

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

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Hello dear CSTWS members,

It's been an eventful two months across the country but certainly in Alberta. On June 6th, 2012, at least 2 tornadoes hit southern Alberta. We've had rain, rain, and more rain and temperatures are sitting at 5 degrees below normal. The rivers are rising rapidly, and the grass is still very green. Meanwhile, around 475,000 liters of oil spilled into a tributary of the Red Deer River; for some not much to worry about, for others a foreboding of the environmental catastrophes bound to happen with the building of Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline. Meanwhile, Ecojustice, on behalf of several conservation groups



(Alberta Wilderness Association, Wilderness Committee, Nature Saskatchewan and Grassland Naturalists), have taken Environment Minister Peter Kent to Federal Court over his failure to protect Canada's endangered Greater Sage-grouse (his duty under the Species at Risk Act). Meanwhile, 99% of Albertan's still call the Richardson's ground squirrel (*Uroditellus richardsonii*) "gophers" (*Thomomys talpoides*),

and despite the fact that they likely play an important role in the prairie ecosystem, they are considered a vermin and thus have no protection from poisoning, shooting (to kill or as target practice), trapping, fumigation... OK, I will stop here. I could go on for a very long time but in the end it all comes down to what nature and the environment are worth to each and every one of us. If money is our guide then we have nothing to worry about, otherwise we better do

something about it. Since we are all members of the Canadian Section of the Wildlife Society, we clearly care about our wildlife and the environment. The CSTWS did something about it when we heard about impending changes to the Fisheries Act. The Canadian Section and many other interest groups wrote to the ministry of Fisheries and Oceans voicing their concerns, and Darren Sleep, our Chair of CSTWS Conservation Affairs Committee drafted an excellent letter to the Minister co-signed by myself and the president of TWS, Dr. Paul Krausman (see our website for more details). A couple of phone conferences with the Minister's office followed but since the changes were before Parliament there was no active input or advice passed on. Still, we are hopeful to stay involved and advise. I am curious to see what the rest of the month and the summer have in store for us. On that note, I leave you with a drawing of a ground squirrel I did many moons ago (the first to email me what species this is will get a case of beer from me at our AGM) I wish you a wonderful summer.

CANADIAN SECTION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT



'Baydack's Banter'

*Rick Baydack, University of Manitoba
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The Wildlife Society and you. How can TWS better meet your needs? Can we enhance our publications? What do you like/dislike about the Journal of Wildlife Management,

the Wildlife Society Bulletin, Wildlife Monographs, or The Wildlife Professional? Have you seen the newest version of the 'Techniques Manual' – this version edited by Nova Silvy, published by Johns Hopkins University Press, and available as a 2-volume set? What about The Wildlifer – do you like receiving it every month? Have you maintained email contacts with TWS colleagues? And have you checked out our new and improved Website, joined The Wildlife Society on Facebook, contributed to our 'Making Tracks' blog, tweeted on Twitter, or joined the TWS Linked In network. Amazing what technology and social media has done for (to?) us in the area of enhancing effective communication. But communication is not a one-way street. In order to serve you as a member of The Wildlife Society, we on Council need to know if the various innovations that have been brought forward over the past few years have been useful and acceptable to you. Time and effort are essential to making these new 'toys' work to our advantage, so please take a minute to let me (Baydack@cc.umanitoba.ca) know if you have any thoughts on the various initiatives described above. And perhaps of more importance, Canadian input and content in each of the above components is essential to the future well-being of wildlife in our country.

And related to Canadian wildlife, I had the pleasure of representing The Wildlife Society in late May at the National Fish and Wildlife Conservation Congress held in Ottawa. TWS was one of the Congress sponsors and once again our 'place' at the wildlife table was crystallized by our presence. The 4-day event was a superb assemblage of wildlife and fisheries experts from across Canada and the US, and their insights and viewpoints were very stimulating indeed. The Congress included not only presentations by wildlife and fisheries personnel, but also offerings by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Keith Ashfield, and Minister of Environment Peter Kent. Each of the politicians generally commented on the future priorities that the Federal government had identified for the fish and wildlife sector, and described how these were going to be addressed by the government of the day. Although not all participants agreed with what our politicians had to say, their presence demonstrated, at least in my mind, a level of commitment to our resources that we have not seen for some time in Canada. A highlight from the political perspective was the establishment of a Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel that will report to the Environment Minister and help craft government policy. Through our Conservation Affairs Committee, the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society will no doubt make a contribution to this important federal government initiative. Another highlight of the Congress was the development with the help of all Congress attendees, of a series of Recommendations for future action that are being presented to various levels of government, NGO's, academia, and industry. All in all, the 4-day event

was a definite success, and I urge you to check out more details on the Congress website (www.nfwcc.com) and watch for the next event likely to be held in the next 2-3 years.

