



NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The mission of the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society is to provide a forum for discussion of ecological issues among natural resource professionals; to enable its membership to pursue conservation of natural resources; and to inform the public on ecologically wise uses of natural resources in support of a conservation ethic.

JUNE 2001

It seems like we've jumped right into summer this year, with warm temperatures and flowers in full bloom. Like many of you, spring and summer is often my busiest time of year, with field work added on top of the usual office paperwork. In addition to work, there are also the multitude of things we squeeze into our short North Dakota summers such as gardening, fishing, and family vacations.

This spring, my husband Andy and I have also embarked on a do-it-yourself home remodeling project. We're also adding a new German shorthair puppy to our household this month. Along with everything else we have planned, this should be a very busy summer for us. I'm sure that all Chapter members are just as busy with your summer work schedule and family activities.

During your busy summer, remember to stay current on the Chapter's activities through our web page at http://www.ndctws.homestead.com/ndctws_home.html. Thank you to Scott Kahan for doing such a great job of keeping our web page current and useful. Please consider signing up for the Chapter's email "list serve" available through our web site. You will receive notices on legislative news, issue updates, and other information.

The Chapter recently concluded its most successful legislative session ever. This success was primarily due to Bill Pfeifer, our lobbyist, as well as our legislative committee chair, Greg Link, and other members of the legislative committee. In addition to these individuals, many Chapter members took the time to contact their legislators, prepare testimony, or forward messages via the Chapter phone tree.

I think it's appropriate to devote a portion of this column in recognition of Bill Pfeifer, our lobbyist for the last several legislative sessions. He deserves much of the credit for the Chapter's growing reputation in the legislature as the source for factual testimony and accurate information on natural resource issues. Bill recently let us know that this was his last session working for us in the halls of the Capital. He has worked many, many hours during the past few sessions. I know that the time he spent as our lobbyist preparing testimony, meeting with legislators, and coordinating with other resource groups was also at some personal sacrifice, and for his devotion to the Chapter and to our natural resources I am grateful.

During this session, we had several legislative success stories. We helped introduce legislation that would assist non-profit conservation groups in their efforts to acquire important habitats; we hosted a legislative social; we supported legislation to expand the use of conservation easements in our state; and we successfully testified against legislation that would have resulted in the sale of State School lands. A more complete legislative report is found in this newsletter. Thanks to Bill and many other Chapter members, our efforts to influence North Dakota legislation have been more successful than ever.

With Bill's retirement, the Chapter will be in need of a new lobbyist. We will be putting together a small search committee to define the job description and begin the task of drafting qualified candidates. With the next legislative session 18 months away, it may seem somewhat premature to be starting our search. However, the person in this position is very important to the work we do and by identifying a candidate now, we can have them join the interim legislative activities and begin meeting legislators. If you would like to be involved in the search, or are interested in work as our lobbyist, please contact me or Greg Link, our legislative committee chairman.

Have a great summer!

Darla Lenz, President



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Program: John Schulz
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2002 TWS Annual Mtg: Bill Bicknell & Mike McEnroe *
ND Action Group: Scott Peterson *

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Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Karen Smith & Darla Lenz
Legislative: Greg Link *
Awards: Tim Phalen *
Prairie Chicken: Greg Link *

Portfolio A - Scott Kahan

Wetland Resources: Scott Peterson *
Fishery Resources: Eric Pearson
Youth Education: Jack Lalor
Historian: Chris Grondahl *

Portfolio B - Jerry Heiser

Western Lands: Bill Jensen *
Teaming with Wildlife: Chuck Bosch *
Education: Kristine Askerooth *
Forest Resources: John Schulz *

Portfolio C - Jon Roaldson

Garrison Diversion: Mike McEnroe
Red River Watershed: Mike Ell
Lake Oahe: Steve Dyke
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet *
Fund Raising: Darren Bruning

Portfolio D - Randy Crooke

Northern Great Plain Working Group: Kevin Willis *
Endangered Species: Caroline Littlefield
Law Enforcement: Jackie Lundstrom *
Wildlife Damage Management: John Paulson *
Finance: Mike Goos *

