

TWS Council Candidate Biographic Sketch

Northwest Representative – 2022

Shawn M. Cleveland

Education

Current	Ph.D. Candidate, Wildlife Science, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry
2010	Master of Science, Wildlife Biology, The University of Montana
2002	Bachelor of Science, Wildlife Biology, The University of Montana
2011	Graduate, Leadership Institute, The Wildlife Society

Present Position

2021-present	Visiting Professor, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA
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Former Positions

2020	Adjunct Instructor, Keystone College
2014-2018	Assistant Professor of Wildlife Biology and Geographic Information Systems, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry-Ranger School
2013-2014	GIS Analyst/Research Associate, New York Department of Environmental Conservation
2010-2012	Glaciated Plains Land Steward, The Nature Conservancy
2004-2006	Research Biologist, University of Montana Division of Biological Sciences

The Wildlife Society Activities:

Select Membership:

- 2000 – Present The Wildlife Society
- 2000 – Present Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society
- 2000 – Present Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Offices Held:

- 2011-2013 President Elect, President, and Past President of The Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- 2015-2016 Vice-President of The New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Select Committees:

- 2011 Chair: 50th Anniversary Conference Planning Committee, Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society/Northwest Section Joint Meeting
- 2011-2012 Member: Conservation Leaders Summit Planning Committee, The Wildlife Society
- 2011-2013 Member: Position Statement Review Committee, The Wildlife Society
- 2012 Chair: Student Poster Presentations – National Meeting, The Wildlife Society
- 2016-2018 Co-chair: Student Activities, Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society

Other Professional Affiliations

2019 – Present Co-chair/Scientific Lead: Adaptive Management Advisory Committee for Point Elliot Treaty Tribes and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

2010 – 2013 Society for Range Management

Principal Professional Interests

Wildlife Management, Behavioral Ecology, Community-based Conservation, Early Career Development, Student Mentoring, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Views: Limit of 250 words.

I am humbled to be nominated as Northwest Section Representative. My interest stems from my time in The Leadership Institute (LI), which exposed me to the innerworkings of TWS and Council's roll as mentors. I have always wanted to give back to the organization that supported my professional and personal growth.

With this desire in mind, my vision for the Section is to foster growth and engagement of the Sections membership and to expand the inclusivity cultivated in recent years through the leadership of LI alumni. Inclusivity, collaboration and mentorship are my true strengths as a professional and supporting growth of these ideals is a passion I will bring to the Northwest Section and Council. I bring with me knowledge of growing State and Section engagement from the Northeast (Former New York Chapter Vice President) and strong ties to States in the Northwest (Former Montana Chapter President). Further, one of my goals is to solidify the financial foundation of LI by working with Council and TWS Leadership to develop an endowment campaign, thereby insuring continued leadership development of all TWS subunits. I will work diligently to engage the States in the Section to bring their voice to Council. I have always had an 'open door' policy for members and would welcome feedback and discussion whether you be a student, early career, career or retired professional. I will do my best to represent the perspectives of the Section and insure the financial wellbeing of our organization to the future.