



## Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

# 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 Art Rodgers, CSTWS President,  
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources*

Have you made plans to attend our Canadian Section AGM yet? It will be happening in Thunder Bay, September 25 & 26, following the student conclave hosted by the Lakehead University Student Chapter, September 23-25. Thus far the Lakehead Student Chapter has confirmed with Central Missouri, Trent, Illinois, and of course their own student chapter. I'm not sure if there is still room, but if you are interested in attending the student conclave, see their webpage (<http://www.lakeheadwildlife.ca/conclave-and-agm.php>) and contact Tim Sobey, LU Student Chapter President ([luwildlife@gmail.com](mailto:luwildlife@gmail.com); 807-472-3102). Saturday night (the 25th) we will be bringing everyone together for a welcome reception and our first-ever Canadian version of the famed TWS Quiz Bowl – thanks much to Evie Merrill, Jennifer Sheppard, Erin McCance and Marci Trana for organizing this inaugural event. We expect at least six teams to participate. If you are interested in fielding a team of four, there is still time – contact Tim Sobey (as above), Evie Merrill ([emerrill@ualberta.ca](mailto:emerrill@ualberta.ca)), or Brent Patterson ([brent.patterson@ontario.ca](mailto:brent.patterson@ontario.ca)) – the more the better!

The AGM gets 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. The organizers have lined up some top-notch speakers that you won't want to miss. The rest of the day will be devoted to contributed papers and posters, followed by an evening banquet. There will be a few more contributed papers on Monday morning, and then we will hold a series of roundtable discussions following an introduction from Terra Rentz, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Partnerships, The Wildlife Society. This will be a bit of an experiment but hope folks will be enthusiastic participants and provide some direction to our Conservation Affairs Committee that might generate a position statement or "white" paper. Both the Canadian Section and Ontario Chapter AGMs will be held in the afternoon – please try to attend these "business" meetings if you can – this is where you can have your

say in the future operations, goals and objectives of your organization.

Of course a highlight of the AGM will be the announcement of the election results for the coming year. We have an excellent slate of candidates and I urge you to register your vote prior to the business meeting on September 26. Candidate profiles appear below in this newsletter and a copy of the ballot can be found on the last page. You will also find a Membership Renewal/Application form in the newsletter – don't forget to renew or how about trying to get a friend or colleague to sign up – heck, if the Winnipeg Jets can sell out 10,000 seasons tickets in 20 minutes, surely we can sign up 100 new members in a few months!!

Keep watching our Canadian Section webpage (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/Canada/>) on the TWS site for further updates on the AGM and to get registration (due by September 5<sup>th</sup>) and travel information. We are still seeking sponsors to help keep our costs down, so if you know any good corporate citizens please twist their arms or let us know who we should contact. Hope you have had a great summer and I look forward to meeting you in Thunder Bay in September!

### Canadian Section Representative's Report



**'Baydack's Banter'**

*By Rick Baydack, University of Manitoba  
([baydack@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:baydack@cc.umanitoba.ca))*

The lazy days and long nights of summer are upon us across our country, and hopefully each of you is finding time to relax and enjoy good times with family, friends, and your inner self. I know that my focus at this time of year is just that, and I enjoy spending some time reflecting on accomplishments of the past and opportunities for the

future. Lots of ‘good things’ happen annually in all aspects of our personal and professional situations and taking some time to pause and appreciate what others and we have done is often cause for even greater celebrations! Try it, and see what you come up with.

In looking forward, a number of future opportunities for Canadian wildlifers are on the horizon. The 2011 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society will be held in Thunder Bay from September 24-26. Additional details are contained elsewhere in this Newsletter. A great opportunity to rekindle old ties and make some new ones. The Organizing Committee is doing a great job of putting a program together that will set the bar for our future meetings. And I can’t help but notice how quickly time has passed since our inaugural Annual Meeting in Gimli, Manitoba in 2008, followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Delta Marsh, then a joint meeting with the Society for Conservation Biology in Edmonton, and finally Thunder Bay in September. Lots of ‘good things’ have taken place for TWS in Canada since our Section formed.

