education. Examples may include presenting papers, holding a position such as national or regional officer or program chair in a professional association, or being a member of a college committee which impacts the student educational experience.

Nomination Procedure: An electronic copy of nomination dossiers should be forwarded to TWS headquarters at Awards@wildlife.org by May 1, 2017. The primary responsibility for the success of this awards program rests with the nominator who solicits the assistance of the nominee and support letter writers to complete the dossier.

NOMINATIONS

Organization and Presentation of Dossiers:

To maintain a similar format among dossiers and facilitate efficient review, brevity is encouraged in assembling materials. Use 12-point font, one-inch margins, and 1.5 line spacing in preparing materials. Each dossier should be organized according to the following guidelines:

1. Cover page with the nominee's name and college, name of nominator, and note that the nomination is for the Excellence in Wildlife Education Award.
2. A statement by the nominator of no more than 3 pages, presenting the full case for the nomination as well as summarizing the dossier, with specific reference to the criteria listed in these guidelines. This statement forms the basis of the nomination and is extremely important for the review process. The nominator should describe the nominee's qualifications and other relevant criteria, focusing on specific details. The aim of this statement is to set out a convincing case for the nominee's outstanding contributions to wildlife education.
3. Personal statement by the candidate of no more than 2 pages addressing the criteria of the award and their impact on student learning.
4. The candidate's curriculum vitae of no more than 3 pages organized according to the following rubric:
 - a. Education
 - b. Courses Taught
 - c. Course, Program, and Curricular Development
 - d. Service/Outreach/Engagement activities (related to teaching and learning)
 - e. Publications and Grants (related to teaching and learning)
 - f. Awards and Recognitions (related to teaching and learning)
5. A numerical overview of student evaluations from courses taught in the last 5 years. Up to 1 additional page of assessment of student learning can be included.
6. Four supporting letters; one from the nominee's supervisor (if the supervisor is also the nominator, an additional letter can be included from either a colleague or student), one from a colleague, and 2 from former students. In all cases, letter writers are encouraged to cite specific examples in support of the case.

TWS Southeastern Wildlife Conclave

Mississippi State University (MSU) Student Chapter of TWS will host the 2017 TWS Southeastern Conclave on March 16-19, 2017 on MSU's campus. Activities include art and photography contests, a quiz bowl, game-calling competitions, a team competition, individual competitions, guest speakers, entertainment, and field trips. Conclave is a valuable professional development opportunity. Students network with other students, faculty members, and wildlife professionals while developing new knowledge and skills. Visit <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/workshops/wildlife/index.asp> for more information.

NOMINATIONS

Donald H. Rusch Memorial Game Bird Research Scholarship

The Donald H. Rusch Memorial Game Bird Research Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Don Rusch and to continue his legacy by contributing to studies of game bird biology. Don was an avid hunter and angler with a keen interest in all aspects of game bird biology and conservation. He advocated the wise use of our wildlife resources, and emphasized the importance of scientific research to improve our understanding of wildlife populations and their conservation.

The award is presented annually to a graduate student studying any aspect of upland game bird or waterfowl biology and management. This year only doctoral degree candidates in wildlife biology, zoology, ecology, or a related discipline at a university in North America, and must be a member of TWS are eligible.

Awards are based primarily upon project merit, but also consider the candidate's academic achievement, field experience, and career interests. Research projects must be endorsed by the candidate's academic advisor. The award is intended to benefit students who show promise as wildlife educators, researchers, or managers. A \$2,000 scholarship will be presented at the Society's Annual Conference.

The nomination should include:

- a cover letter indicating what influenced the applicant's entry into the wildlife field, philosophy of the importance of hunting personally and professionally, and future career interests. Also submit a brief project description addressing the rationale for the study, the experimental methods, other cooperators and support, and estimated term of study (maximum 3 pages double-spaced);
- a resume, including list of presentations and publications, and grade-point average (maximum 2 pages);
- and a letter of support from the student's academic advisor. The letter should address the need for and the significance of the research, as well as provide a candid appraisal of the student.

Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file no later than May 1, 2017.

