



# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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## New Website!

The Northwest Section has a new website! Please check out <http://wildlife.org/nw/> for updates, officer contact information, information about the annual meeting, and newsletters.

## 2016 Northwest Section Meeting

This year, we the Northwest Section will be meeting with the Oregon Chapter TWS in Seaside, Oregon February 3-5, 2016. This meeting marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oregon Chapter TWS.

The Northwest Section has helped organize a special symposium that will be held at this conference. This symposium, "*Managing one species to benefit another: science, ethics, and policy*", involves speakers from diverse agency/entity backgrounds reviewing a suite of complex interactions between species. Ethical dilemmas involving removing one species to benefit another will be evaluated with specific systems to include sea lions and salmonids, cormorants and salmon, barred owls and northern spotted owls, and cougars and ungulates.

Other conference events include the Northwest Section business meeting, a student/professional mentorship social, one-and-a-half days of concurrent sessions, a banquet and awards ceremony, and a suite of field trips and workshops on Friday (a beach cleanup, a salamander scavenger hunt, and a workshop about communicating contentious environmental topics).

For more information and for conference agenda, go to <https://ortws.wordpress.com/>

## Awards

Award nominations are due soon! Do you know someone deserving of recognition? If so, provide a letter (or letters) of support to: Kurt Alt ([altwildlife@yahoo.com](mailto:altwildlife@yahoo.com)). NWS will accept nominations through **January 15, 2016**. Awards will be presented at the annual NWS meeting (Seaside OR, February 3-5, 2016).

The NWS sponsors two awards: the Arthur S. Einarsen Award and the Wildlife Administrator Award. The Arthur S. Einarsen Award (established 1966) recognizes outstanding service to the wildlife profession by individuals residing in our Section. Previous recipients have included Jack Ward Thomas, Oz Garton, E. Charles Meslow, Terry Bowyer, Jack Connelly, Kate Kendall, and Lisette Waits to name just a few. The Wildlife Administrator Award recognizes excellence in areas of wildlife program development, administration, budgeting, planning, and personnel management. Individuals receiving this award have been clearly and directly responsible for improved wildlife conservation by enabling others, facilitating positive management actions, developing new programs or cooperative efforts that bring benefits to the wildlife resource, and by developing policy, law, or direction which benefits wildlife resources.

The nominees must reside and work within the section and be nominated for relevant action and responsibilities that they have accomplished within the past two years. Nominees for the Einarsen award should be society members (chapter, section and/or parent levels) but the administrator/manager nominees do not need to be society members.

## Dues Increase Update

We received some good feedback from the membership regarding the proposal to increase dues for as presented in the Fall 2015 Newsletter. If you missed it, the newsletter is available on-line at: <http://wildlife.org/nw/news/>. Based on this feedback, the Section will propose a dues increase to \$10/month for membership to vote on during the spring officer election cycle.

Thank you to all members who wrote in with their thoughts!

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