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Stanley Burgiel, Executive Director
National Invasive Species Council
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

RE: Nomination of Dr. Jane Anderson to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee

Dear Executive Director Burgiel,

The Wildlife Society (TWS) is pleased to nominate Dr. Jane Anderson to serve as a scientific society representative on the Invasive Species Advisory Committee. Dr. Anderson is an invasive species ecologist with over 15 years of professional experience covering the complex social, political, economic, and ecological considerations of invasive species management. TWS believes she is an excellent candidate to represent wildlife and natural resource professionals on behalf of The Wildlife Society on the Committee.

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society (TWS; wildlife.org) and our network of affiliated chapters and sections represents over 15,000 wildlife biologists and managers, dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and their habitat through science-based management and conservation.

Dr. Anderson has extensive experience in collaborative research projects focused on the population ecology and management of high-profile invasive species. She was the first biologist to study the feral rhesus macaque population in Florida in coordination with state, federal, and NGO partners, first as a Ph.D. student and then as a postdoctoral associate with the University of Florida. In her current role as Assistant Professor of Research with the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University - Kingsville, Dr. Anderson is leading the study of invasive rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai, Hawaii. She was recently the lead author on a management plan to control the species, part of a project funded through the Hawaii state legislature and implemented in collaboration with the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services National Wildlife Research Center.

In addition to her contributions to peer-reviewed research, Dr. Anderson also has an exemplary record of scientific communication and outreach to the general public, a critical skill in the often contentious and highly-visible realm of invasive species management. Her work on Florida's rhesus macaques has been covered in outlets including the Washington Post, National Geographic, NPR, and Associated Press news. Her work on Kauai incorporates a community science component, designed in collaboration with the Kauai Invasive Species Committee, to increase understanding and improve public support for the control of rose-ringed parakeets on the island. Dr. Anderson is committed to making science accessible to all audiences, and in support of her passion for writing serves on the Writers' League of Texas' Board of Directors.

Dr. Anderson's expertise is highly valued by her peers in the field of invasive species management. She is currently serving as an invited member of the Horizon Scan to Assess Invasion Risk of Vertebrate Pests in Florida, where she has reviewed and provided feedback on risk assessments for 20 mammals in the state. She has also been an active member of TWS' Invasive Species Working Group (ISWG) since 2019. The ISWG works to disseminate information on invasive species management among wildlife professionals and the general public. Dr. Anderson was elected to serve as the ISWG Chair-Elect in 2021 and will begin her term as ISWG chair in 2023.

Dr. Anderson is an exemplary researcher, communicator, and wildlife professional, and continues to use her expertise to make meaningful contributions to our knowledge and management of invasive species. The Wildlife Society believes she will represent our organization and the needs of natural resource professionals effectively on the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this nomination. Please contact Caroline Murphy, AWB®, Government Relations Manager (cmurphy@wildlife.org, 301-897-9770 x 308) if you have any questions regarding this nomination.

Sincerely,



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President, The Wildlife Society