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Newsletter

"The mission of the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society is to foster excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education among wildlife professionals in Canada"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



***By Kathreen Ruckstuhl, CSTWS President,
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It's with great pleasure that I have taken on the role of President of the Canadian Section of the Wildlife Society at our AGM meeting in Thunder Bay. I am a behavioural ecologist/wildlife biologist working on sociality, mate choice and life histories of various ungulates (bighorn sheep, elk, red deer, chamois, Alpine ibex, oryx and zebra). I joined TWS during my PhD but did not get actively involved until Arlen Todd contacted me 3 years ago and asked if I would like to stand for Vice President. I saw this as a great chance to serve our wildlife community and since then have been involved in the CSTWS as it's Vice President, President-Elect, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. In these 3 years the Section has grown from a relatively small number of very dedicated wildlife professionals to 294 members, and this was not in a small part due to the efforts of our Past Presidents, Merlin Shoemith, Art Rodgers and others!

CSTWS is now entering its 5th year, believe it or not!!! Over the past year, CSTWS has been extremely active in forming various committees (conservation affairs, education, awards, membership and audit) and has drafted several white papers on topics of concern, such as "white-nose syndrome" in bats, and we also started a new electronic education series with invited speakers who give seminars to interested parties via teleconference. Together with TWS we further drafted a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper to offer our expert advice on wildlife related matters. To sum up, our Section and chapters are

growing fast and we are being increasingly heard and listened to. That is a good thing! For more details on these and other activities please read the newsletter.

Also of importance: CSTWS will be hosting the members and friends reception at the TWS meeting in Hawaii on Tuesday, November 8th (5:30-7:30pm in Queens 6) and we're hoping for a strong Canadian turnout. Please do come visit and chat with us! We are offering free drinks for the first 50 to come in. That should be a strong incentive to show up and since you're the first ones to read this you have a head-start on other folks ;-)

Well, that's all for now. Enjoy the newsletter!

Best, Kathreen

CANADIAN SECTION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT



'Baydack's Banter'

***By Rick Baydack, University of Manitoba
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As many things change, many also stay the same. Fall is clearly a time of change in our environment, and not just to the natural world around us, but also to our personal and professional commitments. This was most evident during my recent trip to Thunder Bay to attend the Canadian Section Annual General Meeting as the fall leaf colours that provided the backdrop to our trip were amazing indeed. And just last weekend a similar perspective was provided on a personal trip from Calgary to Invermere, BC to visit with family over the Thanksgiving Weekend. I

always enjoy the fall season for many reasons, but this year, the leaves seemed to be more striking and vibrant than ever before – marvelous in terms of their red, orange, yellow, and burgundy hues – a paradise indeed!

The Thunder Bay trip was enjoyable for many other reasons, most particularly that the AGM organizers from the Ontario Chapter and Canadian Section did an outstanding job in developing a well-rounded program including exceptional speakers, interesting topics, dynamic round table discussions, and a well-organized business meeting. And if this was not enough, the Lakehead University Student Chapter hosted the first-ever Student Conclave and Quiz Bowl to kick off the weekend. My hat goes off to each of you who were involved in what was a superb Canadian Section event. Well done!

Many of us will next be getting together in a different kind of paradise in the next few weeks as we take part in the 18th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Waikoloa, Hawaii. As I have mentioned several times before, the Annual Conference is the highlight of The Wildlife Society every year. I understand that registration for this year's Conference has exceeded past numbers for this point in time. This year's Program will include an additional concurrent session and more posters due to unprecedented demand for presentations and technical displays. Sessions will again be recorded for future viewing if members so desire, and continuing advancements in electronic media will make the Conference more 'portable' than in years past. Of course a 'must-do' if you are attending is to join us at the Canadian Members and Friends Reception being held on Tuesday November 8 from 530-730 pm in Queens 6 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. This Reception has become a favorite for many Conference attendees, and our 'friends' in particular enjoy the opportunity to network and exchange information on recent events and happenings in each other's worlds. So don't miss it if you make it to Hawaii!

My time at the Annual Conference is always filled with TWS events and functions and that means I rarely have the time to take part in the technical side of the Conference. Council meets for 2.5 days as we deal with a wide range of issues relating to the proper functioning of our Society. Of particular interest this year will be the recent Position Statements on Feral and Free-Ranging Domestic Cats and on Animal Rights, both of which have garnered media attention south of the border, and may result in protesters taking part in this year's Conference – interesting times indeed! If you have not had a chance to review these Statements, I encourage you to do so by going to the TWS website – www.wildlife.org. I am also looking forward to

further discussions on my activities relating to the future of the wildlife profession. I have been actively involved with several Committees and Panels that have assessed the need for change in University and College wildlife programs so that we are better educating our young people for the coming needs of the wildlife resource. One of my activities in Hawaii will be to present a summary of the key University educational trends in North America as part of a 'Listening Session' designed to acquire TWS member input on what we need to do to ensure wildlife are a part of Society's future.

So as always, lots of things going on and lots of changes taking place. But to come back to my opening comment, many things also do remain the same. The enjoyment and resolve that many of us who are members of The Wildlife Society take pride in demonstrating at all times of the year, but perhaps more so at the Annual Conference. The camaraderie, networking, and information exchange that The Wildlife Society fosters. And probably most important, the commitment to TWS as Our Chosen Professional and Scientific Organization that best exemplifies what we feel is critical to maintaining the world that we love. As Aldo Leopold so aptly described many years ago.....'There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot.' I trust that I know where each of us stand.....



SECTION NEWS

4th Annual General Meeting *By Art Rodgers, CSTWS Past President*

The 4th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society was held in Thunder Bay, Ontario, September 24-26, 2011. The first ever Canadian version of the famed TWS Student Quiz Bowl kicked things off on Saturday night at the opening reception that saw 7 teams, including the University of Alberta, University of Manitoba, University of Illinois, Trent University, Lakehead University and 2 teams from the University of Central Missouri, vying for the championship. Congratulations to the winning team from the University of Manitoba (Stacey Carnochan, Lionel Leston, Jessica Lockhart, Jenny Rodgers, Adrienne Tastad) on winning the first Canadian Quiz Bowl!



Evie Merrill, University of Alberta, organized the first ever Canadian TWS Student Quiz Bowl and Rick Baydack, University of Manitoba, was the “Quiz Master” for the evening. Thanks much to Evie and Rick!