Another large blip on your radar screen hopefully is the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Waikoloa, Hawaii from November 5-10, 2011. This Conference is the annual highlight for The Wildlife Society, and if you have never been to a TWS Conference, this is the year to get there. I know that some of you are having second thoughts because of the perception of high costs, but the price you pay will be worth it. And watch for airline seat sales in the coming weeks – as evidenced by a recent headline in the Winnipeg Free Press – ‘Flight Prices To Go Down.’ My experience in booking for the Fall TWS Conference is to wait until about the August long weekend and the week or 2 after, and watch the websites daily for the best deals. If you can fly direct to the Big Island to the Kona Airport, you should save time and money by bypassing Honolulu. And in terms of hotels, if the Hilton seems too pricey, other options are available. If you have not yet done so, I suggest checking out the Conference website ([www.wildlifesociety.org](http://www.wildlifesociety.org)), and sign up on the Conference Facebook page which contains lots of hints and ideas for saving \$\$ in Hawaii. And remember if you register for the Conference by September 2, your name will be entered for a free 4-night accommodation package at the Hilton. Hopefully we’ll see you there. A Hui Hou!

One final item for this Report is to ask for your input about The Wildlife Society publications. As a member of the TWS Publications Subcommittee, we have been deliberating over many issues relating to our professional publications – *The Journal of Wildlife Management*,

*Wildlife Monographs*, *The Wildlife Professional*, and the recently re-established *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. In short, a concern for the Subcommittee and for TWS Council is to ensure that the prominence of our publications remains high, and recent trends in the ‘Impact Factors’ for our publications suggest the opposite might be true. Impact factors are only one indicator of the success of a publication, but a downward trend in our ‘impact’ seems to be the case. So my question to you is quite simple – do you feel that TWS publications have become less important in your professional careers, and if so, why? And a supplemental question is what can we do to enhance the publications of our professional Society. If you could spare a few minutes to reflect on these and provide me with your thoughts before the November Council meeting, I would appreciate it very much. As always, I can be reached at [baydack@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:baydack@cc.umanitoba.ca)

In closing, enjoy the rest of the great summer that I am sure each of you will have in Canada. Plan for the coming events in the Fall and do your best to make them happen. Your personal and professional satisfaction will be much enhanced.....

## SECTION NEWS

*It's that time of year again to vote in new executive members to CSTWS. Please find below the candidates' profiles and the ballot with mailing address (last page)*

### CANDIDATES' PROFILES FOR ELECTING CANADIAN SECTION OFFICERS (BALLOT is on the last page)

*By Merlin Shoemith, Chair Nominations and Elections Committee*



**Name:** Evelyn Merrill

**Office Sought:** President Elect

**Present Position:** Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Biological Sciences University of Alberta since 1999.

**TWS Views:** As I expressed to TWS Council in Monterey two years ago, the Canadian Section needs to be recognized as an equal member within The Wildlife Society if the Society is going to be *The Wildlife Organization* it claims to be. We bring to the TWS arena unique Canadian

perspectives and problems, and by TWS embracing the Canadian Section fully, I believe it can only strengthen TWS' positions on both side of the borders. At the same time, we need to step up to make this happen. The wildlife we advocate for knows no borders and TWS can ensure our voices on their behalf are heard. The Canadian Section has grown tremendously under strong leadership on the Executive and in TWS Council over the past 4 years. We have added new Chapters at the provincial and student levels, concluded successful (and fun!) annual meetings, influenced wildlife policy on several fronts, initiated educational outreach on the ground, across the web, and at annual meetings; we have supported initiatives for a Canadian Student Quiz Bowl, put in strong bids to bring the annual TWS meeting north, grown the membership, and our newsletter and web site are top notch! What has been accomplished is really quite humbling given our short lifespan. Building on these labours to keep the momentum going and solidifying these efforts would be my first priority. But let's not stop there. To keep going, we should: (1) Recognize these efforts in terms of Awards and Scholarships and securing the funding that is needed to keep them afloat. (2) Continue to encourage our membership growth and for them to get involved with TWS—in our section, on international panels, white-papers, publications, editorships, committees, and running for high-level positions- and nominate Canadians for TWS awards! (3) Build on our current base for working collaboratively with the local chapters and other resource groups with common interests to promote wildlife conservation both at home in Canada and abroad. Canadians have played an important role in shaping wildlife management in North America, and continuing to build a vibrant Canadian Section will ensure a strong avenue for the future.

