

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Editor-in-Chief: *Wildlife Society Bulletin*

Application Period: Open until filled. Application review to begin 15 August 2026

Start Date: 1 July 2027

Term: 3-year term with potential for option to renew for a second 3-year term

Honorarium: ~\$15,000/year, travel expenses, and Lifetime Membership to TWS

The Wildlife Society is currently soliciting applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief (EIC) for its highly regarded, peer-reviewed journal, the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. This is a key opportunity to direct a leading source of wildlife conservation and management science into the future.

The *Wildlife Society Bulletin* is a journal catering to wildlife practitioners, integrating advanced science, management, conservation, and policy. The journal publishes contemporary wildlife management, conservation, education, administration, and law enforcement. The journal also covers policy matters, emphasizing the fusion of science and policy, and reviews articles on the philosophy and history of wildlife management and conservation, providing a comprehensive platform for wildlife professionals.

The journal is a fully online, open-source publication that compiles four issues each year. It is published and hosted in partnership with Wiley.

Duties and Responsibilities: The EIC is expected to implement high scientific rigor, quality, integrity, and ethical standards of the *Journal* while ensuring it remains a key source of information for wildlife professionals and a sought-after journal for authors.

- Make final editorial decisions on all manuscripts submitted to the journal
- Proactively solicit high quality submissions and identify and curate special sections in wildlife conservation and management to ensure a robust number of submissions to the journal
- Engage the Associate Editors in the peer-review process and expand the editorial board as needed to fill key areas of expertise
- Oversee the peer-review and editing processes in coordination with Wiley and TWS Editorial staff. Ensure a rigorous and value-added peer-review and efficient handling of manuscripts
- Write and publish editorials to communicate journal news and discuss topics in wildlife science and publishing
- Attend and engage in The Wildlife Society's Annual Conference to connect with potential authors and promote the journal
- Provide reports and feedback to TWS staff, Council, and Wiley as requested; engage with TWS staff, Publications Committee, and EICs of TWS' other journals to identify and discuss key opportunities to enhance the journal

The EIC serves at the pleasure of TWS Council, engages with TWS Council's Publications Committee and TWS' journal editorial staff, while being responsible for the day-to-day editorial decisions made for the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*.

Desired Qualifications: The Wildlife Society seeks a highly qualified and motivated individual with a Ph.D. in wildlife ecology, wildlife management, wildlife conservation, wildlife policy, or a closely related field, who exhibits strong leadership, organizational and communication skills, and high professional and ethical standards.

- broad experience in the wildlife field with an extensive publication record in peer-reviewed journals
- experience in editorial duties, ability to navigate online editorial systems, and an awareness of relevant technological and conceptual advances in publishing and dissemination of science
- knowledge of TWS and its journals
- proven ability to work closely with a support staff and communicate with people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives

Benefits and Compensation: The EIC is an independent contractor and will receive an annual honorarium and a lifetime membership to TWS. EICs will have editorial support from TWS' staff and will have their conference registration and travel expenses for TWS' Annual Conference reimbursed.

To Apply: Applicants should submit to Al Arsenault (AWS423@outlook.com) a curriculum vitae and a cover letter summarizing previous experience as a peer-reviewed journal editor, a statement of editorial philosophy, and an indication of support from a candidate's employer, if applicable. Please submit all materials in a single pdf document.

Applications are encouraged from all qualified individuals including members of visible minorities, all gender identities, people with disabilities, and other individuals who may be underrepresented among editors of scientific journals. Nominations of potential candidates by others are encouraged and welcomed.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; the review of applications will begin **15 Aug 2026** with an expected job start of **1 Jan 2027**. Interested candidates may contact Al Arsenault (AWS423@outlook.com), Chair of TWS' Publications Committee, for more information.