* No report submitted

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Executive Board Meeting Minutes April 20, 2001

The Executive Board meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2001 at the Radisson Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota. The meeting was attended by board members: Darla Lenz, Tim Phalen, John Schulz, Scott Kahan, Randy Crooke, Jon Roaldson, and Greg Hiemenz. Other members participating in the meeting were: Bill Pfeifer, Mike Ell, and Mike McEnroe. Also in attendance were TWS president-elect Diana Hallett and TWS program director Sandra Staples-Bortner.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Report - Bill Pfeifer reported on the 2001 legislative session. Overall, the session was a success from the Chapter's perspective. Bill provided some suggestions for interim legislative activities, including contacting newspaper editors, conducting one or more tours such as grassland easements, and holding informational meetings with legislators in major cities. Thanks to Bill for his great work as lobbyist, and also to Greg Link and the rest of the legislative committee. The final 2001 legislative report is printed on page 14 of this newsletter.

Project Safe-Send - Randy Crooke has talked with Judy Carlson from the North Dakota Agriculture Department about how the Chapter can become involved in promoting the project. The Agriculture Department has a budget for newsletters and advertizing, but needs help getting the information out. Once the dates and locations for pesticide pickups are finalized, Randy will coordinate the contacting of local Chapter members to help get the word out.

Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation - At the Annual Business Meeting, the Chapter membership approved an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws allowing the Chapter to engage in any lawful non-profit activity that advances natural resources conservation (see April 2001 newsletter). To take effect, the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation must also be approved by the Executive Board. There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote to approve the amendment. The amendment to the bylaws will be sent to TWS Council for approval, and the amended Articles of Incorporation will be forwarded to the North Dakota Secretary of State.

UTTC Student - The Chapter provided \$100 to help send Angelo White, a United Tribes Technical College middle school student, to the National Science Fair.

NEW BUSINESS

Sierra Club Grant - The Chapter has again agreed to act as a partner for a Sierra Club community Action Grant. The Chapter will accept a \$20,000 grant, which it will pass through to the local Sierra Club affiliate to hire people for booths in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Badlands National Park to provide information on the importance of public lands and roadless areas.

Governors Working Group on the National Grasslands - Rick Nelson is the Chapter's representative on this group. The group has held one meeting, and has not yet identified its role or purpose.

Youth Conservation Camp Sponsorship - The North Dakota Wildlife Federation sent a letter asking the Chapter to sponsor a student at Youth Conservation Camp. There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote to sponsor one student for \$150.

TWS Annual Conference Sponsorship - TWS sent a letter requesting sponsorship from the Chapter for the 2001 TWS annual conference. There was a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote to provide \$200.

Missouri River Press Conference - Randy Renner represented the Chapter at a press conference on April 11 marking American Rivers designation of the Missouri River as the most endangered river in America. Randy presented the Chapter's position, that the operation of the system must be changed to mimic more natural flows as recommended by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the endangered pallid sturgeon and least tern, and the threatened piping plover.

Legislative Committee Interim Action Plan/Media Strategy Mike McEnroe reported that the agriculture/wildlife discussion group has been very successful in getting our message across to House and Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee members. We are looking to expand the group to include more discussions with legislators from major cities. The legislative committee will meet to discuss how to target legislators and media. Mike noted that we need to begin looking for a new lobbyist, as Bill Pfeifer will not be back for the next session. Thanks again to Bill for the great work. Mike also presented a \$40 gift certificate and \$50 check to Linda Roeder for the secretarial help she provided for free throughout the last session.

TNC Thank You Donation - The bison donated to the Chapter by The Nature Conservancy for our annual fundraiser was a big money maker. To show our appreciation, Darla Lenz proposed that the Chapter donate \$100 to TNC to be used at Cross Ranch. There was a motion, a second, and unanimous vote to donate \$100.

Membership Categories - Scott Kahan noted that the patron member category is not applied consistently. We need to make sure that the Chapter's membership categories meet TWS requirements, and are applied consistently. Scott will check into this before next year's business meeting.