TWS Wildlife Publication Awards

The Wildlife Society's Publication Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the Wildlife Publication Awards. Works recognized by this award of excellence are scientific writing characterized by originality of research or thought and a high scholastic standard in the manner of presentation. Awards are given in the following categories: article, monograph, book, and editorship. Works published in 2014, 2015, and 2016 are eligible. To submit a nomination, send a cover letter explaining why the work deserves an award along with a copy of the publication to each committee member by March 1, 2017. Contact information for committee members can be found at <http://wildlife.org/get-involved/awards/>.



NOMINATIONS

Caesar Kleberg Award for Excellence in Applied Wildlife Research

The Caesar Kleberg Award recognizes those who have distinguished themselves in applied wildlife research. While the Aldo Leopold Award recognizes individuals for much broader contributions and is truly a lifetime achievement award, the Caesar Kleberg Award is focused on those whose body of work, in both inquiry and discovery, has resulted in application of management and conservation “on the ground.” The award is presented each year at the TWS Annual Conference and in addition to an award plaque and commemorative medal, it includes conference registration, travel expenses, and a small honorarium.

Award Criteria

1. The nominee must have been a member of The Wildlife Society for much of his or her career.
2. The nominee must have a sustained record of productivity in applied wildlife research. This award is intended to honor an individual’s record of applied research over a substantial period of time, rather than accomplishments involving a single research endeavor. The research must have had direct context and value for managing or conserving wildlife resources, with a focus on vertebrate species excluding fish. Any intellectual endeavors that result in acquired knowledge about wildlife and physical, biological, or social processes that affect wildlife are eligible for this award.
3. The nominee’s research responds to or has potential application to high-priority needs in wildlife management and conservation.
4. Applications from nominee’s research are realizing significant improvements in wildlife management or conservation, on-the-ground management practices, or wildlife policies, either by the researcher, wildlife managers, policy-makers, or other applied scientists or practitioners.
5. The nominee has a national or international reputation for excellence in applied wildlife research.
6. Heads of research organizations may be eligible for the award if they were intellectually involved in the research; i.e., contributed to the experimental design, analysis, and/or application of said research.

Nomination letters should include:

1. the nominee’s point of contact with phone numbers and e-mail address,
2. name and affiliation of nominee,
3. nomination statement,
4. nominee’s curriculum vitae, and
5. names and contact information for at least five references.

Materials for consideration should include a nomination statement that clearly outlines the nominee’s contributions to applied wildlife research, completely covering each of the five selection criteria listed above. The nomination statement must provide an explicit link between the nominee’s career and a cumulative track record relative to wildlife research findings, recognized success, and application of results that have high importance in the field of conservation and/or wildlife management. While a list of publications is useful, that alone will be insufficient.

Submission

Send one (1) PDF file of the complete nomination package to Awards@wildlife.org by May 1, 2017.

NOMINATIONS

Diversity Award

Are you or is someone you know involved in efforts to positively affect the gender and ethnic diversity of our profession and related fields? If so, TWS wants to recognize these important contributions to the future of wildlife conservation. The diversity award is intended to recognize individuals or organizations for their outstanding efforts in promoting ethnic and gender diversity in the natural resource-related professions, especially wildlife conservation and education. The award recognizes and honors promotion of and support for diversity in the workforce, academic enrollment, or organizational membership.

The main letter of nomination should address how the nominee has excelled in one or more of the following pursuits:

- Demonstrated leadership in promoting diversity
- Demonstrated innovation in design and implementation of diversity programs
- Achieved tangible results (e.g., recruitment, mentoring, funding, program implementation)
- And may also include other relevant factors to further describe the impact and contribution of the nominee's accomplishments and the value of their efforts towards furthering diversity.

Nominations can be submitted by a second party or can be self-nominated. Packages should include a letter of nomination and at least one letter of support from another source. Please include contact information for the primary nominator and for the supporting reference(s). The nomination and complete supporting documentation should be sent as a single PDF file to Awards@wildlife.org. Nominations are due by May 1, 2017.