**Education:** B.A. in Government, St. Lawrence University & University of Vienna; M.Sc. in Wildlife Management, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID; Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

**Former positions:** Associate and Assistant Professors of Wildlife Ecology at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and University of Wyoming; Research biologist, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Wildlife technician, Bureau of Land Management, Biologist Aid, National Park Service (USA).

**TWS Activities: Memberships:** TWS member since 1975. Founding Past President and member of Canadian Section since 2007; co-organized plenary session at first Canadian Section Mtg and Chaired local arrangements for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Section Mtg. Alberta Chapter: President, Executive Board, Membership Chair, Organized 2009 Alberta Chapter Annual Mtg, *Dedicated Service Award-2011*; Wyoming Chapter: Executive Board, Resolutions Committee, Membership, Newsletter Editor, Student

Chapter Advisor, *Service Recognition Award*); Wisconsin Chapter member. Student Chapter memberships: University of Idaho, University of Washington. **Editorships:** *Journal of Wildlife Management* - current, *Wildlife Professional* 2008-2010, *Journal of Wildlife Management* 1997-1998; **TWS Duties:** Chair, Jim McDonough Awards (2011); Chair, TWS Presidential Nominations Committee (2010), Member, JWM- Editor Selection Committee (2007).

**Other Professional Affiliation:** Boone and Crockett Professional member, Alberta Trapper Association, Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation- Life Member, Society of Range Management, Ecological Society, Association of Landscape Ecologists, Society for Conservation Biology.

**Primary interests:** *My professional interest* is research on the foraging and habitat ecology of ungulates, predator-prey interactions, and disease spread among cervids in heterogeneous landscapes. I work extensively with GPS-based radiotelemetry of large mammals as a basis for developing individual-based movement and demographic models to address animal responses to human-modified environments. *My personal interests* include hunting, trapping, fishing, bird watching, gardening, traveling and keeping up with my growing family.

**Name:** Garth Mowat



**Office sought:** Vice-President  
**Present position:** Senior Wildlife Biologist, BC Fish & Wildlife Branch since 2005.

**TWS views:** I am new to the TWS Canadian Section and for me this post would be a learning

experience. I hope to offer my perspective as an active wildlife manager and researcher. I believe the Canadian Section could enter further into the policy arena in Canada much as TWS has long done in the US and I would be interested in helping to achieve this.

**Education:** B.Sc. in Zoology from UBC in 1986 and a M.Sc. in Zoology from U. of Alberta in 1993.

**Former positions:** Wildlife Research Biologist with several consulting firms in BC; Instructor of Wildlife Management at Lethbridge Community College; Wildlife Technician with the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Branch and UBC at Kluane, Yukon.

**TWS Activities: Memberships:** I have been a TWS member since the late 1980's.

**Other Professional Affiliation:** International Association for Bear Research and Management.

**Primary interests:** *My professional interest* is population management of terrestrial mammals and I have worked in one fashion or another in this field since 1985. *My*

*research interests* are largely around conservation driven questions with carnivores although I also enjoy developing or improving inventory methods for all sorts of species. *My personal interests* include hiking, canoeing, soccer, skiing and music.

**Name:** Jonathan Wiens



**Office sought:** Vice president

**Present position:** Resource Planner, Manitoba Water Stewardship

**TWS Views:** As the newest

section in The Wildlife Society, the Canadian Section needs to continue its strong growth as established under our previous executive councils. It is important that we foster the growth of new chapters in all our provinces and territories. Wildlife conservation policies also need to be strengthened in many key areas of our Canadian landscape. It is important The Wildlife Society adopt position statements that reflect some of the unique wildlife management challenges we face in Canada. Education, scholarships, and communication across agencies are also important. As Canadian wildlife managers, we warrant a strong Wildlife Society that represents us from coast to coast.

