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Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation Working Group



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Annual Meeting Newsletter

September 2020

Note from the Chair

Greetings,

We are excited to share a few announcements regarding the upcoming TWS 2020 Annual Conference. Our annual working group meeting will occur Monday, September 28 from 4-5:30 eastern. Please join us! We have invited some excellent speakers to engage the group in a discussion. Also, please see the announcements enclosed regarding two symposia supported by the HTC WG. The first, Relevance of Sustainable Use of Wildlife in a Changing Society will hold a session panel discussion from 1:00-2:00 PM eastern on Sept. 28. The second, Eastern Elk Ecology and Management, will hold a panel discussion September 30, 2:00 - 3:00 PM eastern. Finally, if you have not had a chance yet, please vote for the next officers of our working group. I look forward to meeting in a couple weeks!

Best regards,

Michael J Cherry

Stuart W. Stedman Chair for White-tailed Deer Research
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

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2020 Annual Conference: TWS Virtual and Working Group Meeting



A Five-Day Virtual Conference Experience

September 28 - October 2, 2020

Annual Meeting of the Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation Working Group

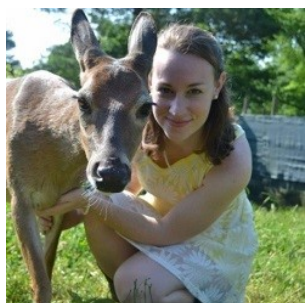
Monday September 28th 4-5:30pm EST

Our working group will host our annual meeting virtually this year over Zoom. We will be sending a link out through our list serve.

Join us to hear what the working group has been up to this past year. We will also be revealing several logos for the working group that members can vote on.

Additionally, we have invited four speakers to discuss their perspectives and how they are involved with hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation. This will be followed by a Q&A session with the working group members.

Check out our Speakers below.



Kristin Black

*Manager of
Communications and
Human Dimensions*

The Council To Advance
Hunting And The Shooting
Sports



Marcia Brownlee

*Artemis Program Manager
National Wildlife
Federation*



Zach Lowe

CLfT Director

Conservation Leaders For
Tomorrow



Eric Morris

Producer and Host

NonTypical Outdoorsman
TV

Symposium: Eastern Elk Ecology and Management

Symposia will be available on-demand on their scheduled date, then again at the conclusion of the conference.

Elk once were widely distributed throughout eastern North America, but over harvest and habitat alterations resulted in extirpation of elk from the vast majority of eastern-most historical range. There are now numerous programs aimed at restoring elk to portions of eastern states with the goal of providing recreational opportunities in the form of hunting and wildlife viewing. However, there are numerous challenges to the restoration of this charismatic megafauna in the fragmented landscape of eastern North America. There is a growing body of research across eastern states with elk populations and our sessions is designed to facilitate the exchange of knowledge that has been accumulated through addressing challenges and opportunities in a range of bio-political systems.

Panel Discussion: Wednesday, September 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm EASTERN.

Elk Research and Management: How Science from the Western US Can Inform Elk Management in the East

Michel T. Kohl; Lacy M. Smith; Gavin G. Cotterill

A Historical Perspective of Kentucky's Elk Reintroduction Program: Or How We Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Stochasticity

John J. Cox

Genetic Characteristics of Restored Elk Populations in Kentucky

Jordan L. Youngmann; Randy W. DeYoung; Stephen Demarais; Bronson K. Strickland; Gabe Jenkins

Reproductive Isolation and Stocking Source of Elk in Tennessee

Lisa I. Muller; Jennifer L. Murrow; Jason L. Lupardus; Joseph D. Clark; Joseph G. Yarkovitch; William H. Stiver; Kim Delozier; Brad F. Miller; Eryn M. Watson; Katherine A. Kurth; Dailee L. Metts

Spatial Ecology of Reintroduced Elk in Southwestern Virginia

Heather N. Abernathy; David M. Kalb; Braiden A. Quinlan; Emily D. Thorne; William M. Ford; Michael J. Cherry

Habitat Selection and the Future of Early Successional Habitat for Elk in Southeast Kentucky

John T. Hast

Aerial survey for Estimating Pennsylvania's Elk Population: Combining Infrared and High-Definition Imagery

Jeremiah E. Banfield; Chris Rosenberry; Ian Gregg; Matthew Schnupp

One Size Does Not Fit All in Population Restoration: Genetic Considerations from the Missouri Elk Restoration

Ellen Pero; Donovan Bell; Zak Robinson; M. Colter Chitwood; Barbara Keller; Aaron Hildreth; Leah Berkman; Chelsea Titus; Joshua J. Millsbaugh

Panel Discussion: Building a Research Network to Support Eastern Elk Management

Michael Cherry

Organizers: Michael J. Cherry, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Kingsville, TX; Michel Kohl, University of Georgia, Athens, GA; Matthew T. Springer, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Supported by: Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Hunting, Trapping and Conservation Working Group

Symposium: Relevance of Sustainable Use of Wildlife in a Changing Society

Symposia will be available on-demand on their scheduled date, then again at the conclusion of the conference.