Winners of the first ever Canadian Section TWS Quiz Bowl from the University of Manitoba, Stacey Carnochan, Lionel Leston, Jessica Lockhart, Jenny Rodgers. Congratulations!



A team of professional wildlifers, Brent Patterson, Wini Kessler, Brian McLaren, Darren Sleep, took on the Student Quiz Bowl champs from U of M and won...but not by much!

The more formal proceedings got going Sunday morning with a plenary session on the “Effects Of Development On Wildlife And Habitat In Canada’s Boreal Forest”, moderated by Wini Kessler, Vice President and incoming President of The Wildlife Society. Registrants were treated to an introduction by Wini followed by presentations from Justina Ray & Fiona Schmiegelow (*Habitat protection under endangered species legislation: from concept to implementation*), Evelyn Merrill (*Modeling the cumulative effects of wolves and industrial activities on habitat effectiveness for elk in the montane and boreal forests of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, Canada*), Darren Sleep (*Boreal Forest Management and Species at Risk: the case of the boreal caribou*), Mark Boyce (*Alberta needs a plan for trashing the boreal*), and Jennifer Chikoski (*Monitoring Cumulative Effects for Woodland Caribou in Ontario’s Boreal Forest*). These papers generated a great deal of interest and discussion about the fate of the Boreal Forest across Canada and provided a broad perspective on the issues and options for the future.



Wini Kessler, Vice President and incoming President of The Wildlife Society, moderated the plenary session on the “Effects Of Development On Wildlife And Habitat In Canada’s Boreal Forest”.

The remainder of the first day and Monday morning were devoted to contributed papers and posters that covered an extensive variety of topics and species including tall-grass prairie vegetation, bald eagles, cormorants, duck eggs and climate change, migratory birds, wetland birds, grassland songbirds, beavers, wolverine, wolves, coyotes, caribou, moose, bison, domestic cattle, polar bears, Beluga whales, northern pike and walleye. Clearly our members have a vast array of interests that made for an extremely fascinating session. Interspersed with the regular contributed papers, special presentations were made by Wini Kessler (*The history, organization, and programs of The Wildlife Society*) and Terra Rentz (*An overview of TWS’ role in policy matters*) to provide Canadian members with a better understanding of TWS operations, programs and opportunities for Canadian involvement. Student

presentations and posters were judged by a panel of independent experts. Congratulations to the winner of the “Best Student Presentation” Jennifer Rodgers (*Effects of shallow-gas development on relative abundances and diversity of grassland songbirds*) and the “Best Student Poster” Bryce Olson (*Measurement and Modeling of Thermal Landscape for Moose at Voyageurs National Park*)! Abstracts of all presentations are available in the Program booklet.



Terra Rentz, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Partnerships, of The Wildlife Society, provided “An overview of TWS’ role in policy matters” to Canadian members at the AGM.

The contributed paper and poster session on Sunday was followed by an evening banquet that included a keynote address by Rick Baydack, Canadian Section Representative to TWS Council, and a silent auction that was a smashing success – more than \$1,000 was raised that helped organizers to keep the cost of student registrations at half the member price.

Monday’s sessions included roundtable discussions led by Rick Baydack (*Role of Canadian Section/ Ontario chapter/ Advocacy by wildlife professionals*), Hailey Powell (*Invasive species: local, regional and national threats*) and Brent Patterson (*The role of predator control in wildlife management*). Discussions were certainly lively, and sometimes heated, and provided a first-ever opportunity for CSTWS members to exchange views first-hand. Summaries of these discussions are given below. This appeared to be a very popular and well-received event that organizers of future AGMs might consider including in their program. These discussions have the potential to provide some direction to the Conservation Affairs Committee that might generate a position statement or “white” paper.



In addition to everything else he did to make the AGM a great success, Brent Patterson, President of the Ontario Chapter, also gave a paper on “Moose calf mortality in central Ontario, Canada” during the contributed papers session. Thanks much Brent!

Finally, the 2011 AGM wrapped up on Monday afternoon with the business meetings of the Canadian Section and the Ontario Chapter. Both were well-attended and had no difficulty reaching their quorum requirements. Thanks to all of those members who stayed on to attend these very important business meetings that are essential to the future of our TWS units. The full minutes of the CSTWS 2011 AGM business meeting are available on the section website <http://joomla.wildlife.org/Canada/>.

A huge THANKS to the Ontario Chapter of TWS for hosting the 2011 CSTWS AGM and especially the local organizing committee; Jenn Chikoski, Neil Dawson, Fred Gilbert, Brent Patterson, Art Rodgers, Jacey Scott and Tanys Uhmman. Thanks as well to the organizers of the first Canadian Student Quiz Bowl; Evie Merrill, Erin McCance, Marci Trana, Tim Sobey and Jenn Sheppard. We are extremely grateful to our cash sponsors, Lotek Wireless Inc., University of Manitoba, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Lakehead University, Northern Bioscience, and Sirtrack, as well as numerous sponsors who donated merchandise for the silent auction; the meeting would not have been possible and registration costs for students could not have been held down without these contributions. We also want to thank all of the invited plenary session speakers and all of those who contributed to the papers, posters and roundtable discussions. Many others helped out at the registration table, as judges and in organizing the silent auction, for which we are also grateful. Lastly, to all of you who managed to attend the 2011 AGM, thank you so much for making the meeting a great success!