Special Recognition Service Award

The Special Recognition Service Award honors any person (doesn't have to be a member of TWS) or group that has made an outstanding contribution to the wildlife profession; the general areas of wildlife conservation, management, or science; or a specific area of endeavor, species, community, ecosystem, region, etc. Contributions over the short or long term are eligible for nomination for a Special Recognition Service Award.

Nominations should include:

- nominee's full name, present position, address, and phone number;
- nominator's and endorser's names, addresses, and phone numbers;
- a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination, including the specific nature, time, and place of the nominee's outstanding service and accomplishments. Address such criteria as difficulty, insight, scope, importance, acceptance, application, value, impact, and geographic scope of contributions;
- at least three signed statements of endorsement.

Please assist this year's committee by submitting nomination materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file by May 1, 2017.

NOMINATIONS

Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society Student Chapter of the Year Award

The SETWS annually presents the Student Chapter of the Year Award to encourage and recognize exceptional achievements by Student Chapters in the Southeastern Section. This award is normally presented at the Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Winning chapters receive a certificate and monetary award. All student chapters in the Southeast Section are invited to nominate themselves for the award by completing the application form, which can be obtained from the SETWS Awards Committee Chairperson, Andy Madison (amadison@uu.edu). The deadline to submit an application is June 30, 2017, but Student Chapters are encouraged to complete and submit the application any time during the Spring 2017 semester.

Chapter and Student Chapter of the Year Awards (TWS Parent Society)

The Wildlife Society annually presents the Chapter of the Year and Student Chapter of the Year Awards to encourage and recognize exceptional achievements by TWS Chapters. Winning chapters receive a plaque and their names are added to a permanent plaque on display at the Society's headquarters. Student Chapters also receive a \$1,000 travel grant to send a student delegation to the annual conference.

Chapters and student chapters are invited to nominate themselves for the award by completing the application form on the TWS website (<http://wildlife.org/get-involved/awards/>). Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email as a single PDF file to Awards@wildlife.org by May 1, 2017. This application is only for the Parent Society award and not the Southeastern Section award.

Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award (TWS Parent Society)

The Student Chapter Advisor of the Year Award recognizes exceptional mentorship by TWS student chapter advisors. Active and effective student chapters are needed to achieve The Wildlife Society's goals and the advisor is the backbone of the chapter. Recipients receive a plaque. The award is presented annually to one student chapter advisor for exemplary contributions to the development of young professionals. Student chapters are invited to nominate their advisor for the award by completing the application form on the TWS web site. Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The materials should be sent as a single PDF file by May 1, 2017.

Albuquerque 2017: Call for Proposals Now Open

The Wildlife Society will hold its 24th Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Sept. 23-27, 2017. Proposals for education and training programs including workshops, symposia and panel discussions are invited. The Wildlife Society invites proposals related to all aspects of wildlife ecology, management, policy, human dimensions and conservation. The plenary theme for the 2017 conference is Wildlife Conservation: Crossroads of Cultures; proposals that address that topic area are especially appropriate for symposia, panel discussions or workshops.

NOMINATIONS

Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership in The Wildlife Society is intended to recognize continuous outstanding service in any area or areas of concern to the Society. Any practicing or retired wildlife professional who is a member of TWS and has made continuous valuable contributions to the wildlife profession over a long period of time is eligible for nomination.

Nominations should include:

- nominee's full name, present position, address, and phone number;
- nominator's and endorser's names, addresses, and phone numbers;
- a clear and concise statement justifying the nomination, including the specific nature, time, and place of the nominee's outstanding service and accomplishments (address such criteria as difficulty, insight, scope, importance, acceptance, application, value, impact, and geographic scope of contributions);
- at least 3 signed statements of endorsement.

Please assist this year's committee by submitting materials via email to Awards@wildlife.org. The nomination materials should be sent as a single PDF file by May 1, 2017.

Jim McDonough Award

Do you know a hard-working biologist who has made a significant contribution to the wildlife profession? Has that person received little recognition for his/her contribution? If so, you need to nominate him/her for the Jim McDonough Award.