And of course in terms of keeping abreast of wildlife information, registration is now open for the 19th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society to be held in Portland, Oregon from October 13-18. We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of The Wildlife Society, and the Plenary Session will highlight the past, present and future of our Society. A Commemorative Edition of *The Wildlife Professional* will be published as the Fall 2012 edition. The cover of that issue, which will have images of our founders and other significant leaders, will be done by a professional artist and will also be available for sale as a poster. T-shirts displaying the logos of both the Portland Conference and the 75th Anniversary will be available for pre-meeting orders. A 75th Anniversary pin will be given to all meeting attendees and will be available for purchase by other members of the Society. A 75th Anniversary "gala" will be part of the meeting festivities. All the more reasons to attend this annual meeting and help us celebrate this milestone in TWS history! I look forward to seeing you there.....



Update from The Wildlife Society Headquarters

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COUNCIL SPECIAL AWARD OF APPRECIATION

OBJECTIVE

Recognition of outstanding, continued (>1 year) support of The Wildlife Society's programs, membership, and/or activities by an individual, public agency, private organization, company, corporation, or industry group.

EXAMPLES:

- (1) A public agency that incorporates TWS Certification Program into its employment standards and/or employee recognition programs.
- (2) An agency that provides exceptional support of employee involvement in TWS programs and activities.
- (3) A private organization, company, or industry group that demonstrates consistent or singularly exceptional support of TWS programs through procedural, logistical, or financial means.

AWARD GUIDELINES

- (1) The President solicits nominations from Section Representatives and TWS Officers in advance of each

regularly scheduled meeting of TWS Council.

(2) Each Section Representative and TWS Officer has wide latitude in soliciting and/or developing nominations. Nominations shall be written (1 page or less)

(3) At each meeting, Council discusses and votes on the merit of each nominee. The intent is to maximize Council's discretion in bestowing timely special recognition for a broad range of services that support the mission of TWS, but do not fit under any other TWS award category. More than one award per year can be given; all deserving nominees should be recognized.

(4) Recipients are presented with a certificate/plaque at the Annual Conference or other appropriate locations and a letter of recognition prepared by the nominator and signed by the TWS President.

(5) An award does not have to be presented every year.

Adopted by TWS Council, October 1996
Revised by TWS Council, September 1997

If you would like to nominate a Canadian individual, public agency, private organization, company, corporation, or industry group for **THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY COUNCIL SPECIAL AWARD OF APPRECIATION**, please contact Art Rodgers, Chair, CSTWS Awards Committee (art.rodgers@ontario.ca).

TWS Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon Upcoming—TWS' annual conference will be held in Portland, Oregon on October 13-17, 2012. The meeting will include workshops, symposia, panel discussions, breakfast roundtables, special poster sessions, contributed papers (oral presentations), and contributed posters. We invite submission of contributed papers and posters on topics of wildlife ecology, management, conservation, education, or policy. Presentations will not be published, so we encourage reports from the author's most recent scientific investigations and management experiences. Presentations will be audio recorded and made available to conference attendees at the conclusion of the conference. Registration for the conference is now open at <http://wildlifesociety.org/registration/>.

Certification Update—TWS' Certification Directory has now been updated to display current AWBs' and CWBs' mailing address, work phone, and email. Should an AWB or CWB wish to make any changes to the Certification Directory, please send an email with your desired contact information to be displayed to shannon@wildlife.org. Remember that you have to be a current member to hold a valid certificate. To check your membership status, please email: membership@wildlife.org or call (301) 897-9770.

TWS Chapter, Student Chapter, and Section Treasurers: Remember that your annual tax report form is due to TWS

by the end of March. Please send it to shannon@wildlife.org.

TWS Chapter, Student Chapter, and Section Secretaries: Remember to submit your election results to TWS immediately following elections. Please send your list of officers to shannon@wildlife.org.