Summary of Progress by the CSTWS Executive Board, 2010/11

1. Sponsored two Symposia at the Society for Conservation Biology meeting in Edmonton (July 3-7, 2010)
2. Met with John Fitzgerald, Colleen St. Clair and Mark Boyce at the Society for Conservation Biology meeting in Edmonton to discuss possible collaborations on position statements, "white" papers, etc. Also attended SCB Canadian subsection launch & made a few more connections
3. Executive Board held seven bimonthly conference calls
4. Switched to bimonthly newsletters and six produced since last AGM
5. Completed process to amend bylaws that were approved at the 2010 AGM re standing committees – six Standing Committees formed as per changes to last year's bylaws; Nominating and Elections, Membership, Conservation Affairs, Awards, Audit, Education
6. Two Travel Awards (\$500) were given to students to attend The Wildlife Society's 17th Annual Conference in Snowbird – two Travel Awards will again be given to students to attend The Wildlife Society's 18th Annual Conference in Hawaii
7. Hosted Canadian Members & Friends Reception at The Wildlife Society's 17th Annual Conference in Snowbird – Canadian Section Friends Reception will again be held at The Wildlife Society's 18th Annual Conference in Hawaii on Tuesday November 8th from 5:30-7:30pm
8. CSTWS will help sponsor the Women of Wildlife (WOW) event at The Wildlife Society's 18th Annual Conference in Hawaii
9. A proposal for Manitoba and the Canadian Section to host the 2015 Annual Conference of TWS was submitted. Darryl Walter made a site visit to Winnipeg June 13-14.
10. Merlin Shoemith continued as a member of the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee
11. Submitted nomination of Manitoba Hydro for TWS Group Achievement Award
12. Provided comments and TWS position statements on *Alterations of Stream, Riparian, and Wetland Habitats* and *Recognition of Wildlife Needs in Watershed Planning* related to Manitobans' Perspectives on Wetlands to the Manitoba Water Council
13. Letter to the Government of Alberta was sent on October 17, 2010, to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and the Premier regarding the potential sale and cultivation of 13,600 acres of native prairie in Bow Island Region of southern Alberta – the deal did not go through.
14. Letter sent to PM Stephen Harper in July 2011 re potential role of CSTWS in proposed Hunting & Wildlife Advisory Panel
15. Three recruitment letters were sent out; recruitment of CSTWS members to main TWS; recruitment of Canadian members of TWS (members of TWS that are Canadian but not section members) to join CSTWS; recruitment of chapter and student chapter members to the Canadian Section – Membership in July 2010 (last AGM) was 177, currently have 281, a 59% increase!
16. Student Chapters
 - Trent University – became active April 18, 2011
 - Grant MacEwan – very close to being active
 - Lethbridge College – will be holding Wildlife Seminars monthly starting in September and there is a lot of support to get this student chapter back up and running
17. Provincial Chapters
 - Saskatchewan – became active on May 6, 2011
18. Conference call was held in December 2010 with the Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists and a couple of folks interested in forming an Atlantic Chapter of TWS – discussions started on possible Chapters in Quebec and NWT
19. First conference call with all Student Chapter Presidents held in February 2011 to determine how their representative to the CSTWS Executive Board will be determined on an annual basis – a second call was held in September 2011
20. Canadian Section sponsored TWS membership for

a student in each of the five Canadian Student Chapters

21. Jerrod Merkle, Student Representative to TWS Council, invited to participate in Executive Board Conference calls
22. Started development of an education webpage to include advertising for on line lecture series that may interest our members, advertising for training courses, and information on our webinar series and other webinars of interest
23. The first CSTWS Electronic Education Series presentation was given by Dr. Lee Foote on Tuesday April 5th, 2011
24. Agreed to keep CSTWS membership dues (\$10) the same for next year

Synopsis of the Plenary Session at the 4th Annual General Meeting

The plenary session on “Effects of Development on Wildlife and Habitat in Canada's Boreal Forest” was introduced and moderated by Wini Kessler, Canadian Section member and current Vice President of The Wildlife Society. She set the stage with facts and figures relating to the boreal forest's importance to Canada and the world. The Canadian boreal forest stretches across 10,000 km, from Yukon to Newfoundland and Labrador and covering more than half of Canada's land mass. It represents 90% of Canada's — and about 25% of the world's — remaining large, intact forests. About two-thirds of Canada's known species live here. It's often called “a waterfowl factory” owing to the roughly 26 million ducks and geese that breed here. More than 85 species of mammals live here including caribou, bison, wolverine, grizzly bears, wolves, and lynx. Canada's boreal forest is important breeding habitat for around 200 bird species, and 325 bird species use it for some part of their life cycle. It is home to around 4 million people including more than 600 First Nations communities. This is the planet's largest storehouse of carbon, estimated at 208 billion tonnes. It's an economic engine based on rich natural resources including forestry (about half of Canada's annual wood harvest), mining, oil and gas production, hydroelectric generation, and much more. This begs the question, how can these extraordinary qualities of Canada's boreal forest be sustained in the future that is unfolding? Several speakers offered perspectives on this fundamental question.

Justina Ray of the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada addressed endangered species protection in a presentation co-authored with Fiona Schmiegelow, University of Alberta. With rapid development underway in Canada's boreal forest, the Species at Risk Act is a key part of protection strategies. Implementation is a problem, however, especially when it comes to the designation of “critical habitat” for listed species. The effective designation and implementation of critical habitat faces many challenges, making it the bottleneck in recovery plans and actions for many species at risk in the boreal forest.



Justina Ray, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada, presented “Habitat protection under endangered species legislation: from concept to implementation” in the plenary session at the AGM.

Jennifer Chikoski of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources shared her agency's approach for implementing the province's Woodland Caribou Conservation Plan. “Caribou ranges” are the basic units for assessing habitat conditions and population status of woodland caribou. A computer model called the Caribou Screening Tool is used to evaluate proposed land-use and development activities within each range, applying what is known about the tolerance of woodland caribou to cumulative habitat change. Jennifer walked the audience through her agency's cumulative effects assessment process, demonstrating the use of the screening tool.

Evelyn Merrill of the University of Alberta presented the work of several collaborators in modeling the cumulative effects of industrial activities and predation in boreal forests of Alberta. Typical cumulative effects models only take into account how land-use activities affect habitat change, and in turn how those changes affect wildlife populations. In their studies of GPS-collared elk, the authors found wolf predation to be a major factor that must be taken into account. Industrial development that adds seismic lines, roads, and other infrastructure to the landscape actually increased the amount of high-quality

habitat available to elk. However, these features increased the predation risk from wolves, thus negating the positive effect that would have been presumed using conventional cumulative effects models. The presentation included a more robust modeling approach that takes habitat conditions, predation, and human disturbance all into account.



Evie Merrill, University of Alberta, presented "Modeling the cumulative effects of wolves and industrial activities on habitat effectiveness for elk in the montane and boreal forests of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, Canada" in the plenary session at the AGM.

Mark Boyce of the University of Alberta gave a thought-provoking presentation titled "Alberta needs a plan for trashing the boreal." With its motto of "Alberta is open for business," the province is clear about its priorities for natural resource development. Is it time to begin focusing efforts where caribou herds may be protected with little economic consequence while writing off other, cost-intensive herds? Taking a pragmatic view, Mark argued that a triage approach may be necessary if caribou are to persist in Alberta.