**Education:** B.Sc. in Environmental Science, University of Manitoba; M.Sc. in Wildlife Biology, University of Manitoba. Researched the ecology of garter snakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) in northern Manitoba

**TWS Activities: Memberships:** TWS member since 2004. Past President of the Manitoba Chapter (2010).

**Primary interests:** My outdoor interests include hunting, trapping, fishing, herping, and canoeing.

## Wildlife, Policy, and Conservation Affairs

By Darren Sleep

Chair, Conservation Affairs Committee  
National Council for Air and Stream  
Improvement

Wildlife management and conservation are central to Canadian livelihoods and culture, from coast to coast to coast. As a country with a wealth of natural resources, federal and provincial policy continues to develop around emerging wildlife issues. Science has a significant role to play in helping inform wildlife policy and management, and the Canadian Section of TWS can make a contribution towards this.

As many of you are aware, one of the prime purposes of The Wildlife Society, as stated in our Mission Statement, is to work

to ensure that wildlife and their habitats are conserved through management actions that take into careful consideration relevant scientific information. This statement is at the heart of the Canadian Section's Conservation Affairs Committee. Its purpose is to review and potentially comment on legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within Canada.

Since the inception of the Canadian Section of TWS four years ago, the Conservation Affairs Committee has contributed technical comments to provincial and federal governments on a number of issues across Canada, including white-nosed syndrome in bats, water conservation in Manitoba, and the potential development of native prairie in Alberta.

Further, the Committee has been tasked with preparing white papers on important wildlife issues of relevance to Canadian wildlife. One topic that has been deemed key in the development of recovery strategies for Species at Risk in Canada is "critical habitat". We are currently seeking members of the Section with expertise in this area to help us draft a white paper on the definition, biological and ecological basis, and the application to conservation planning of this important concept.

While we continue to be on the lookout for opportunities to engage and inform policy makers with respect to wildlife issues, we cannot keep track of every issue across the Canadian landscape. We rely on members to notify us when issues arise in their backyards that could benefit from our attention. If you have any topics or issues of wildlife science and policy development that you think could benefit from review or comment by the Canadian Section of TWS, or if you are interested in either participating on the Committee or as part of the writing team for a white paper on critical habitat, please contact either myself ([dsleep@ncasi.org](mailto:dsleep@ncasi.org)) or any one of the Section executive. Together, we make a difference.

## Proposed 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 the amendment. To clarify, the following amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Bylaws of the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society has been proposed by the Executive Board;

### 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 will be presented and discussed at the Annual Business Meeting of the Section to be held in Thunder Bay **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 1 pm.** As required under ARTICLE VIII, Section 2, CLAUSE A of the Bylaws of the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society, this amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the Section members voting at the Annual Business Meeting of the Section membership before the Bylaws can be altered.

### CSTWS Webmaster

The Canadian Section is looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated student who would like to take over the tasks of "Webmaster" for the Section. The duties of the webmaster include regular updates to the website, such as adding information on AGMs, candidate profiles for the executive, section news, announcements, Canadian job advertisements, etc. We are looking for someone who can make the website accessible and fun-to-read for members and interested people. The workload is about 3-4 hours a month. This work will be acknowledged through a stipend of 250\$/year. Keen students should apply to Art Rodgers, President CSTWS at [art.rodgers@ontario.ca](mailto:art.rodgers@ontario.ca)

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Saskatchewan Chapter (SKTWS)

The field season has created difficulties in recruitment and memberships, however, with people beginning to return from the field, memberships have increased in the past two weeks. Currently, the SKTWS has 15 members

and an additional 15 prospective members who have been unable to pay their dues mostly because of interruptions from the field season and the Canada Post strike.

Our goal is to obtain 40 members by the end of the summer. A request for nominations for the first executive will be distributed near the end of July, and hopefully the first executive will be in place by the end of August.

Memberships can be purchased 3 ways:

1. If you are a full TWS member, you can login to your account and add SKTWS as a subunit.
2. You can complete the attached membership form and mail it to the address listed
3. You can arrange to meet up with Jennifer Sheppard in the Saskatoon area. Options also exist for the Regina area. Please contact the chapter for more information on how to contact personnel in either city.