Project Wild - Mike Ell reported that the Project Wild Advisory Board has decided to expend all of the funds in the checking account held in the Chapter's name. The

account currently has a balance of about \$10,000. Sherry Neiser has been hired to develop and administer a grant program for teachers to develop educational programs for OWLS sites. Mike has volunteered to take care of the accounting, but Greg Hiemenz will sign the checks since Mike is not covered under the Chapter's bond. There was a motion, second, and unanimous vote to allow Mike to oversee liquidation of the checking account.

Red River Valley - Mike Ell attended the first meeting of the Red River Valley Water Supply Study Review Team as the Chapter's representative. This study, mandated by the Dakota Water Resources Act, will estimate future water needs in the Valley and evaluate alternatives for meeting those needs. Mike will provide comments from the Chapter on the Draft Plan of Study, and future study products. Any Chapter members who wish to assist in review of study products should contact Mike Ell.

2003 Chapter Annual Meeting Format - Some Chapter members have expressed concern about burnout following the 2002 TWS meeting in Bismarck. It has been suggested that the Chapter's annual meeting in 2003 be shortened to 2 days by eliminating the Friday paper session. The executive board will make a decision at its July meeting.

Environmental Directory - The Chapter previously agreed to provide \$600 for printing a North Dakota Environmental Directory in partnership with the North Dakota Natural Science Society. The number of copies that can be printed for \$600 is very limited. We will look into making the directory available on the Chapter's web site in PDF format, as well as printing a limited number of copies.

President Portfolio - Darla Lenz
Secretary/Treasurer Report - Total Chapter assets as of March 31, 2001 were \$46,533.33, including \$11,605.37 in checking, \$26,688.62 in money market savings, and \$8,239.34 in two life membership mutual funds. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the Executive Board.

Newsletter - The deadline for the next newsletter is May 15. Please submit any items for the newsletter to Alicia Waters by this deadline.

CMPS Representative - The CMPS annual meeting will be held July 18-20, 2001 in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Past President Portfolio - John Schulz
Arrangements - Next year's annual meeting will be held February 13-15, 2002 in Grand Forks. Bids will be going out soon to hotels in Grand Forks.

Program - The committee will meet in July or August to discuss a theme and begin soliciting papers. Please contact John Schulz if you would like to help.

President-Elect Portfolio - Tim Phalen

Bylaws - Paul Myerchin will submit the change in the Articles of Incorporation to the ND Secretary of State, and will submit the changes to the bylaws to TWS Council.

Prairie Resources - Prairie Day will be held August 11, 2001 on the Sheyenne National Grasslands. About ten agencies and organizations are sponsoring the event. The U.S. Forest Service has provided \$4,700 for educational materials. A draft agenda has been prepared, and organizational activities are ongoing. We are targeting people in the Fargo-Moorhead area and southeastern North Dakota.

Portfolio A - Scott Kahan

Fisheries Resources - Eric Pearson has moved to Minnesota. We need to find a new chair for the committee.

Youth Education - The Chapter purchased \$200 in savings bonds for the winners of the habitat and food plot contest.

Portfolio B - Jerry Heiser

Portfolio C - Jon Roaldson

Garrison Diversion - Mike Ell is the Chapter representative on the review team for the Red River Valley water supply study.

Lake Oahe - Steve Dyke reported that the committee has been inactive for some time, and perhaps should be dissolved. The board felt that instead the committee responsibility should be expanded to handle all Missouri River issues. Darla will look for a person to chair the committee.

Fundraising - Darren Bruning has moved to Oregon. Other members of the committee have agreed to serve for one more year.

Portfolio D - Randy Crooke

Endangered Species - Caroline Littlefield reported that a working group of stakeholders has met to discuss status of black-tailed prairie dogs.

TWS Representatives - Diana Hallett thanked the board for inviting her and Sandra Staples-Bortner to the meeting. She emphasized that TWS Council wants to be as connected as possible to Chapters. TWS Council minutes are printed in *The Wildlifer*. There are plans to also make the minutes available on the TWS website.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., July 24, 2001 at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in Bismarck.