Mark Boyce, University of Alberta, presented "Alberta needs a plan for trashing the boreal" in the plenary session at the AGM.

Darren Sleep of the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement shared perspectives and research from the forest industry. Considerable effort has been invested in studying and modeling the relationships of boreal forest management to species at risk, and caribou in particular. Looking at the big picture, it's not so much what forest management is doing, but rather how those activities relate to the much broader and less-well-documented changes resulting from oil and gas development in the boreal region. Given the growth plans of those industries, we can expect the cumulative effects to accelerate in the years and decades ahead.



Darren Sleep, National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, presented "Boreal Forest Management and Species at Risk: the case of the boreal caribou" in the plenary session at the AGM.

A question and discussion period followed the presentations, addressing many aspects of the boreal forest's future. As might be expected, the question of wildlife triage was a particularly lively point of discussion.

Summaries of Roundtable Discussions at the 4th Annual General Meeting

TWS and Advocacy in Canada – Rick Baydack – Canadian Section Representative to TWS Council

1. How to make this happen?
 - No staff in Canada
 - Provincial decisions
 - Choose federal 'cases'
 - First Nations Decision Makers
 - Do not expect DC staff to do this
 - Some connection to Ottawa
 - Environmental lobbyists
 - As funding is scarce, explore partnerships
 - Canada is more complicated

2. How to get involved provincially?
 - May not hit all 10 provinces
 - Alberta Chapter develops Position Statements
 - How comfortable are the Executive?
 - Position Statements are linked to TWS HQ Statements
 - Alberta Position Statements receive feedback from members
 - Alberta considering Executive Direction
 - The Canadian Section develops a viewpoint and discusses at the executive level
 - Remember the role of First Nations and Aboriginal organizations
 - ‘Rights’ of First Nations vs T&E sp.
 - Engage directly with First Nations
 - Human/cultural dimensions – TEK/local knowledge

3. What do we mean by ‘advocacy’?
 - How to influence political decision makers
 - ‘Lobbying’ versus ‘advocacy’
 - Public education – politicians/decision makers and youth
 - Provide input to formal review processes (parks, etc.)
 - Comment periods
 - Public participation
 - Provincial registries
 - If a ‘group’ approach is used, is the message watered down?
 - Use science to support what we do
 - Include literature cited
 - MOU’s with partners
 - Interactions with stakeholders
 - Are the numbers of members important?

4. How to set priorities on advocacy issues?
 - Difficult to sign on for some
 - Consider TWS HQ?
 - Conservative Affairs to set priorities
 - Controversial issues may be problems
 - Interpretation of science may not be clear
 - Differentiate between provincial/regional and national issues
 - Federal conservation framework
 - Composition of the Canadian Section membership

- Trans-boundary ‘at risk’ issues, e.g. the Arctic
- At Risk legislation should be transferable between the US and Canada

Invasive Species – Hailey Powell – Invasive Species Outreach Coordinator OFAH

Invasive species are a major concern locally, provincially and nationally. It has been suggested that, after habitat loss, they are the largest threat facing biodiversity today. They cause harm to our ecosystems by out-competing native species due to their high adaptability, highly aggressive behaviours, ability to thrive in disturbed systems and rapid population increases. As a result, we feel the effects of invasive species economically when trying to control or eradicate them, which is often very difficult.

Many government agencies and private organizations are working on stopping any new introductions of invasive species, and also on stopping their spread. In the Great Lakes basin alone, there are over 185 non-indigenous species that have become established, so education and outreach initiatives are a primary concern in this area. Outreach efforts aim to raise public awareness and participation with regard to invasive species, trying to get more people involved in monitoring them and tracking their spread. Several policies and plans have been produced that focus on invasive species, such as; the *Invasive Alien Species Strategy for Canada* (2004), and the *Lake Superior Aquatic Invasive Species Complete Prevention Plan* (2010).

The Canadian Section of the Wildlife Society discussed many issues regarding invasive species during their annual general meeting in Thunder Bay, Ontario on September 26. The main issues that arose were:

- With such a vast number of invasives how do those dealing with them prioritize their importance and urgency?
- How much research is going into invasive species and into their impacts on wildlife?
- How much research is going into determining the suggested control methods, and their impacts?

There was also a lot of discussion about how TWS can add value to the issue of invasive species as a group and be proactive about it—not just jumping on the bandwagon, but backing a primary issue and taking a stance, such as strengthening our policy at the borders. Another suggestion regarding how TWS could contribute to the fight against invasive species was to have its members research the questions posed above.

The challenge is now for the Canadian Section of the Wildlife Society to decide how to help in the fight against invasive species.

Information about invasive species can be found at www.invadingspecies.com. Alternatively you can call the Invading Species Hotline (1-800-563-7711) and speak with a team member.

Predator-Management – Brent Patterson – President, Ontario Chapter of TWS

1. The Wildlife Society should consider the motivation for predator management (PM) before endorsing any proposed PM programs.
2. Predator management is typically enacted in response to proximate conditions on the landscape. We should only endorse predator management where it can be demonstrated that efforts are being made to deal with the ultimate cause of the ecological or social conditions resulting in the need for predator management.
3. We must objectively evaluate the effectiveness, and other impacts, of predator management using the scientific method.
4. More specifically, the role of TWS is to provide effective scientific evaluation of cases where PM is being contemplated. This includes evaluation of the need, proposed methods, effectiveness, and other ecosystem impacts of the proposed activity.
5. We're a science-based organization, can we reasonably consider ethics (e.g. humanness of various methods of animal harvest), economics, etc?

Other points:

- Transboundary issues complicate things and must be considered. This includes co-operation, coordination among jurisdictions as well finer-scale issues within various governments.
- Historical context effects how we value things and must be considered with respect to particular issues.



New Canadian Section Officers

Voting in the annual election for new Canadian Section Officers was completed September 15, 2011. Congratulations to **Evie Merrill** elected as the incoming President-Elect and **Garth Mowat** as the new Vice-President! We also want to welcome our new Secretary-Treasurer, **Marci Trana** (University of Manitoba), and our new Webmaster, **Shane Pratt** (University of Manitoba). Thanks to all of you for stepping forward to help build the Canadian Section and we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Many thanks to **Merlin Shoemith**, retiring Past President, and **Erin McCance**, retiring Secretary-Treasurer, for all you have contributed to the CSTWS over the last several years – you will both be truly missed and we hope you will find other ways to stay involved well into the future.