Any questions, concerns, or comments, can be directed to the SKTWS chapter via email at [sasktws@gmail.com](mailto:sasktws@gmail.com).



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Canadian Section of the Wildlife Society

#### 2011 Annual General Meeting September 25-26, 2011

**Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society**  
**2011 Annual General Meeting**

THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO, CANADA, SEPTEMBER 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel

Conference events include: Student Quizbowl • Plenary Session - Effects of Development on Wildlife and Habitat in Canada's Boreal Forest • Round Table Discussions • Contributed Papers • Poster Session • Social/mixer • Banquet

Cost: \$100 (members), \$120 (non-members), \$50 (students)  
Daily rates: \$60 (member), \$75 (non-members), \$25 (student)

Registration after September 9<sup>th</sup> will require an additional \$25.00

Registration and further information available at <http://joomla.wildlife.org/Canada/>  
For more information please contact: Brent Patterson at The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources  
Tel: (705) 755-1553; Email: [Brent.Patterson@ontario.ca](mailto:Brent.Patterson@ontario.ca)

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**Location: BEST WESTERN PLUS  
Nor'Wester Hotel & Conference Centre,  
2080 Highway #61, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7J  
1B8, CA**

The Ontario Chapter has been hard at work planning the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Section to be held in Thunder Bay, September 25-26, which will be preceded by a student conclave hosted by the Lakehead University Student Chapter September 23-25. Although the primary intent of the AGM is to involve the membership in the business of the Canadian Section, we are hoping to build it into something that will offer far more to our members. This will only be our 4th AGM and we have not yet established a "traditional" format so the organizing committee has been looking at a wide variety of ideas that may appeal to as many of our members as possible. One of the highlights is bound to be our own Canadian version of the famed TWS Quiz Bowl to kick things off Saturday night (September 24). So far, three Student Chapters have shown interest in sending 1-2 teams each to compete in the inaugural event. I'm sure they would gladly welcome more competition and challenge all Canadian Student Chapters to field a team. NOW is the time to start putting your 4-member team together – it will probably be too late if you wait until classes resume in September!

Of course there will be the usual rounds of contributed papers and posters – this is where you can make up for putting them off from those earlier conferences in May and June, or get double the return on your effort and consider presenting them again at our AGM – it's not likely that everyone at our AGM will have seen your poster or heard you already! Awards will be given for the best student paper and poster presentations. The organizing committee is also putting together a plenary session of distinguished speakers with follow-up roundtable discussions from which we might generate a position statement or "white" paper – if you have a topic that you feel is of particular importance to wildlife in Canada, please let us know. All-in-all, the Ontario and Lakehead Student Chapters are going all-out to make this year's AGM an event that our members won't want to miss. So, start planning NOW to come to Thunder Bay in September!

We are soliciting abstracts for posters and 20-minute oral presentations for the contributed paper and poster sessions at the 2011 Canadian Section AGM in Thunder Bay, Ontario. All papers and posters will be presented September 25-26, 2011. Abstract content may consist of either final or interim original research results. Students are especially encouraged to submit posters describing their

proposed work and any preliminary results and analysis. Presenters in the contributed paper sessions should expect to speak for no more than 15 minutes, allowing for an introduction and limited Q&A after each presentation.

Abstract Submissions should be emailed to:

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Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Research and Development Section  
Trent University, DNA Building  
2140 East Bank Drive  
Peterborough, ON  
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Tel: (705) 755-1553  
[Brent.patterson@ontario.ca](mailto:Brent.patterson@ontario.ca)

The deadline for submission of both oral presentation and poster abstracts is **July 29th, 2011**. Abstracts should not exceed 250 words, excluding title and author addresses, should be in Arial 12-point font. Indicate whether the paper will be an oral presentation or a poster. Student presentations and posters are eligible for an award. Interested students should indicate their intent to compete for the award when submitting their abstract.