NDCTWS 2001 Fundraiser

INCOME

Big Raffle	\$3,693.00
Waterfowl (table)	\$720.00
Wigeon Print (board)	\$300.00
Shorebird (board)	\$300.00
Ice Fishing (board)	\$200.00
Antler Score (game)	\$50.00
Pelican Count (game)	\$48.00
Wild Flower Seed (game)	\$43.00
Poacher (game)	\$58.00
Guarenteed Raffle	\$310.00
Ringer Insurance	\$210.00
Silent Auction	\$33.00
Big Auction	\$3,985.50
Donations	\$192.50
Total Income	\$10,143.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,589.70
Net Proceeds	\$8,553.30

EXPENSES

City of Mandan permit	\$10.00
Raffle ticket printing	\$263.09
2 Gift certificates	\$450.00
Framing - Wild Things	\$305.60
2 Cases steel shot	\$170.00
Scheels raffle items	\$243.76
Paddlefish - R. Miller	\$47.50
Auctioneer's gift	\$25.00
Receipt book	\$3.75
Framing - The Image Center	\$53.00
ND Habitat Stamps	\$18.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,589.70

**NDCTWS 2001 FUND-RAISER
DONATED ITEMS**

<i>DONATED ITEM:</i>		<i>DONATED BY:</i>
1	steel T shot (2 bxs)	Andrew Schollett
2	"Rut Race" elk print	RMEF - ND Chpt.
3	RMEF luggage tags (2)	RMEF - ND Chpt.
4	RMEF caps (2)	RMEF - ND Chpt.
5	RMEF lapel pins (2)	RMEF - ND Chpt.
6	RMEF balloons (1 bag)	RMEF - ND Chpt.
7	RMEF jack knife	RMEF - ND Chpt.
8	RMEF belt buckles (2)	RMEF - ND Chpt.
9	"Monster Bulls" video	RMEF - ND Chpt.
10	ND Outdoors videos (Best of I & II) (3 sets)	NDGFD -Conservation & Communication Division
11	ND Outdoors videos (Volume 10-20)	NDGFD - Conservation & Communication Division
12	Framed Posters (4)	NDGFD - Conservation & Communication Division
13	Nebraska Game, Fish,& Parks cap	R.L. Nelson
14	Nebraska Game, Fish,& Parks wild game cookbook	R.L. Nelson
15	Nebraska Game, Fish,& Parks special edition Nebraskaland magazines (6)	R.L. Nelson
16	"Spring Migration - White-fronts"	Randy & Karen Kreil
17	camo facemask	Phil Mastrangelo
18	2001 waterfowl calender	Randy Kreil
19	2 caps	Randy Kreil
20	student subscription to The Prairie Naturalist	The ND Natural Science Society
21	PF cap (6)	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
22	PF shirt	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
23	PF game/shell belt	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
24	PF chaps	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
25	PF Pheasant Crossing sign	Pheasants Forever - Dan Hare
26	cedar bird houses (2)	Morgan Johnson
27	vintage NDGFD sleeve patches (5)	Robert Morgan
28	picture frames (1 lge, 2 small)	Michael Haupt
29	Carrylite diver decoys (2 doz) in bag	Garth Zimbleman
30	ruffed grouse print	John Schulz
31	bobwhite print	John Schulz

