

TWS Council Candidate Biographic Sketch

Northeast Representative - 2023

Angela Fuller

Education

- Ph.D. University of Maine, Wildlife Ecology, 2006
M.S. University of Maine, Wildlife Ecology, 1999
B.S. University of Maine at Machias, Environmental Studies, 1996

Present Position

- Unit Leader, U.S. Geological Survey, New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; Professor (courtesy), Cornell University, 2014-present.

Former Positions

- Acting Leader, U.S. Geological Survey, New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, 2014;
- Assistant Leader, U.S. Geological Survey, New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, 2009-2014.

The Wildlife Society Activities: Member since 1999

TWS

- Nominations Committee, 2016-2018
- Ad-hoc Certification Review Committee, 2009-2010

Northeast Section

- Member at Large, 2022-present
- Operations Committee, 2015-2017
- Ad-hoc Student Affairs Committee, 2009-2011

New York Chapter

- Member at Large, 2022-present

Maine Chapter

- Board member, 2008-2009
- Black Bear referendum resolutions committee, 2003
- Chair, Education & Information Committee, 2002-2004

Cornell University Student Chapter

- Faculty Advisor, 2022-present

Other Professional Affiliations

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Species Survival Commission, Bear Specialist Group, and Bear Monitoring Expert Group, 2019-present;
- Advisory Board, Invasive Species Research Institute, 2018-present;
- Scientific Advisor, Andean Bear Conservation Alliance, 2018-present;
- USGS Cooperative Research Units DEIJ Committee (2021-present);
- Faculty Advisory Board, Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability, 2014-2023;
- Biodiversity Conservation Advisory Committee, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (2011-2017).

Leadership Experience:

I have held leadership positions in TWS at the university, working group, chapter, section, and national levels. I serve as scientific advisor at state, national, and international levels. I was a member of The Wildlife Society Leadership Institute in 2008 and was elected as TWS fellow in 2017. I am the leader of the New York Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit as a federal employee that seeks to meet the research and management needs of our state, federal, and academic partners. I also serve as a courtesy faculty member at Cornell University where I teach and mentor graduate students.

Principal Professional Interests

Decision science, population modeling, human-wildlife coexistence, international conservation, mentoring students and early career professionals.

Views: Limit of 250 words.

My motivation to serve is formed by my desire to give back to TWS, which has been a significant contributor to my professional development. I have benefited from my engagement with TWS for 21 years, serving at the University, Chapter, Section, and National levels. As a Fellow of TWS, I seek to actively promote the wildlife profession and TWS through scientific research, conservation and management, and education. I am encouraged by the growing diversity in the wildlife field, and I would like to contribute to move the profession forward towards greater representation in all aspects of diversity to help meet the current and future challenges in wildlife conservation. Engaging with and supporting the development of the next generation of wildlife professionals is important to me.

It is important that TWS and the wildlife profession adapt and change along with our rapidly changing ecological, social, and political environment. This complex and uncertain environment forces us as scientists and managers to make challenging decisions. Whether the decisions are related to science-based wildlife conservation and management or decisions regarding the future of TWS, my approach to thinking about problems is influenced by my research in decision science – it is important to understand and define the problem and articulate objectives. I will bring this same thinking if I am elected, seeking to understand the needs of members and that of the Society, and then working to devise creative solutions or strategies that will best meet objectives. I will be a voice to TWS leadership.