Sustainable use of wildlife is a core tenant of wildlife management frameworks worldwide and achieving sustainability is a major focus of multiple international conventions. However, changing societal values toward wildlife challenge the acceptability and social license for sustainable use policies. This session will explore how wildlife stakeholders and wildlife conservation professionals perceive sustainable use in its myriad forms; simply assuming we can continue with the current paradigm linking sustainable use and conservation is not tenable. This section will discuss perspectives from agencies, universities, students, young professionals, and international entities.

Panel Discussion: Monday, September 38, 1:00 - 2:00 pm EASTERN.

The Changing narrative: Use of Animals and the Global Mind

Shane P. Mahoney

Modernization is Changing How People View Wildlife and Wildlife Management

Jeremy T. Bruskotter

Wildlife Conservation Professionals and Sustainable Use: A Comparison of Past and Present Beliefs

Shawn Riley; Rachel T. Menale; Zachery E. Lowe; John F. Organ

Sustainable Use of Wildlife in Mexico

Raul Valdez, Ph.D.; Luis A. Tarango-Arámbula,, Ph.D.; Fidel Hernandez; Florentino Chillopa Morales, Ph.D.

Perspectives of Sustainable Use by Native Peoples in the US

Serra Jeanette Hoagland

U.S. State Agency Perspectives on Changing Attitudes Towards Sustainable Use of Wildlife

Jonathan Mawdsley

Sustainable Use and Wildlife Conservation Advocacy: Adapting to Changing Societal Values

Ed Arnett

The Changing Face of Wildlife Students and Their Perspectives Towards Sustainable Use

Mark McConnell; Dean F. Stauffer; Brent Bibbes; Nate Bickford; John W. Edwards; John Perrine

New Professional's View of Sustainable Use and Wildlife

Andrea Darracq

Organizers: *Darren Miller, NCASI, Mississippi State, MS; Shane Mahoney, Conservation Visions, St. Johns, Newfoundland*

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About Us

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Election Update

2020 HTC WG Election

Voting will close on **September 15th**

You can vote at this link: http://twselection.org/election_htcwg_2020/index.cfm

Chair Candidates (1 position)

1. **Tom Decker**, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northeast Region

Chair-Elect Candidates (1 position)

1. **Geriann Albers**, Furbearer Biologist, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
2. **Jennifer Kanine**, Director, Department of Natural Resources with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Board Member Candidates (1 position)

1. **Marcelo Jorge**, Graduate Research Assistant/PhD Student, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia
2. **John McDonald**, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, Westfield State University
3. **Nathan Roberts**, Associate Professor of Wildlife Management, College of the Ozarks



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Chair Candidates

Tom Decker

Tom Decker is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and works for the US Fish & Wildlife Service in the Northeast Region.

Previously Tom has worked for Vermont Fish and Wildlife and for Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife holding several positions including Furbearer Biologist, Director of Wildlife, and Director of Operations. Tom is a life member of the American Society of Mammalogists. He has been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1988 and is a TWS Fellow and NCLI Fellow. He has served on TWS Governing Council and recently finished serving as Chair of the Editorial Advisory Board of The Wildlife Professional. Tom has also



previously been the Chair of the Hunting, Trapping and Conservation Working Group. Tom has received several national and regional awards for his leadership and work in wildlife management. Tom has been active nationally with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Furbearer Resources Task Force. He has been part of a US Technical Work Group addressing national and international policy, research and management programs related to the sustainable management of furbearers in the United States. Tom is an instructor and serves on the Advisory Board of the national Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow program. He is a certified hunter education and trapper education instructor in Massachusetts and a certified instructor in the Vermont 4-H Shooting Sports program. Tom has BS and MS degrees in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a bachelor's degree in Geography from Worcester State University.