<i>DONTAED ITEM:</i>		<i>DONATED BY:</i>
32	6 pk Marlboro cooler	John Schulz
33	shaker coat hanger	John Schulz
34	back pack	John Schulz
35	"Celebration 100" video (2)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
36	ND Outdoors magazine collection CD (2)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
37	ND Outdoors calenders (6)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
38	"Feathers from the Prairie" (soft)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
39	"Feathers from the Prairie" (hard)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
40	"Big Game in North Dakota" (soft)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
41	"Big Game in North Dakota" (hard)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
42	ND Wildlife Viewing Guide	ND Game & Fish Dept.
43	"Rearing and Restoring Giant Canada Geese in the Dakotas"	ND Game & Fish Dept.
44	"Of Time...and the Prairie"	ND Game & Fish Dept.
45	Orange Hunting Heritage caps (4)	ND Game & Fish Dept.
46	ceramic meadowlark figurine	R&P Taxidermy
47	decorative birdhouse	Bruce Renhowe
48	"Outwitting Squirrels" book	Phil Mastrangelo
49	"Turkey Callmakers Past and Present" book	Darren Bruning
50	Berkley brief case -Outdoor Writers grab bag	Ted Upgren
	Barrel-lite	Ted Upgren
	Windfloaters	Ted Upgren
	Chevy Trucks glasses case	Ted Upgren
	Berkley 4 lb fishing line (2 rolls)	Ted Upgren
	can of Pennzoil gun oil	Ted Upgren
	Trilene 8 lb fishing line	Ted Upgren
	Berkley fishing hooks	Ted Upgren
	Ecogear worms	Ted Upgren
	Other misc. gear	Ted Upgren
51	"Across the Wheatgrass" (2)	Ted Upgren
52	"American White Pelican" print	NDCTWS
53	"Whitetails - Winter Heritage" print	NDCTWS
54	"Autumn Mist" print	NDCTWS

<i>DONATED ITEM:</i>		<i>DONATED BY:</i>
55	ND topo maps	Garth Zimbleman
56	Watchable Wildlife shirt	NDGFD Conservation & Communication Division
57	turkey fan hat/coat rack	Tom Pabian
58	USFS National Forest maps (4)	Garth Zimbleman
59	\$20 donation	Dean Hildebrand
60	concert tickets (2) (New Mamas & Papas & Juice Newton)	Randy Kreil
61	neck gaitor	Joe Hall
62	camping Tools	Joe Hall
63	camo vest	Joe Hall
64	fishing waist bag	Kevin Sebastian
65	DU fillet knife	Ducks Unlimited
66	SOB print	Ducks Unlimited
67	"Puppy Smorgashborg" print	Ducks Unlimited
68	"Anxious Moments" print	Ducks Unlimited
69	"Sweet Dreams" print	Ducks Unlimited
70	"Mallards at Meyer Lake" print	Ducks Unlimited
71	"Evening Trio" print	Ducks Unlimited
72	Karen Smith original	Con Hillman
73	pronghorn sketch	Jon Roaldson
74	whitetail sketch	Jon Roaldson
75	bighorn sketch	Jon Roaldson
76	ice fishing rod/reel	Dean Knauer
77	electric fillet knife	Tom Pabian
78	DU fillet knife	Tom Pabian
79	"Legendary Whitetails" print	Wild Things
80	1995 Habitat Print	NDCTWS
81	2000 Habitat Print	NDCTWS
82	Prairie Day T-shirt	Prairie Day sponsors
83	caps (3)	Kevin Sebastian
84	#224 shorebird carving	Mike McEnroe
85	#225 shorebird carving	Mike McEnroe
86	Purina Hi Pro dog food (2 bags)	Will Meeks

<i>DONATED ITEM:</i>		<i>DONATED BY:</i>
87	Winchester wooden ammo box	Joe Hall
88	Borrowed Bucks caps (2)	Borrowed Bucks
89	Tangle Ridge whiskey	Borrowed Bucks
90	wood duck box	Bob Martin
91	G&H mallard decoys	NDCTWS
92	Big Foot canada goose decoys	NDCTWS
93	decoy bag	Schell's
94	Mobil oil (1 case)	Grimsley's Oil, Underwood
95	Journal of Wildlife Management (Vol 1-4,1948-1989)	Dave Dewald
96	Dakota Lakes Gourmet Coating fish batter (8 lb pail)	Darold Walls
97	Dakota Lakes Gourmet Coating fish batter (6 - 1 lb)	Darold Walls
98	Tube-It ice fishing tackle	Anonymous
99	"Wildlife Seasonings" cajon batter mix	Don's Bait Shop, Park Falls, WI
100	fillet knives (2)	Don's Bait Shop, Park Falls, WI
101	black bear print	Joe Hall
102	"Moon Shadows" whitetail prints	Joe Hall
103	fisherman shadow casting light	Floyd Bentz
104	Buck folding knives (2)	Dave Hirsch
105	basket of Zoe's Honey	Judy Carlson
106	NDCTWS belt buckle #116	Anonymous
107	NWR cup	Chase Lake
108	Ohio cap, patch, & keychains	Chase Lake
109	ice fishing rod/reel	Chase Lake
110	home-made woven basket	Mark & Susan Vaniman
111	northern pike ice fishing package	Mike Paulson
112	wild rice (2 - 5 lb bags)	Paul Halko
113	bird feeder	Valley City WMD
114	home-made snow goose silhouettes (6) w/ 1 flyer	Ken Skuza
115	"Misty Morning Arrival" print	Todd Frerichs
116	homemade wood shelves (2)	Gerald Meier
117	Simmons binocular	Rodd Compson
118	ND Turkey Stamp print	Roger Hollevoet
119	\$50 donation	Roger Hollevoet

