TWS Council Candidate Biographic Sketch
Northeast Section Representative – 2021

Duane Diefenbach

Personal Data: born in Burlington, VT

Education: B.S. in Wildlife Biology, Washington State University, 1985
M.S. in Wildlife Management, University of Maine, 1988
Ph.D. in Forest Resources, University of Georgia, 1992

Present Position: Unit Leader, U.S. Geological Survey, Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, 2007-present.

Former Positions: Assistant Unit Leader, U.S. Geological Survey, Pennsylvania Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, 1999-2007; Biometrician, Pennsylvania Game Commission, 1992-1999

Wildlife Society Activities: Member since 1987; Certified Wildlife Biologist since 1995;

Biometrics Working Group
- i. Treasurer 1998–1999
- ii. Chair-elect, Chair, Past-Chair, 2001–2004
- iii. Ad hoc Website Committee, 2006–2007
- iv. Board member, 2009–2010

Faculty Advisor, Penn State Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, 1999–2012
Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society, member since 1993
- i. Vice President, 2006–2008

Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society, member since 1993
- i. Board Member, 1994–1996
- ii. Membership Committee, Chair, 1993–1997

Leadership Experience (professional and organizations): I have held leadership positions in The Wildlife Society at the state, regional and national levels. I have a first-hand understanding of how TWS provides professional development to its members and advocates for actions that benefit wildlife. Also, I have worked for a state wildlife agency and currently work for a federal research agency and serve as adjunct faculty at a university. I believe my experience provides me with an understanding of the many different ways in which a professional organization like TWS can serve its members.

Principal Professional Interests: Estimation of wildlife population parameters, population modeling, harvest management decision modeling.