Chair-Elect Candidates

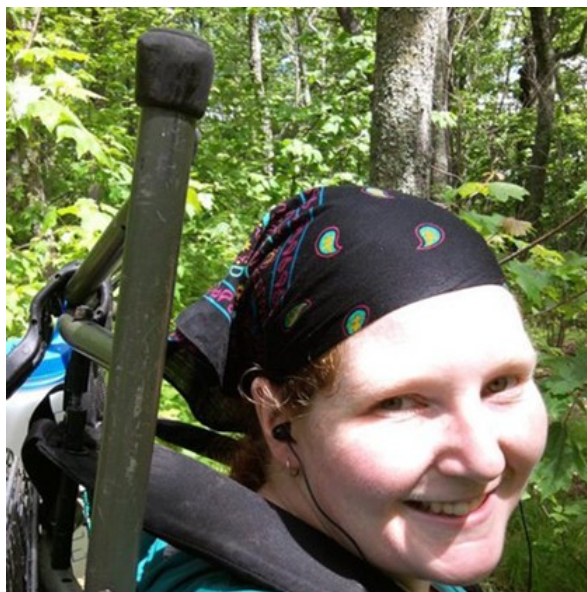
Gerianne Albers

Gerianne Albers is the Furbearer Biologist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. She received her B.S. from University of Illinois and her M.S. from West Virginia University studying coyote diets. She worked as the Assistant Furbearer Biologist and Trapper Education Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and as the Assistant Furbearer and Black Bear Biologist for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Gerianne is a Certified Wildlife Biologist, served as a board member for the Wildlife Damage Management Working Group, and has been a board member for the Hunting, Trapping, and Conservation Working Group for the past 2 years. She loves furbearers, basket weaving, educating the public about furbearers, crocheting, and sustaining the regulated trapping of furbearers as a management tool.



Jennifer Kanine

Dr. Kanine has over 20 years' experience in the wildlife and natural resources field, with over 10 years' experience related to hunting and trapping. Jennifer is currently the Director of the Department of Natural Resources with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Southwestern Michigan and Northwestern Indiana. She is responsible for the oversight and management of natural resource related efforts on tribal properties. These include surveying for multiple species to better manage and protect plant and wildlife populations, examining environmental quality of the land and water, reducing wildlife damage, providing education, and providing input regarding tribal developments. Dr. Kanine's background includes acquiring a Natural Resources and Outdoor & Environmental Recreation B.S. degree and Conservation Biology M.S. degree from Central Michigan University as well as attaining a Doctorate from the University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry. Jennifer has been a member of TWS for 11 years, currently has Associate Wildlife Biologist standing, and is an alumna of the TWS Leadership Institute.



Board Member Candidates

Marcelo Jorge

Marcelo Jorge was Born in São Paulo, Brazil, and moved to the United States at an early age. He attended Miami University (OH) in which he earned his B.S in Zoology with a Neuroscience minor and a B.A. in Psychology as well as conducted independent undergraduate research on house cricket social dominance behavior as a factor influencing neurogenesis. He then worked for three years at a variety of American Zoological Association (AZA) zoos as an animal keeper and trainer. He returned to academia and earned his M.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences from Virginia Tech. His thesis investigated the impact of fire on the wildlife communities on a pyric landscape in North Florida. Marcelo's research interests include predator-prey interactions, community ecology, and applied science to benefit land managers. His Ph.D. project will focus on understanding how Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) impact Arkansas deer populations and behaviors. His work aims to provide recommendations to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as well as other CWD positive states on the monitoring and managing a deer herd with CWD. In his spare time, Marcelo enjoys board games, taking his dog "Sequoia" into the forest, and as a new hunter, engaging in everything from squirrel to deer hunting and hopes to start trapping as well.



John McDonald

John McDonald is an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Science at Westfield State University in western Massachusetts and Past-President of The Wildlife Society. From 1995-2000 he was the Deer Project Leader for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and from 2003 to 2012 he was a Wildlife Specialist with the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program of the US Fish & Wildlife Service in the Northeast Region where he administered Wildlife Restoration and State Wildlife grants to 13 state fish and wildlife agencies. Previously he was a Wildlife Ecologist in the Coop Wildlife Lab at Southern Illinois University. He got his BS in Forest Management at Virginia Tech, his MS in Wildlife Science at Penn State, and his PhD in Wildlife Science at UMass. John is a TWS Fellow and Associate Editor for the Wildlife Society Bulletin and the Journal of Wildlife Management. He was one of the founders of the Northeast Section's Wildlife Field Course and has served as the organizer and one of the lead instructors for the course since 2009.



Nathan Roberts

Nathan Roberts is an associate professor of wildlife management at College of the Ozarks in Branson Missouri. Nathan has worked on trapping and hunting issues for close to twenty years in various capacities. Nathan has worked as a furbearer and carnivore research scientist for the state of Wisconsin. He has also worked for USFWS and for USDA at the National Wildlife Research Center. Nathan has been involved in national and international furbearer and trapping issues through the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Nathan has a PhD from Cornell University with a dissertation titles "Enhancing Furbearer Management in New York State". Nathan earned his BS and MS degrees from the University of Missouri.



BLACK MAMMALOGISTS WEEK



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS
 & THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
 #BLACKMAMMALOGISTS

To provide opportunities for current and aspiring Black mammalogists across the Diaspora to form conscious, fruitful connections, in addition to illuminating historical and present-day Black contributions to the field of Mammalogy.

<https://blackmammalogists.com/>

Hunting while Black, in North America or in other parts of the world, is not the same as hunting while white. We'll look into historical and current day experiences of Black hunters, illuminating the varying experiences of using wildlife while in Black skin.

- Register for the Panel Here: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/0q5xy21b/register>