National Fish and Wildlife Conservation Congress Ottawa, May 27-31, 2012

Canada's first National Fish and Wildlife Conservation Congress was held at the Westin Ottawa, May 27-31, 2012. This first ever Canadian Congress brought together leading fish and wildlife scientists, government leaders, federal, provincial, state and local fish and wildlife agencies, conservation organizations and anglers and hunters who participated in plenary sessions, workshops, discussions and debates about the future of fish and wildlife resources in North America. Representatives attended from all Canadian provinces and territories, 20 U.S. states and several countries abroad. Each day began with a plenary session and progressed through the week, beginning with "Fish & Wildlife Conservation: Why it Matters", then "Fish & Wildlife Conservation: Challenges", "Fish & Wildlife Conservation: Opportunities", leading to workshops on Wednesday afternoon and concluding with "Fish & Wildlife Conservation: The Road Ahead". Monday and Tuesday afternoons were filled with concurrent and poster sessions intended to elaborate on the morning plenary's and provide examples of the importance and challenges to fish and wildlife conservation in North America. The detailed program is available at <http://www.nfwcc.com/program.php>. The Wildlife Society was an important sponsor of the Congress and plenary presentations were made by TWS President Paul Krausman and President-Elect Wini Kessler. Many other TWS members from both Canada and the U.S. were in attendance and made presentations in the poster and concurrent sessions and important contributions to the summary workshops that may provide some direction for the future of fish and wildlife conservation in North America.

TWS Memorabilia

As part of TWS' 75th anniversary celebration, The Wildlife Professional is planning an article called "Attics and Basements: Historic Treasures from TWS Members." We're looking for quirky, fun, interesting memorabilia that TWS members have collected through the years, related to their work. For example, does anyone have a paper marked up by Aldo Leopold? An early GPS unit, radio collar, or

other piece of classic wildlife equipment? A rare animal skin confiscated in a trafficking bust? Historic documents, tools, signed first-edition books, photographs, recordings, pins, skulls, garments, etc.? We'd like a photograph of the item and a brief explanation of its significance and when and how it was acquired. If you've got a submission, please email me (LMoore@wildlife.org) and please put "Memorabilia" in the subject line.

SECTION NEWS

Amendments to Canada's Fisheries Act

The government of Canada recently released revisions to the Canadian Fisheries Act (R.S.C. 1995) in Bill C-38, its ***Jobs, Growth and Long-term Prosperity Act***, table in parliament April 26, 2012. According to the government, the focus of the Bill is to streamline the environmental review and improve the regulatory process for natural resource projects. While the Bill is a significant piece of legislation touching on a number of current Acts, one set of amendments that has caught the interest of wildlife professionals and conservation groups is its amendments to the Fisheries Act.

On April 27, representatives of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans provided a technical briefing on the proposed changes to various stakeholders, including the Canadian Section of TWS. They indicated that the proposed amendments are intended to focus that Act on the protection of fish that, "...support commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fisheries and to more effectively manage those activities that pose the greatest threats to these fisheries."

The current version of Section 35.1 of the Fisheries Act reads as, "**35.** (1) No person shall carry on any work or undertaking that results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat," which focuses the primary prohibitions on any harm, alternation, disruption or destruction (HADD) to fish habitat, including any, "...spawning grounds and nursery, rearing, food supply and migration areas on which fish depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life processes." Among numerous other changes, revisions proposed in Bill C-38 refocuses the prohibitions on any serious harm to fish that are part of a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery, or to fish that support such a fishery, rather than on fish habitat *per se*. Other prohibitions of the Fisheries Act, such as prohibitions on the deposits of deleterious substances, remain in place. Interestingly, fines for offences under the Act will be raised significantly to \$100,000 CA for first offences, and \$500,000 CA for

indictments, and all fines for subsequent offences will be doubled.

Several key points remain uncertain, and will need to be clarified if the amendments pass as proposed. Determining which fish species "support" a fisheries (and perhaps more importantly which ones do not) will be a challenge, as all species occupy roles within aquatic food webs, and the loss of any may have uncertain effects. Further, the term "serious harm" includes the, "...death of fish or any permanent alteration, or destruction of fish habitat," has yet to be clearly defined.

As Bill C-38 is currently before parliament, there is little opportunity for stakeholders to have input. However, if the Bill is adopted, significant consultations with the scientific community (among others) will be needed to ensure sound science is used in its implementation. The CSTWS intends to remain engaged with DFO as this work progresses.