Bylaw Change

At the 2010 AGM in Edmonton, an amendment was made to the Bylaws of the Canadian Section of TWS to formally establish a number of standing committees to serve the needs of the section and its members; **Nominating and Elections, Membership, Conservation Affairs, Awards, Audit and Education**. However, a number of details, such as the term of appointments and eligibility for membership on these committees, were not included in that amendment. To clarify, the following amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society was passed unanimously at the Annual Business Meeting of the Section held in Thunder Bay Monday, September 26th, 2011;

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Establishment. The Executive Board shall establish committees as warranted and invite members to serve as appropriate, considering the committee's mandate and member expertise. Except for the Standing Membership Committee (Section 2, Clause B) that will be chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer, the chair of each committee is appointed by the President. Other committee members are appointed by the committee chair. Any member in good standing, as defined in Article II, Section 2, Clause B, may be appointed as chair or member of a committee. Appointments to Standing Committees (Section 2) will be for a period of one year and may be renewed by the incoming President following the Annual General Meeting. Committee chairs, or members, may be removed for just cause, by majority vote of the Executive Board, upon request for consideration, in writing, by a

committee chair or member.

This amendment was forwarded to TWS and final approval was received October 6, 2011.

CHAPTER NEWS

Minutes of the Canadian Student Chapters Annual Conference Call – September 19, 2011

People in attendance: Gwyn Govers, student rep for Trent University; Matt Dyson, President of UNBC Chapter, back-up Student Representative to Canadian Section, 3rd year in wildlife fisheries; Tobias Tan, 4th year undergrad at University of Alberta, William Crosmary, PhD student, president of Student Chapter at Laval University; Rob Officer, graduate student, Graduate Representative to Manitoba Chapter; Timothy Sobey, President of Lakehead Student Chapter, New Student representative to Canadian Section; Katrina Jansen, Co-president of University of Alberta Chapter; Kathleen Ruckstuhl, Executive member of Canadian Section, Incoming president, professor at University of Calgary; Jerod Merkle, Student Representative to Council.

Updates from the student chapters:

Lakehead University, Timothy Sobey
(<http://www.lakeheadwildlife.ca/>)

- *Who from your chapter is going to the AGM?* We have about 5 students going to the AGM. We are the host of the conclave, so most everyone will be there.
- *What are the main few activities/events that you did in the last year?* We went to the conclave in Indiana, we participated in trapper conventions, we had a few presentations from other professionals at our meetings.
- *What are the main few activities/events you plan to do in the coming year?* We are hosting conclave this year so that is our biggest thing we have going on this year. We plan to work on a turtle conservation project, which is a community based program in Thunder Bay. We plan to go to another US conclave in March. We intend to participate again in the trapper's convention. We are interested in having more conferences on species at risk, and have more people come in to give talks to our members.

- *What are your most important needs and wants as a student chapter?* The main thing is to get more members. Used to be about 10 people, and we have been increasing a bit and are trying to increase numbers. But we are stable. We have very little funding to do things. But we would like to try to do some things to raise money (building bat boxes and bird boxes, and selling shirts and hats). We hosted a golf tournament to raise money for the conclave.
- *What is your general sense of how your student chapter is doing?* Pretty good.
- *What are one or two things that the Canadian section can do for you?* We would like to see more interaction between the US and Canadian sections. We would like to see something that ensures that every year there is a conclave in Canada.

Trent University, Gwyn Govers

(<http://www.facebook.com/groups/210537772456/>)

- *Who from your chapter is going to the AGM (how many people?)?* The president of our chapter will be at the AGM, but most of us will only be at the conclave. We are still a very new chapter.
- *What are the main few activities/events that you did in the last year?* We have held some tracking workshops. The wolf biologist from the area came to speak in our meeting. We have started volunteering at the prairie day celebration.
- *What are the main few activities/events you plan to do in the coming year?* The community outreach person from the prairie days celebration will come to speak in our meeting. We are aiming to have more professionals come in and give talks. We plan to have the Ontario Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Network come in to the school and help our student get OWREN certified. We also plan to set up some programs to develop our skills and open up volunteer opportunities.
- *What are your most important needs and wants as a student chapter?* Make it through the first year. We would like to be able to fundraise enough money to give our invited speakers an incentive.
- *What is your general sense of how your student chapter is doing?* We are a very new chapter, so we are doing okay. We have 5 on our executive board, and we have 10-15 consistent people so far. We do have another 60 people interested in our mailing list.
- *What are one or two things that the Canadian section can do for you?* We'd really like to

develop our networking opportunities. For example, who are the TWS members that are outside of the school, but are in the area? Can the Canadian Section help with funding? Do people have ideas about fundraising?

Université Laval, William Crosemary, Chapter started in 2009

- *Who from your chapter is going to the AGM (how many people?)?* Nobody from our chapter can make it to the AGM, unfortunately. But we have 42 members, and we have 8 on the executive board.
- *What are the main few activities/events that you did in the last year?* We have 3 conservation projects: 1) Restoration of American kestrel around the city of Quebec. We have installed 18 nest boxes, and we have been monitoring those nest boxes. We have 5-6 nest boxes with eggs, and we have seen at least 5 fledglings. 2) We are also working on a peregrine falcon project. We have installed 1 camera on a nest box on top of a building on our campus. 3) We are working with a Pan American program called Monarch Watch. We have raised 3 caterpillars of the monarch butterfly in our labs and have marked and released them. We have been working on a few education projects as well. We have participated in a few workshops about wildlife, talking about ecosystems and wildlife around Quebec. We have helped put together some wildlife oriented interpretive signs around the area.
- *What are the main few activities/events you plan to do in the coming year?* We are hoping to be able to bring more professionals in to talk in our meetings. We are trying to bring in students from other departments as well. We will begin to advertise in classes on other departments such as forestry. We will begin trying to mark young kestrels that are using our nest boxes.
- *What are your most important needs and wants as a student chapter?* We would like to have more exposure and contacts with other professionals in our area.
- *What is your general sense of how your student chapter is doing?* We are doing well, but would like more people to come in to talk to our group.
- *What are one or two things that the Canadian section can do for you?* We would like the Canadian section to encourage and help get others in Quebec to expand our presence in Quebec.