Abstract submittal does not guarantee a place on the schedule. Due to time and space limitations, not all submitted abstracts may be accepted. Acceptance of proposed papers and posters is solely at the discretion of the Program Committee. Presenters will be notified by **Aug 10th 2011** if their submission has been accepted. Questions may be directed via email to the Program Chair, Brent Patterson, [brent.patterson@ontario.ca](mailto:brent.patterson@ontario.ca). Speakers must register for the conference and are expected to cover their own travel and lodging expenses. See the Canadian Section website (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/Canada/>) for registration and other conference information.

#### **Draft Program (as of July 26, 2011):**

##### **Saturday, September 24th 2011**

18:00-19:00: Registration, *in front of Pointe du Meuron Room*

19:00-22:00: Student Quizbowl followed by Social/Mixer – *Pointe du Meuron Room*

##### **Sunday, September 25th 2011**

08:30 – 08:45: Welcome/Opening Remarks

Art Rodgers, President, Canadian Section

Brent Patterson, President, Ontario Chapter

08:45 - noon: **Plenary session - Proposed topic: Effects of development on wildlife and habitat in Canada's Boreal Forest.** Session will include 5-6 speakers on topic with a coffee break partway through

12:00 – 13:00: lunch  
 13:00 – 17:00: Contributed papers (20 mins each, including questions) will include coffee break partway through session  
 17:00 – 19:00 Poster session (partially integrated with Social/ Mixer)  
 18:00 – 19:00 Social/ Mixer  
 19:00 - Banquet (including keynote address & silent auction)

### Monday, September 26th 2011

08:30-10:00: Contributed papers (20 mins each, including questions)  
 10:00-10:20: Break  
 10:20-12:00: Roundtable discussions (group leader to provide 10 minute introduction to each session followed by 3 X 30 minute sessions, all meeting participants will cycle through each session).  
*Proposed topics include:*  
 1. Role of Canadian Section/ Ontario chapter/ Advocacy by wildlife professionals  
 2. Invasive species, local, regional and national threats  
 3. The role of predator control in wildlife management  
 12:00 – 13:00: Lunch  
 13:00 – 15:00 Canadian Section AGM (open to all)  
 15:00 – Concluding remarks  
 15:30 – Ontario Chapter TWS AGM

A copy of the registration form can be found below in this newsletter. Updates and more information are available on the Canadian Section webpage (<http://joomla.wildlife.org/Canada/>).



### IMPORTANT TWS STUDENT AWARD DEADLINES!

The Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society (CSTWS) has made a fund available to encourage student participation in professional meetings of The Wildlife Society (TWS) for up to \$500. This year, the Section is offering a travel award to help students attend the upcoming 2011 TWS Annual Conference in Waikoloa, Hawaii (The Big Island) from November 5 to 10, 2011. Applications are due September 1, 2011. For more information or to apply see PDF form on the front page of our website at: <http://joomla.wildlife.org/Canada/index.php>.



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
HAWAII 2011

Waikoloa, Hawaii - November 5-10, 2011

**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY'S 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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- workshops
- symposia
- Working Group meetings
- student activities
- exhibits
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[www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org)



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

### 2nd International Workshop On Deer-Forest Relationships

The NSERC-Produits forestiers Anticosti Industrial Research Chair reminds you that the 2nd International workshop on deer-forest relationships under the theme Impacts of the overabundance of large herbivores on forest ecosystem management will take place August 17-22, 2011 in Quebec City and Anticosti Island. The first two days will be held at Laval University and will consist of presentations by invited and contributed speakers, as well as members of the Chair. The following days will be devoted to a field trip to Anticosti Island and a workshop.

The Workshop will bring together international researchers specialized in plant-herbivore relationships, population dynamics, community structure, ecosystem functioning

and wildlife and forest management. This event will mark the completion of the second 5-year term of the Chair which aims at developing forest and wildlife management methods adapted to high densities of cervids. It is an opportunity to present the results of the research projects carried out on Anticosti Island so far and to determine, with the scientists and local stakeholders, future management questions and research directions in order to tie management and research in an adaptive management framework.