2012 Membership Contest

We invite you to participate in a membership drive contest. The purpose of this contest is to increase the Canadian Section membership of The Wildlife Society while developing a team dynamic among members. The Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society is growing quickly and we are excited about the expanding networking among our members by connecting wildlife professionals across Canada and the rest of the world. Please join us in the drive!

How do you get started? Tell your friends, family, colleagues, and coworkers about how The Wildlife Society has helped connect you with others in the field of wildlife stewardship and conservation in Canada. You can also inform them of the great benefits a membership in the Canadian Section provides, including:

- The Canadian Section of TWS **bi-monthly newsletter**;
- Presenting your work and learning about the wide variety of wildlife research and management projects by Canadian students, university and government members at our **Canadian Section Annual General Meeting**;
- New exciting job opportunities as our Canadian Section **website** lists graduate opportunities as well as wildlife careers online, providing access to listings of exciting new job opportunities in Canada;
- Becoming a part of the efforts of our **Conservation Affairs Committee**, that continues to put forth important information, position statements and a collective voice on wildlife and

conservation issues in Canada;

- Taking advantage of our **educational programming** and **online webinars** for students and professionals to further enhance their knowledge and training;
- Becoming eligible for **student travel awards** to TWS Annual Conferences; and
- A wide array of opportunities to **network** with other wildlife professionals and students.

How do they become a member? We now have three options, two online options for membership sign up or they can mail it in.

1. Sign up through the TWS international web site (link below) and then send the referral name to marcitrana@gmail.com:
<https://store.wildlife.org/Source/Members/cMemberInsert.cfm?section=signup&signup=1>

2. Sign up through the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society membership web page:
<http://flash.lakeheadu.ca/~arodgers/cstws/>

3. Or they can fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and send to the address listed on the same form.

What's in it for you? Every time your name shows up as a referral you get one point towards winning a free membership for the upcoming year.

How long does the drive go for? We will count referral names every month and the member with the most referrals (points) gets a free membership for a year. This will be limited to two years of free membership per individual referral member.

Are you an executive member of a Chapter or Section? If you are an executive member of a Chapter or Section, you will be placed into a separate drawing where you will compete with other executive members. We know that you are already involved in promoting the Society as an executive member, but we would also like to offer you a little extra incentive to promote to new members.

Good luck! The contest begins now!

2015 TWS Annual Conference to be Held in Manitoba!

The Manitoba Chapter and Canadian Section, TWS, have been designated hosts for the 2015 Annual Conference of

The Wildlife Society. TWS Council voted unanimously during their recent meeting in Hawaii to approve Winnipeg, Manitoba as the site for 2015. This bid won out over competing bids from other chapters to host in Des Moines, Iowa and Denver, Colorado. Merlin Shoosmith and Don Sexton co-chair the Arrangements Committee and were responsible for preparing the bid submission that included 18 letters of support from government, university, conservation education/research centres and private consultants in the wildlife field. Other Chapter members who greatly assisted with this effort were Erin McCance, Dale Wrubleski, Jonathan Wiens, Dave Walker and Rick Baydack. Strong support was received from Art Rodgers as President of the Canadian Section. Rachele Normand of Tourism Winnipeg worked very hard with her industry partners and TWS head office staff to obtain acceptable hotel rates and basic facilities required for such a conference in the Winnipeg Convention Centre. It was a great team effort and thank you to all who participated.

Although the 2015 Conference is some four years away, preliminary planning by the Arrangements Committee has begun. In the bid submission, it was estimated that over 100 wildlife professionals and at least 120 university students will be needed as volunteers to make this conference a success. If any Section or Chapter member would like to assist in this undertaking, please contact: Merlin Shoosmith 109mejo@mymts.net, Don Sexton sextonda@mts.net, Erin McCance emccance@shaw.ca, Kathreen Ruckstuhl kruckstu@ucalgary.ca, or Rick Baydack baydack@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Guidelines for Logo Contest TWS Conference 2015

In advance of the 2015 TWS Annual Conference in Winnipeg, the Arrangements Committee is looking for a logo to be used in all advertising and marketing materials associated with the meeting. Guidelines for submitting a logo to be considered are outlined below.

Logo must be:

- Representative of The Wildlife Society and the Canadian Section
- Unique to Manitoba
- Something that is memorable and does not require written description
- Works at any size large or small
- Prepared by Canadian residents (citizens/landed immigrants)

Guidelines from The Wildlife Society:

- Logo should be a design with one or two graphic

elements in addition to “The Wildlife Society,” the Conference year, and the conference city is most effective. Do not try to produce a collage.

