



# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

## NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST SECTION – FALL 2014

### About us

The Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society is a regional network providing communication between its 5 member states: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. The Northwest Section (NWS) serves in bottom-up and top-down capacities: to enhance information exchange between the states on regional wildlife issues, and between the states and our parent society. To serve our component chapters, the Northwest Section (NWS) rotates between state chapter meetings and facilitates speakers, awards, special sessions, and symposia. In 2012, we celebrated with the Montana Chapter at their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting. The 2013 meeting was in Alaska. The 2014 meeting was concurrent with Idaho's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 2015, NWS will meet with Washington in a joint meeting with SAF, and in 2016 we will meet with the Oregon Chapter.

### 2015 meeting – call for papers

NWS is meeting with Washington's chapters of TWS and Society of American Foresters in a joint conference at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA; to be held April 14-17. NWS will be bringing regional perspective to the special plenary session on forest management and wildlife.

We invite abstracts for presentations and poster sessions, workshop concepts, mini-symposia proposals, and ideas for other facets of the program. All topics in wildlife biology and conservation programs are welcomed, although emphasis in some sessions will be placed on management of forests for wildlife, cooperation in forest management, and application of research findings to conservation and management practices.

For more information, please visit WA TWS at <http://wildlife.org/washington/>

**Note the abstract deadline of December 15, 2014!**

### Call for award nominations

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 and Jack Connelly 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. These are intended to be individual, not group awards. 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.

Do you know of someone deserving of recognition? If so, provide a letter (or letters) of support to: Julie Cunningham ([juliecunningham@mt.gov](mailto:juliecunningham@mt.gov)) 1400 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bozeman MT 59718. Awards will be presented at the annual NWS meeting (Grand Mound WA, April 14-17). NWS will accept nominations through **January 31, 2015**.

*Call for interested members to serve as NWS Officers*

Elections for NWS officers will be held in spring 2015 with the new term for officers starting May 1, 2015. We are seeking candidates for President-elect who serves a three year term beginning as president-elect, president and then past president. In addition, we are seeking individuals for vice president and secretary/treasurer; both two year terms. If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone please contact Julie Cunningham ([juliecunningham@mt.gov](mailto:juliecunningham@mt.gov)).

*The Conservation Affairs Network: what is it?*

TWS helps wildlife professionals communicate science-based management and conservation information. Since 1972, TWS has tracked wildlife legislation at the federal level, and hired a Policy Director in 1991. Today, we have a Government Affairs and Partnership Program to help provide scientific information to policy-makers, protecting individual biologists from potential conflict of interest.

To address important policy issues WITHOUT additional meetings, TWS is developing CAN – a Conservation Affairs Network. CAN engages and unifies the efforts of The Wildlife Society, its 200+ units, and nearly 10,000 members to advance wildlife conservation policy issues at the national, regional, and local levels. CAN operates through Conservation Affairs Committees (CACs) established within TWS Sections and Chapters. CACs identify and address policy priorities within their region, and communicating their activities and policy needs to other CACs and TWS Staff.

If you are interested in learning more about CAN, CACs, or TWS's Government Affairs program, contact Leslie Bliss-Ketchum ([bliss.ketchum@gmail.com](mailto:bliss.ketchum@gmail.com)) or Dave Kennedy ([dave.kennedy@live.com](mailto:dave.kennedy@live.com)) for NWS-level information, or Keith Norris ([knorris@wildlife.org](mailto:knorris@wildlife.org)) for the national program.

*Contact us!*

If you are interested in learning more about any of the above topics, if you would like to volunteer, or have any thoughts or questions about how NWS can help serve you or your chapter, please contact us!

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