



NE-TWS USAGE GUIDELINES AND RULES

Welcome to NE-TWS, an un-moderated email discussion list for members of the New England Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Please read the following guidelines and rules carefully. By using NE-TWS, you agree to adhere to these guidelines and rules. If you cannot agree to adhere

to these guidelines, please send a message to the server now (http://wildlifeprofessional.org/mailman/listinfo/ne_tws_wildlifeprofessional.org) with the word "unsubscribe" typed in the subject line. If you have any questions, feel free to write to the List Manager. Thank you.

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The New England Chapter of TWS provides NE-TWS as a service for members of the chapter to enable them to communicate informally with and learn from one another. The purpose of the list is professional communication, networking, and technical assistance and is only open to chapter members.

All subscribers are asked to adhere to the following guidelines and rules:

1. In keeping with the list's primary purpose, discussions should focus on subjects dealing with wildlife science and associated environmental and conservation issues. Pertinent topics can range from current issues, techniques, resources, and policy decisions, to educational and career opportunities.
2. A posting usually should not exceed 100 lines in length. If a posting is longer, it should be marked as such in the SUBJECT line (example: "SUBJECT: (LONG) Academic best practices in wildlife statistics studies").
3. If a post should be of interest to the professional community, but is tangential to wildlife sciences, it should be marked as such in the SUBJECT line (example: "SUBJECT: (TAN) New Statistics Software Program").
4. Use subject lines appropriate for the contents of a post, modifying them anytime you change topics. Example: "Aldo Leopold's Conservation Ethic (WAS: Re: Conservation practices in the American West)."
5. Postings to which you are replying should be edited/trimmed so that only pertinent material is included in the reply.
6. Questions or requests for information should be put in context by indicating what sources you have been able to check yourself.
7. As appropriate to a scientific/professional list, arguments pro and con to a given subject should, where possible, be supported by references.
8. Canons of civility must be observed at all times. There will be NO tolerance for ad hominem attacks, for publicly accusing another list member of ignorance, or for any other breaches of civility.

Breaches of Rules #1 (Appropriateness of Subject Matter) and #8 (Canons of Civility)
This is an un-moderated list. As such, the List Manager will rely on subscribers to notify him when a possible breach has occurred. Our intention in enforcing these rules is not to stifle creative or informative discussions, but to ensure that NE-TWS continues as a valuable membership service. Violations of these guidelines and rules will be determined and addressed at the discretion of the Chapter's Executive Council.

Breaches of rules #1 and #8 will be dealt with as follows:

1. First infraction: List Manager sends a warning notice to the individual with a copy of NE-TWS Usage Guidelines and Rules.

2. Second infraction (does not necessarily have to be a breach of the same rule broken during the first infraction): List manager consults with the Chapter President. If the Chapter President agrees that an infraction has occurred, the Chapter President sends a second warning notice to the individual with a copy of NE-TWS Usage Guidelines and Rules and TWS's Code of Ethics.
3. Third infraction (does not necessarily have to be a breach of the same rule(s) broken during the first two infractions): List manager consults with the Chapter President. If the Chapter President agrees that an infraction has occurred, the List Manager removes the individual from NE-TWS and the Chapter President notifies the individual of the action taken.
4. Reinstatement: Reinstatement is possible after six months, if the individual agrees in writing to adhere to the NE-TWS Usage Guidelines and Rules. For a subsequent infraction, the List Manager consults with the Chapter President. If the Chapter President agrees that an infraction has occurred, the List Manager removes the individual permanently from NE-TWS and the Chapter President notifies the individual of the action taken. If the individual attempts to circumvent his/her removal from NE-TWS during any stage in this process, whether by subscribing under a different name or by other means, he/she will be permanently removed from NE-TWS.