- Sharp graphics are required so that features remain clear when design is reduced to ¾ to 1 inch (for example on the lapel pin).
- Logo needs to be a minimum of two colors and a maximum of four colors with a tie in to the conference location.
- A one or two paragraph explanation of the design and its significance to Manitoba and to the 22nd Annual Conference should accompany the proposed logo.

Timeline and Procedure:

- Logo competition will be announced at the 2012 Manitoba Chapter AGM and in the Canadian Section newsletter in mid-June 2012.
- Logo submissions will be due to Arrangements Co-chairs by September 1, 2012.
- Arrangements Committee Co-chairs and Director of Membership Marketing and Conferences, TWS, will determine the finalists from all logo submissions by October 1st.
- Final logo design will be submitted to membership for voting at Fall Mixer meeting of Manitoba Chapter.
- The logo becomes the property of TWS and any use other than for conference promotion must be approved by TWS.

Winning Submission

Cash Prize of \$250.00 will be presented by The Wildlife Society to the winning entrant.

SASKATCHEWAN CHAPTER NEWS

The Saskatchewan Chapter (SCTWS) would like to congratulate and thank Van Wishingrad for designing the official logo for the Chapter. As winner of the logo contest, Wishingrad was awarded a \$25 gift certificate compliments of Cabela’s Canada, as well as a TWS t-shirt and decal which was supplied by TWS. Watch for the 2nd SCTWS newsletter which will be distributed at the end of June to view the new SCTWS logo. The 1st Annual SCTWS Mixer is scheduled to take place in early September. If you are interested in joining the SCTWS Chapter, please contact us via email at: saktws@gmail.com.

STUDENT AWARDS

CSTWS Student Travel Award

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). This year, the Section is offering a travel award of up to \$500 to help students attend the upcoming 2012 TWS Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon from October 13 to 17. Applications are due **September 1, 2012**. For more information or to apply see PDF form on the front page of our website at: <http://joomla.wildlife.org/Canada/index.php> or contact art.rodgers@ontario.ca.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS





Mark Your Calendars!!
**Joint Annual Meetings of the
 Canadian Section and Alberta
 Chapter of The Wildlife Society**
**March 8-10 2013 - Canmore,
 Alberta**

The Canadian Section and Alberta Chapter of TWS will have a joint annual meeting in 2013 in beautiful Canmore, AB at the Radisson Hotel. There will be workshops and student activities, plenary and open paper sessions, evening banquet with auction & entertainment. Website information will be available in September and call for papers in early November 2012.

Save Those Dates!!



**Prairies Examined/Celebrated in
 Winnipeg this August**

The University of Manitoba and its planning partners are pleased to announce that the **23rd North American Prairie Conference** will be held for the first time in Western Canada on August 6 to 10, 2012 at the University of Manitoba. Prairies are the most degraded, but least protected, biome worldwide. Less tall-grass prairie habitat is left than any other type of prairie, and Manitoba has lost more of its tall-grass prairies than any other state or province.

This major international conference, expected to draw over 400 participants from across North America, has developed a tradition of excellence in native prairie research, conservation and restoration. A wide variety of

topics will be explored, including the use of native grasses for new foods, how we might use tall-grass prairie grasses as renewable fuels, whether we can bring back endangered prairie wildlife from the brink, and preventing declines in water quality. There will be something for every prairie enthusiast!

The theme, **Celebrating Our Prairie Heritage**, is meant to explore where we have been, our current state of knowledge and where we should be heading. And although Manitoba has lost much, the good news is there is an active and vibrant collaboration of individuals and groups working to conserve and restore our prairie ecosystems and diversity. And they, like Manitoba's population of western prairie fringed orchids - the largest population remaining in the world - will be celebrated at the 2012 NAPC in August.

For more information visit www.napc2012.org.



Get Ready for ICCB 2013!

The Society for Conservation Biology is pleased to announce the **26th International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB)** will take place 21-25 July 2013 in historic and charming BALTIMORE, Maryland, USA!

Baltimore, one of the oldest cities in the United States, is just 45 minutes from Washington, DC, two hours from Philadelphia, and three hours from New York City. It also sits on the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the United States, and home to numerous conservation-related efforts in restoration, fisheries management, and the effects of urbanization and agriculture on watersheds and aquatic life. In addition to being served by nearby Baltimore-Washington International Airport, the city is within driving distance of two more airports that serve the greater Washington, DC area.