The preliminary program, the list of invited speakers and the registration form are available on the Workshop website

<[http://www.cen.ulaval.ca/anticosti/accueil\\_colloque2011%20\(anglais\).htm](http://www.cen.ulaval.ca/anticosti/accueil_colloque2011%20(anglais).htm)> . The deadline to register for the field trip to Anticosti is June 3, 2011 (limited places). You will be able to register to attend the talks in Quebec City until August 5.

For those who wish to book a hotel room in Quebec City, please note that we have reserved a block of rooms at the discount rate of \$125 + tx/night (instead of \$160) at the Hôtel Universel, located 5 minutes walk away from the Desjardins building where the workshop will be held. To qualify for this discount available until July 16 only, mention our group number (# 106737, deer-forest relationships Workshop).

<http://www.hoteluniversel.qc.ca/en/>

Reservations: 1-800-463-4495

If you require additional information, please contact us. Hope to see you there!

Sonia de Bellefeuille, for the organizing committee, NSERC-Produits forestiers Anticosti Industrial Research Chair, Département de biologie, Local 3076, Pavillon Alexandre-Vachon, Université Laval, 1045 av. de la Médecine, Québec (Québec) G1V 0A6 Canada

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## Other Meetings of Interest

Moncton, NB Society of Canadian Ornithologist's August 4-6: <http://www.sco-soc.ca/>

Austin, TX Ecological Society of North America August 7-12: <http://www.esa.org/>

Sioux Falls, SD America's Grasslands: Status, Threats, and Opportunities hosted by the National Wildlife Federation and South Dakota State University August 15-17:

[http://texasprairie.org/index.php/our\\_blog/blog\\_entry/2011/03/](http://texasprairie.org/index.php/our_blog/blog_entry/2011/03/)

2011 Arctic Ungulate Conference Challenges of Managing Northern Ungulates August 22 – 26, 2011 Yellowknife, Northwest Territories: [www.auc2011.ca](http://www.auc2011.ca)

## 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 \$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](mailto:jhooper@csuchico.edu).

National Fish & Wildlife Conservation Congress, May 27-31, 2012. In the Westin Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. For more information on the congress, visit: <http://www.nfwcc.com/> or E-mail: [elizabeth@theprofessionaledge.com](mailto:elizabeth@theprofessionaledge.com)

## Interesting education links

1. You may be interested in in-person workshops on Modeling Patterns and Dynamics of Species Occurrence



presented by Dr. Darryl MacKenzie. The presence or absence of a species across a set of landscape units is a fundamental concept used widely in ecology (e.g., species range or distribution, epidemiology, habitat modeling, resource selection probability functions, as a monitoring metric, metapopulation studies, and biodiversity and species co-occurrence). An important sampling issue, however, is that a species may not always be detected when present at a landscape unit. This will result in "false absences" causing parameter estimates to be biased if unaccounted for, possibly leading to misleading results and conclusions, even with only moderate levels of imperfect detection. In these workshops he covers:

- the effect of and the importance of accounting for, imperfect detection
- cutting-edge statistical methods for modeling patterns and dynamics of species occurrence
- using models to address interesting ecological hypotheses
- key aspects to designing studies of species occurrence
- available computer software with worked examples and exercises.

More information is available at

<http://www.proteus.co.nz/OccWorkshop.html>

Please contact Darryl MacKenzie [darryl@proteus.co.nz](mailto:darryl@proteus.co.nz) for more information or to be added to his e-mailing list.

At present, a 4.5 day workshop is planned the last week of August in Sacramento, California. Course is limited to 20 people, and this notice is to gauge attendee interest to help refine dates and location. If there is sufficient interest, workshops may be scheduled at other times and locations.

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## 2. Teaching Adaptive Management (TAM) Network

A growing number of graduate programs are offering courses in the Open Standards approach to adaptive management. Foundations of Success (FoS) is currently building a Teaching Adaptive Management (TAM) Network that hopes to capitalize on this opportunity and lead the academic community towards making adaptive management training an essential part of graduate programs. Through this online network, conservation graduate programs with new or existing courses have access to tried and tested teaching materials and benefit from the experience and lessons learned from colleagues

who have taught a similar course. More information about the TAM Network can be found at: <http://teachadaptivemanagement.pbworks.com>.