University of Alberta, Katrina Jansen and Tobias Tan (<http://www.ualberta.ca/~uactws/>)

- *Who from your chapter is going to the AGM (how many people?)?* We have 3 going to the AGM and conclave. We have 150 members on our mailing list. But we have about 30-40 committed members. We have 15 on our executive council.
- *What are the main few activities/events that you did in the last year?* We participate in and help run an urban deer project. We have radiocollared a few deer and we have been teaching people how to do radiotelemetry with those deer. We also help figure out where to put up deer crossing signs. We go on an annual owl banding trip, where we learn the basics bird banding and mist netting. We hold an annual game dinner, which includes a silent auction (our major fundraising event). Many people come to this event including people from outside the University and other clubs in the University. Some of us went to the Western Conclave in California (We were the only Canadian chapter there!).
- *What are the main few activities/events you plan to do in the coming year?* We will be repeating everything from above from last year. We plan to start a wildlife photography education program, perhaps even selling the photos for fundraising. We would like to develop a seminar on wildlife research in developing countries. And maybe begin going on ice fishing trips.
- *What are your most important needs and wants as a student chapter?* Currently, we would like to get more trapping equipment for our urban deer project.
- *What is your general sense of how your student chapter is doing?* Fairly well. We would really like to see more funding for our advertising budget.
- *What are one or two things that the Canadian section can do for you?* We would like to see more networking between Canadian chapters and other chapters. Do anyone have anything to donate to our silent auction?

University of Northern British Columbia, Matt Dyson, (<http://tw.s.ubc.ca/>)

- *Who from your chapter is going to the AGM (how many people?)?* Unfortunately, no one will make it to AGM from our chapter. However, we do have 3 members going to Hawaii. We have been a chapter since 2008, and we have 10 members on

exec, 85-100 members on our mailing list.

- *What are the main few activities/events that you did in the last year?* These are our running events: we have an ice fishing derby, a wild foods potluck, a bird banding workshop, a quiz bowl, and a photo contest to make calendars to sell. We went to a spawning channel, on an amphibian walk, and to caribou viewing. We went to local research forests to get experience with different wildlife-related skills. We are developing a research project on winter movement of wildlife species within Prince George. We are trying to get some baseline data on wildlife use of roads and trails around the campus. This is what we do for our fundraising: we do bake sales on campus. We run a pub night with the forestry club (i.e., we sell tickets). The photo contest works really well to raise money because we involve the whole city to sell calendar.
- *What are the main few activities/events you plan to do in the coming year?* We will continue to develop this animal tracking project in town. We are looking over different methods of how to implement this project, and we are trying to apply for funding to get the project going. We will continue to try and bring in a keynote speaker every year. We would like to be able to talk with this person and meet and greet with a person for more than just a quick presentation. We want to be able to fly them in from some other place from around the country. We will continue our education trip to a wildlife shelter every year.
- *What are your most important needs and wants as a student chapter?* We would like to separate our club from the wildlife and fisheries club. We'd also like to develop more into student mentoring opportunities.
- *What is your general sense of how your student chapter is doing?* Going well. Funding is going alright, and we have been pretty self-sufficient over the years.
- *What are one or two things that the Canadian section can do for you?* We really like to know what is going on in other places. The newsletter is very nice to see what else is going on around.

Manitoba chapter, Rob Officer

(<http://joomla.wildlife.org/manitoba/>)

- *Who from your chapter is going to the AGM?* We will probably have about 1 student at the AGM. There is usually a lot of turnover at the student level. We do have a student presenting a paper in

Hawaii!

- *What are the main few activities/events that you did in the last year?* Most of our activities are focused on the students at University of Manitoba. Lots of students participate in the fall mixer, which includes a silent auction, and 1-2 speakers. We also hold a weekend getaway, where there are a bunch of wildlife professionals speaking, and also ice fishing derby, across country skiing, and other things depending on where the weekend getaway is. Our chapter always offers 1 \$500 scholarship to a student.
- *What are the main few activities/events you plan to do in the coming year?* We would like to develop more field based activities on our winter getaways such as deer tagging and fish tagging. Perhaps even develop this event into more of a structured course for developing skills.
- *What are your most important needs and wants as a student chapter?* Just about all of our student members are from U of Manitoba. But there are 4 other universities in Manitoba, and they have been highly under solicited. So we would like to see that change. However, we do usually have around 50-60 student members within the chapter.

Lethbridge Community College – nobody was able to make the conference call to represent this chapter.

Information about Section Funding (Kathreen):

The Canadian Section is mostly funded by memberships. We usually chip in for the student-professional mixer at the TWS annual conference. We offered 2 student travel grants to go to the Hawaii meeting this year (and have offered two in the past year). Some money from CSTWS goes to the quiz bowl at the AGM, and we also cover the AGM costs. We get some funds from Lotek to help sponsor the members and friends reception hosted by CSTWS, this year at the TWS annual meeting in Hawaii. We'll also donate some money towards other activities at the TWS this year.

Other thoughts and information:

- The Canadian Section is looking for a webmaster (or a few students). Work load is variable, sometimes nothing, and sometimes there can be a little work. Please let Kathreen know if you or someone you know may be interested.
- It would be really nice to continue this type of conversation on at least an annual basis. Hopefully Timothy and Matt can foster the continuation of

this type of meeting.

- How can we do more networking? Where do we get more opportunities to engage with wildlife professionals? We want to know who is in our area that is a part of TWS. It would be nice to get a list of professionals for each area. This way students have a starting point of knowing who to contact to get people in to talk to their group. Kathreen will be getting a list together.
- Other large groups that may be good to find people to talk are, Ducks Unlimited, Society for Conservation Biology, and The Nature Conservancy.