ICCB is the Society's premier event bringing together conservation scientists, students, and practitioners from around the world to present and discuss the latest conservation science, practice and policy. While the hallmark of each ICCB is its top notch lineup of symposia, workshops and short courses; what makes the Congress special is its emphasis on people and relationships, local

culture, collegiality, and professional networking. SCB will continue this tradition at the 26th ICCB and looks forward to seeing you in "Charm City" 21-25 July 2013.

More information on the 26th ICCB will be available soon, including the announcement of the conference theme!

Natural Resources Communication Workshop Announced

The Natural Resources Communication Workshop, sponsored by the Western Section of The Wildlife Society and the Department of Recreation, Hospitality, and Parks Management at California State University-Chico, will be held at California State University, Chico from January 7-11, 2013. 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.

The workshop's instructor is Dr. Jon Hooper, a Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB) and longtime member of The Wildlife Society. He is a Certified Interpretive Trainer (CIT) and has taught communication workshops for over 35 years in locations around the country and holds degrees in environmental communication and wildlife ecology.

The initial deadline for applications is October 31, 2012 (Wednesday). Late applications are accepted for placement on a waiting list. The registration fee is \$789. The workshop is limited to 16 participants. The registration fee is not due until an applicant has been officially accepted into the workshop.

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.

Submit applications to: Dr. Jon K. Hooper, Dept. Recreation, Hospitality, 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."

Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution

First Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology

The Ottawa Convention Centre
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
July 6-10, 2012

The *First Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology* (aka 'Evolution 2012'), will be held in Ottawa, Canada's capital city. This landmark event will bring together five of the world's largest academic societies devoted to the study of ecology and evolutionary biology: the *American Society of Naturalists* (ASN), the *Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution* (CSEE) the *European Society for Evolutionary Biology* (ESEB), the *Society for the Study of Evolution* (SSE), and the *Society of Systematic Biologists* (SSB). This event merges the traditional 'Evolution' meeting, the joint annual meeting of the ASN, SSE and SSB, with both its European and Canadian counterparts (the biennial ESEB congress and annual CSEE meeting). This will be the first time that these five societies have met together, creating a truly international event that spans the fields of ecology and evolution. The meeting will be the premier showcase in 2012 for the presentation and discussion among peers of the latest, leading-edge research in ecology and evolution, and will also be an important forum for outreach and education.

The congress will follow the traditional format of an 'Evolution' meeting, meaning that all attendees will have an opportunity to present their research as a talk or a poster. These are scheduled during regular 'contributed talks' sessions or general poster sessions (sorted by topic using keywords chosen at the time of talk or poster registration). Although each society does sponsor two symposia, speakers for these were prearranged by the organizers and, unlike the tradition of ESEB meetings, one cannot apply to speak in one of these.

For more information visit:

<http://www.confersense.ca/Evolution2012/index.htm>

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The Wolf Capital of Canada

REVISED For STUDENT Discount: 02/16/2012. **LIMITED NO. OF ATTENDEES**

WOLVES AS AN ECOLOGICAL & ECONOMIC ASSET
 Northern Manitoba is a pristine wilderness area with few people and unknown number of wolves that prey on moose, caribou, and sporadically on polar bear cubs along the coast of Hudson Bay. Proposed new roads, mines, hydro dams, and electrical corridors may change the ecosystem forever. What research should happen before irreversible changes occur? Can Manitoba shape best wolf management policies? Can Aboriginal traditional knowledge provide direction? Wolf science, research, conservation, ecotourism and more will be discussed. Dialogue with some of the top wolf and polar bear experts in Canada, USA and Russia. *Space is Limited. Book Early!*

Keynote Speakers:*
 Dave **MECH** UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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 Charter trip to Churchill
 Polar Bear Capital of the World

*Some speakers are pending. All to be confirmed on www.thompsonspkfway.ca

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See what TWS students are talking about. Go to <http://sdwgtws.ning.com/> and check out the new Official Student Communication Network of TWS. Sign up, get involved, and spread the word! See you on the OSCN!

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

EDUCATION LINKS

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](http://www.wildlife.org/online-mentoring) with your TWS Member ID number and register. Canadian Students and Mentors welcomed!



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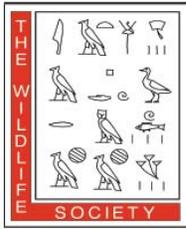
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