This award was created to recognize Certified Wildlife Biologists who are members of The Wildlife Society at chapter, section, and Society levels. Nominees for the Jim McDonough Award are biologists recognized by fellow workers as solid contributors to wildlife management, but who so far may have eluded receipt of major awards, citations, or prominent recognition. A plaque and monetary award of up to \$500 will be presented at the TWS annual conference.

Criteria for this award are:

- must be a member of The Wildlife Society, including active membership status in the respective Section and Chapter, if any, in which that individual resides;
- must be a Certified Wildlife Biologist; and
- is a person who has made or is making a significant contribution to the wildlife profession. The individual must have made, or still be making, contributions that reflect well on professional wildlife biologists through program implementation and/or development of new techniques, procedures, or approaches.

Nominations should include the nominee's full name, present position, address, and phone number, plus nominator's and endorser's names, addresses, phone numbers, and a clear and concise statement justifying each nomination. Please submit materials as a single PDF file via email to Awards@wildlife.org by May 1, 2017.

NOMINATIONS

2017 Wildlife Management Excellence Award

Below is the nomination form for the 2017 Wildlife Management Excellence Award (WMEA). Each year during our annual meeting, the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society (SETWS) presents the WMEA to recognize excellence in wildlife management activities carried out within the member states of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

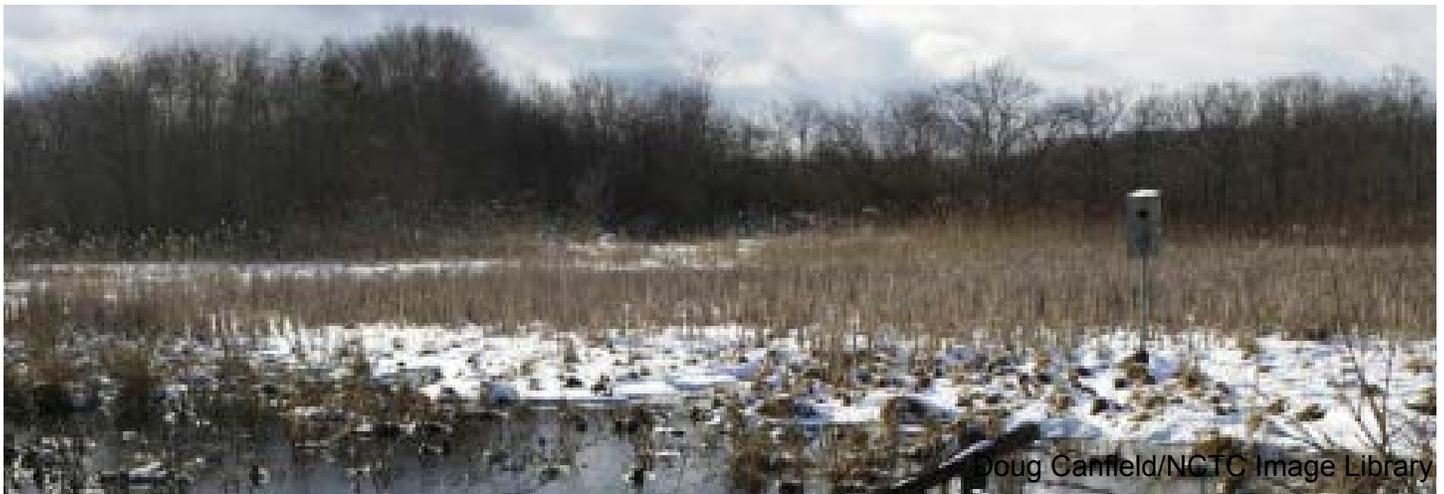
Persons making nominations must be current members of the SETWS; however, nominees need not be members. Nominations may include either an individual or group and evaluation of nominees will be based upon a single management achievement, not a "lifetime service" that has been accomplished in the field of wildlife management. Examples of management achievements worthy of the award include activities such as an exceptional break-through in bringing back an endangered species, the rapid (over a few years) development of a management area due to an individual or group effort, a major effort in stopping a particularly environmentally damaging project or an extension education effort that results in substantial and measurable change in private landowner acreage set aside for wildlife use.