Lakehead University Student Conclave

By Timothy Sobey, LU Student Chapter President

The Lakehead University Student Chapter of TWS was very pleased to host the first Canadian conclave on September 24-26, 2011 at Camp Duncan in Thunder Bay, Ontario. While it took the majority of the year to plan, it had great rewards. We had schools from Manitoba, Central Missouri, Columbia Missouri, Alberta, Illinois, and Trent take part in the events. On Friday September 24 we were lucky to have Dr. Brian McLaren, the faculty advisor of the Lakehead Chapter of The Wildlife Society and associate professor in the Faculty of Natural Resources Management at Lakehead University give the opening remarks of the conclave. He demonstrated the geology of the Thunder Bay region to the students through a slide show, allowing the students to understand the unique landscapes of northern Ontario. Throughout the 25th we had multiple workshops which included; Apparent predation risk: why we should not ignore competition presented by William Halliday, Wolf research presented by Brent Patterson, Amethyst mine geology trip presented by Dr. Leni Meyer, Flora and fauna identification of northern Ontario presented by Joseph Welch and Stephanie Casutt, Skull morphology and aging presented by Don Barnes, and Canoe skills presented by ORPT students. Students then competed in the student Quiz Bowl to test the knowledge of competing schools. Congratulations to Manitoba for winning this year's Quiz Bowl and to all those people who participated. Throughout the conclave we asked the students to form groups to produce their thoughts on two questions regarding wildlife:

1. Contact with wildlife in the 21st Century: what are the guiding principles?

The group began by confirming the approach embedded in the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation: that exposure to wildlife and wilderness has been valuable to

our culture in the past and will continue to be for future generations. Observing wildlife out of the context of its normal habitat and behaviour (as in zoos or game reserves) can be an educational tool and help foster interest in conservation, but should be a second choice to accessing wildlife in its natural setting. Urban areas are a special case, where habitat enhancement should be a strong goal of municipal managers, as urbanization continues to affect Canadian and U.S. demographics. Urban restoration projects, despite their large cost, must include design of accessible wilderness areas, like the new Rouge Valley National Park proposal in Toronto. School curricula at all levels should include access to natural habitats and programs like Project Wild. Public outreach continues to be necessary for the support of those whose careers involve wildlife conservation. Professionals should always be engaging stakeholders – increasingly urban stakeholders – in their decision-making. Human dimensions research is still undervalued in the wildlife profession.



Students attending a round table discussion moderated by Dr. Brian McLaren at the LU Student Conclave in Thunder Bay, Ontario, September 24-26, 2011.

2. How far should people be allowed into our protected areas?

Guidelines for ecological integrity in an increasingly mobile society. The group determined that educating the public about the role of parks and protected areas is still a priority, and that responsibilities of society include obeying areas of restricted access. We are likely to see more quota access to protected areas, such as parts of the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area. Areas of high access could receive furlough, as in alternating zones for recovery or restoration with zones for camping. Changing demographics in the U.S. and Canada suggest urban parks will be the more common way to connect people with nature. Participating in and leading education that encourages societal debate on how we are connected to the earth's resources should be part of a wildlife professional's mandate. Early education provides an important

foundation on the importance of protected areas in the globe's future. The increasingly shutter-happy and electronically-engaged public should be encouraged to have camera-free days and days free of hand-held communication devices, when nature can be enjoyed to its fullest. The group was undecided on the question of harsher fines and the need for more patrols in our protected areas.

Overall the conclave was a success and the Lakehead University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to thank all those who participated and assisted in the success of the conclave and hope that future generations keep this tradition alive.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TWS 18th Annual Conference



Students should check out the conference Facebook site to find ride and room sharing options (<http://www.wildlifesociety.org/>) and everyone should plan to attend the **Canadian Members and Friends Reception on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 5:30pm-7:30pm.**

IV International Wildlife Management Congress

The Wildlife Society (TWS) and the Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa (WESSA) are proud to host the IV International Wildlife Management Congress (IWMC), to be held **July 9-12, 2012** at the

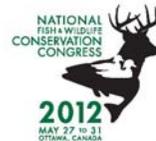
Durban International Convention Centre in partnership with, South Africa National Parks, and EZEMVELO KZN Wildlife.

Previous International Wildlife Management Congress meetings, held in Costa Rica, Hungary, and New Zealand, have brought together diverse participants including representatives of global organizations, government officials, academics, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations and other practitioners of wildlife research and management.

At the upcoming Congress—expected to be the biggest yet—attendees will engage with the theme “Cooperative Wildlife Management across Borders: Learning in the Face of Change.” Speakers, panels, and technical field trips will touch upon this over-arching idea, delving deeply into issues that include the human dimensions of wildlife management and conservation, recovery of endangered species, trans-border cooperation and conservation, climate change adaptation, habitat restoration and management, and professional development and training.

For more information, please visit the Congress website at iwmc2012.org. Check back frequently as the site continues to be updated with additional information on speakers, educational field trips, exhibitors, travel details, and more as well as sign-up for the IWMC Twitter feed at twitter.com/#!/IWMC2012.

National Fish & Wildlife Conservation Congress



This first ever Canadian event will bring together fish and wildlife biologists, researchers, government leaders, policy makers and non-governmental conservation organizations from Canada and the U.S. in a forum dedicated to the protection and enhancement of healthy fish and wildlife populations.

Hold these dates!

National Fish & Wildlife Conservation Congress

The Westin Ottawa
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

May 27 to 31, 2012

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The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H) and its partners are hosting Canada's first National Fish and Wildlife Conservation Congress at the Westin Ottawa, **May 27-31, 2012**. This first ever Canadian Congress will bring together leading fish and wildlife scientists, government leaders, federal, provincial, state and local fish

and wildlife agencies, conservation organizations and anglers and hunters to participate in plenary sessions, workshops, discussions and debates about the future of fish and wildlife resources in North America.

The National Fish & Wildlife Conservation Congress will showcase contemporary fish and wildlife restoration programs such as Eastern elk, Atlantic salmon, wild turkey and lake trout, and will present the latest research, assessment and management techniques for species such as Sandhill cranes and walleye. Resolution of challenges that include wildlife and agriculture conflicts, fisheries and aquaculture, the threat of new diseases, the impact of alien invasive species and species at risk will also be a core focus of the Congress. The role of science versus public opinion in policy decisions that affect fish and wildlife, the need for governments on both sides of the border to address funding shortfalls and reinvestment in natural resources, the introduction of policy and legislative changes to address threats to fish and wildlife populations and core recognition of sustainable use as an essential principle of conservation will also be discussed.

For more information visit: <http://www.nfwcc.com/> or
E-mail: elizabeth@theprofessionaledge.com

7th International Moose Symposium

The 7th International Moose Symposium will take place in Białowieża, Eastern Poland, **6-10 August 2012**. The Symposium is organized by the Mammal Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Białowieża, Regional Directorate of State Forests in Białystok, Białowieża National Park, and Biebrza National Park. The tentative deadline for abstracts is 15 January 2012. More information is available at <http://www.zbs.bialowieza.pl/moosesymposium>.