## 3. 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.

Want to help but don't have the time to contribute? If you are interested in being a donor, please send your donations to The Wildlife Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814 with Investor's Campaign in the memo field. Contributions are tax-deductible.

## Wildlife Technician Certification Program (adapted from ad on TWS website)

The Wildlife Society has sought to promote and strengthen professional standards in all activities devoted to wildlife resources. To this end, the Society, along with the [North American Wildlife Technology Association](#) (NAWTA; <http://www.nawta.org/>), has developed a professional certification program designed to evaluate the education and professional experience of wildlife technicians. A wildlife technician is a professional who provides support and services to scientists working in wildlife management and animal biology. They gather data on wildlife and their habitat and carry out management plans for wildlife and natural areas. The program for certification of wildlife technicians is a service provided by The Wildlife Society, and peer-reviewed by NAWTA, for its members who desire a peer evaluation statement. Certification constitutes recognition by The Wildlife Society and the North American Wildlife Technology Association that, to its best knowledge, an applicant meets the minimum educational, experience, and ethical standards for professional wildlife

technicians. Certification requires a strong commitment to the wildlife profession as further evidenced by the requirement of membership in the Society. **For more information, eligibility and requirements** download the [Wildlife Technicians Certification Program booklet](#) (go to <http://joomla.wildlife.org/> and click certification program on the left red drop-down menu and [download the application form](#) from there.



### JOBS IN WILDLIFE

We seek to 2 postdoctoral fellows with skills in quantitative ecology to complete analysis of monitoring data collected by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service and to communicate findings through reports, presentations, and manuscripts. One person will be primarily responsible for assessing the utility of distance sampling approaches for monitoring landbird populations using data collected in Alaska and eastern US. Research will also include some data collection with a song playback system in Denali National Park. Additional duties will include capture-mark-recapture analysis for several species and protocol and design development for future monitoring. This position is currently funded for 1 year and 5 months and may extent for an additional 6 months. The second position will lead an analysis of May breeding pair surveys for waterbirds to assess how environmental change and land use practices have affected the distribution and abundance of breeding waterfowl in North America. Analysis will be completed using an occupancy modeling framework and may require the use of Bayesian approaches. This position is funded for 2 years. Both positions will be stationed in Fairbanks, AK. However, individuals in both positions will be expected to travel and interact with colleagues in AK (Anchorage) and eastern U.S. (Patuxent and biologist at eastern refuges). For further information and to apply visit the uakjobs website

([www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=74349](http://www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=74349)). Further inquiries should be directed to Mark Lindberg ([mslindberg@alaska.edu](mailto:mslindberg@alaska.edu) or 907-474-6598). Applications will be reviewed starting 15 August. The University of Alaska is an equal employment/affirmative action employer and educational institution. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. -- Mark Lindberg Professor of Wildlife Ecology Chair, Wildlife Biology Program Department of Biology and Wildlife

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**NOTE:** 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](mailto:kruckstu@ucalgary.ca).

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# Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

2011 Annual General Meeting

September 25-26, 2011

**BEST WESTERN PLUS Nor'Wester Hotel & Conference Centre**

2080 Highway #61, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7J 1B8, CA

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**Registration cost (postmarked before Sept. 5th 2011):** \$100 (members), \$120 (non-members), \$50 (students). Full Registration fee includes participation in all sessions, the banquet and coffee breaks. Lodging and field trips are not included with registration (see page 2 for info).

**Registration after September 5th will require a \$25.00 late fee.**

**Daily rates (paid upon arrival): \$60 (member), \$25 (student), \$75 (non-members).** Daily registration fee includes participation in daily sessions, lunch and coffee breaks but not the banquet. Additional Banquet tickets are available @ \$35.00/ each.

**Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions/ requirements.**

Full Reg. \_\_\_\_\_ Day 1 reg. \_\_\_\_\_ Day 2 reg. \_\_\_\_\_ No. additional banquet tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

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**To keep meeting costs reasonable we are relying on a lucrative silent auction at the banquet. All participants are asked to bring something interesting for this auction!**

# Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

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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.

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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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