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WILLIAM SEVERUD RECEIVES BOB FEDELER MEMORIAL AWARD FROM MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Duluth, Minnesota (February 18th, 2015) William “Bill” Severud, a graduate student in the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology University of Minnesota received the **2014 Bob Fedeler Memorial Graduate Award** from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society at its Annual Meeting in Duluth MN.

The Wildlife Society is a professional organization of researchers, managers, professors and students with an interest in wildlife or work in a wildlife profession with State or Federal Agencies, Colleges and Universities, or non-governmental organizations. This year, the Minnesota Chapter and the Wisconsin Chapter held a joint meeting.

The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (MNTWS) established this Award in honor of Bob Fedeler. Bob was a popular and longtime biology and natural resources instructor at Staples Technical College and in the Natural Resources Department at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, MN. He served as Chapter President in 1997 and Membership Chair in 1998. Bob died of cancer in March 1999 after teaching for nearly two decades.

The Bob Fedeler Memorial Award is presented to one undergraduate and one graduate student who have a 3.0 or better GPA, a strong interest in a career in wildlife biology, be active in extracurricular activities, have a strong sense of public service and have demonstrated good communication skills.

This Award consists of two full memberships (one undergraduate student, one graduate student) in The Wildlife Society (TWS) including all publications. The Fedeler Awards help beginning wildlife professionals get started with membership in TWS providing them with high quality peer reviewed research, issues and discussions through the Society’s various publications and access to TWS’s regional and local networks of professional wildlife managers, researchers, conservation practitioners, policy makers, academics, other students and opportunities to participate or attend Conferences and Meetings.

Bill Severud is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. His doctoral research focuses on assessing moose calf mortality and its subsequent effects on population performance. Bill has maintained a

4.0 GPA since beginning his graduate work in fall 2012. A Plymouth, MN native Bill received his B.A. Cum Laude in Biology from Carlton College, Northfield, MN in 2002 and his M.S. in Biology from Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI in 2011. His M.S. Thesis “American Beaver Foraging Ecology: Predation Avoidance, Diet, and Forage Availability” research took place at Seney National Wildlife Refuge and Voyagers National Park.

Bill previously received these Awards and Honors: 2014 Best Student Paper at the 2014 Annual Meeting of The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 2013 Albert W. Franzmann and Distinguished Colleagues Memorial Award, 2012 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Roundtable Young Professional Invitee. He is also an active member and participant in the Natural Resources Association of Graduate Students (NRAGS), an advocacy group for graduate students studying any field within natural resources science and management.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Bill will pursue a career in Wildlife Biology that allows him to mentor and advise graduate students.



Photo caption: William Severud (l) receives the 2014 Bob Fedeler Memorial Graduate Award for his advisor Dr. Glenn DelGuidice.