STUDENT AWARDS

The Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society is once again offering a travel award to help students attend the TWS Annual Conference, which will be held this year in Waikoloa, Hawaii (The Big Island) from November 5 to 10, 2011. This year the Section is pleased to offer 2 such awards to Agnes Pelletier, Trent University, and Maggie Sliwinski, University of Manitoba. We hope they will both benefit from their participation in the meeting and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

EDUCATION LINKS

Natural Resources Communication Workshop

The Natural Resources Communication Workshop, sponsored by the Western Section of The Wildlife Society, will be held at California State University, Chico from January 9-13, 2012. The week-long workshop is designed to help natural resource workers more effectively communicate with general as well as technical audiences through personal presentations using computer-generated PowerPoint images. A variety of topics are covered including selecting communication strategies for specific audiences, creating computer-generated graphics, avoiding PowerPoint presentation "pitfalls," handling difficult questions, and solving equipment problems.

Application deadline is October 28, 2011 and tentative registration fee is US\$749. Applying for the workshop is easy. On letterhead, applicants should describe: (1) their current position within their agency/organization, (2) how they would use the training, (3) any special reasons why they feel they should be chosen as a participant, and (4) if they already have official agency/organization approval to attend. Applicants should include their address, phone number, fax number, and email address with their application.

Professional Credit: Participants receive 1-unit CSUC Continuing Education credit. The workshop is worth 42 contact hours in Category I of The Wildlife Society's Certified Wildlife Biologist Renewal/Professional Development Certificate Program.

Submit applications to: Dr. Jon K. Hooper, Dept. Recreation and Parks Management, Calif. State University, Chico, CA 95929-0560. For more information, contact Jon

by calling (530) 898-5811, faxing (530) 898-6557, or e-mailing jhooper@csuchico.edu.

The Wildlife Society Online Mentoring Program



TWS' Online Mentoring program is a great way to build professional relationships that will help advance a student's or young professional's career, while gaining knowledge from a wildlife professional. Already a professional? We are always looking for mentors to volunteer. It is easy to sign up, just go online to our [Online Mentoring Program](#) with your TWS Member ID number and register. Canadian Students and Mentors welcomed!

JOBS IN WILDLIFE

Jobs are advertised on our Canadian section website and in the newsletter. If you have jobs to offer, please send your job advertisements to Kathreen Ruckstuhl at kruckstu@ucalgary.ca.

OTHER NEWS

Letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper

In July, the Canadian Section of TWS and TWS sent a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper regarding the potential involvement and participation of TWS in a proposed Hunting and Wildlife Advisory Panel comprised of representatives from hunting, fishing, and conservation organizations in Canada. The text of the letter follows;

The Wildlife Society applauds your recent plan (4 April 2011) to create a new hunting and wildlife advisory panel comprised of representatives from hunting, fishing, and conservation organizations in Canada. In your announcement, you expressed the desire for the panel to "be comprised of representatives from various hunting, angling, and conservation organizations, like Ducks Unlimited, to ensure government decisions regarding

issues like endangered species, wetland protection and nature conservation are based on solid science and balanced advice." We applaud this initiative and believe the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society can provide you with expertise and advice to meet your goals.

The Wildlife Society (TWS) was founded in 1937 and is a non-profit scientific and educational association of over 10,000 professional wildlife biologists and managers dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education, including more than 500 members in five Provincial Chapters and six Student Chapters at colleges and universities across Canada. The mission of TWS is to represent and serve the professional community of scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners, and others who work actively to study, manage, and conserve wildlife and its habitats worldwide.

Our members are employed by government organizations, non-government organizations, industry, professional consultants, and universities. We work to ensure that wildlife and their habitats are conserved through management actions that take into careful consideration relevant scientific information. Many of these professional biologists and managers are world-renowned experts in conservation and wildlife habitat management, including wetland conservation and endangered species, and actively work to maintain our strong hunting heritage through upholding the principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

As you move ahead with your proposal, we strongly encourage you to consider representation of The Wildlife Society on your new hunting and wildlife advisory panel. Because of our broad, cross-sector membership, our professional members have the depth of scientific knowledge and management experience to work cooperatively with diverse hunting, angling, and conservation organizations. To gain a better perspective on our organization and our position on hunting and wildlife conservation, we have included copies of our official position statements on *The Use of Science in Policy and Management Decisions*, *The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation*, and *Conserving Biological Diversity*. Additional statements that may be of interest to you and the panel include our positions on watershed management, forest planning, threatened and endangered species, and a host of resources relating to wildlife conservation and management which can all be found on our website (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/>). In addition, we have included two of our most recent publications:

1. A technical review of the Public Trust Doctrine (Fall 2010) which explores implications for wildlife management and conservation in the United States and Canada; and
2. The Fall 2010 issue of our member magazine, The Wildlife Professional, which takes a closer look at the fundamental role hunting plays in the success of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

You will find that we too share many of the values of Canadians and understand their way of life.

Like you, The Wildlife Society in concert with the Canadian Section of TWS is striving to better serve wildlife and Canadians. We would gladly welcome the opportunity to join you in this endeavour by contributing our expertise and advice as a representative on your proposed hunting and wildlife advisory panel.

Thank you for considering the views of wildlife professionals. If you need additional information, have any questions regarding our organization, or would like assistance in coordinating with the Canadian Section of TWS please contact Terra Rentz, Assistant Director of Government Affairs (terra@wildlife.org, 1-301-897-9770 x309).

The letter was signed on behalf of the Canadian Section by Art Rodgers, President of the Canadian Section, and on behalf of TWS by Tom Ryder, President of TWS. A respectful “thank you” was received by TWS in early September.

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2011 Membership Renewal/Application

The Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society invites you to renew your membership for the new year. We would also like to encourage wildlife professionals and students alike who are not current members to join now. To join or remain a member for 2011, please fill out this application form and mail along with your dues to the address below. You also have the option to join the Canadian Section when you renew your membership through the Parent Society.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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Annual Membership Dues: **\$10.00 (Cdn/US)**

Please make payment out to: Canadian Section of TWS

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Executive Board or involved in one of our Committees please indicate:

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