Nominations should be submitted following the nomination format (on the next page) and will be reviewed by a five-member committee. The committee is seeking nominations of individuals other groups who have performed "above and beyond" in their nominated category with good quantitative data to support the nomination. The deadline for nominations is **August 1, 2017**. The recipient will be presented with the Wildlife Management Excellence Award at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society.

Your participation is vital to the awards programs of the SETWS and is greatly appreciated. We all are aware of the multitude of deserving individuals and groups within our essential profession. As such, please take the time to nominate these deserving folks. Thank you for your time and dedication to wildlife conservation.

Sincerely,

Dr. **Christopher S. DePerno**, Chair, Wildlife Management Excellence Award Committee



NOMINATIONS

Wildlife Management Excellence Award Nomination Form

I. Date:

II. Nominee contact information:

“Name”
“Title and Agency”
“Address”
“Phone”
“Email”

III. Nominating contact information:

“Name”
“Title and Agency”
“Address”
“Phone”
“Email”

IV. Descriptive title of achievement:

V. Quantitative information on the achievement:

Please provide a short description of the nominee’s achievement in the following categories where applicable. The information may be attached on additional pages or inserted where appropriate as an electronic file.

- 1) Conservation and management benefits
 - a) Species influenced
 - b) Area (acreage) influenced
 - c) Regional impacts
 - d) Other
- 2) Educational benefits
 - a) Target audiences
 - b) Estimated size of audience reached
 - c) Other
- 3) Scientific contributions
 - a) Dissemination of information through reports, manuals, publications or other media
 - b) Influence on management policies
 - c) Other
- 4) Brief description of economic benefits

VI. Quantitative Information on the Achievement

VII. Narrative Description of the Achievement (1-page)

VIII. Letters of support (2-3)

Please submit nominee(s) by mail or e-mail to **Christopher S. DePerno**, Chair; Wildlife Management Excellence Award; North Carolina State University, Turner House, Box 7646, Raleigh, NC 27695; Tel: (919) 513-7559; Email: chris_deperno@ncsu.edu

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

FEBRUARY 2017

2017 Annual Meetings for the Southeastern Bat Diversity Network and the Colloquium on the Conservation of Southeastern Mammals

February 16-17, 2017
Asheville, NC
<http://sbdn.org/event/2017-annual-meeting/>

2017 Annual SEPARC Meeting

February 16-19, 2017
Little Rock, AR
<http://separc.org/meetings/>

17th Wildlife Damage Management Conference

February 26 - March 1, 2017
Orange Beach, AL
<http://www.aces.edu/natural-resources/wildlife/awdm/2017/>

40th Annual Southeast Deer Study Group Meeting

February 27 - March 1, 2017
St. Louis, MO
http://sedsg.com/annual_meeting.asp

MAY 2017

Ducks Unlimited National Convention

May 31 - June 4, 2017
San Antonio, TX
<http://www.ducks.org/ducks-unlimited-events/national-convention>

JUNE 2017

International Urban Wildlife Conference

June 4-7, 2017
San Diego, CA
<http://urban-wildlife.org/>

JULY 2017

American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Annual Meeting

July 12-16, 2017
Austin, TX
<http://www.asih.org/meetings>

AUGUST 2017

Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting

August 6-11, 2017
Portland, OR
<http://www.esa.org/portland/#.WJCSCD8zWUK>

SEPTEMBER 2017

2016 AFWA Annual Meeting

September 10-13, 2017
Sandy, UT
<http://www.afwaannualmeeting.org/>

The Wildlife Society 24th Annual Conference

September 23-27, 2017
Albuquerque, NM
<http://wildlife.org/tws-24th-annual-conference/>

OCTOBER 2017

71st SEAFWA Conference

October 29 - November 1, 2017
Louisville, KY
<http://www.seafwa.org/conference/>

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society Membership Application

New Renewal Change of Address
_____ Number of years (multiple year membership)

(please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE _____

For new memberships or renewals, please enclose a check for \$10.00 per year (students: \$6.00) payable to Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society with this application and send to:

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