<i>DONATED ITEM:</i>		<i>DONATED BY:</i>
120	framed "Anxious Moments" print	Rodd Compson (frame) / NDCTWS (print)
121	framed "Goose Music" snow goose print	Rodd Compson (frame) / NDCTWS (print)
122	framed canada goose print	Ray Parsons
123	North American Waterfowler	Ray Parson
124	"Cold River Elk" framed print	Rodd Compson (frame) / NDCTWS (print)
125	steel shot (2 boxes)	Mike Johnson
126	songbird quilt	Karen & Mike Johnson
127	handmade duck call w/ case	Ron Reynolds
128	decorative planter (chair)	Caroline Littlefield & Ervin Weltz
129	NWR calender (2)	Mike McEnroe
130	turkey decoy	Greg Link
131	homemade antler cribbage board	John Paulson
132	homemade willow rocker	Dan Duchscherer
133	"Double Doodles" woodcock print	Todd Grant
134	antique mallard drake decoy	Anonymous
135	NDCTWS embroidered shirt	Kent Luttschwager
136	NDCTWS embroidered shirt	Scott Peterson
137	NDCTWS embroidered shirt	Darren Bruning
140	"The Old Home Place" deer print	Delores Halstead
141	Delta caps (2)	Delta Waterfowl
142	"Downy Waterfowl" book	Delta Waterfowl
143	"Wings Over The Prairie"	Delta Waterfowl
144	Delta denim shirt	Delta Waterfowl
145	Delta fleece vest (2)	Delta Waterfowl
146	Delta sweatshirt	Delta Waterfowl
147	Delta short-sleeve T-shirt (2)	Delta Waterfowl
148	Delta long-sleeve T-shirt	Delta Waterfowl
149	"Freedom Flight " fox mallard print	ND Furtakers
150	1985 Furbearer stamp (weasel)	NDCTWS
151	NDCTWS/ND Wetland Trust engraved leatherman	ND Wetland Trust
152	framed 1983 ND Turkey Stamp	Robert Morgan
153	"American White Pelican" print	Robert Morgan
154	Collection of misc. books	Erling Podoll

<i>DONATED ITEM:</i>		<i>DONATED BY:</i>
155	"Headin' Home"	John Holt
156	"Centennial Mule Deer" framed print	John Holt
157	"Wolf" framed print	Jeff Keller
158	paddlefish carving	Randy Miller
159	paddlefish pair carving	Randy Miller
160	paddlefish photo (2)	Randy Miller
161	Wild Mammals of South Dakota (2)	Ken Higgins
162	A Field Guide to South Dakota Amphibians (2)	Ken Higgins
163	varmit call	Louis Hoffman
164	knife sharper	Louis Hoffman
165	bull bison on the hoof	Cross Ranch (TNC)
166	\$100	Coteau Properties
167	\$20	Dave Nelson

Project Safe Send

The Chapter, in its efforts to promote Project Safe Send-- the safe disposal of unwanted pesticides by the State Agriculture Department-- is assisting the Department with the posting of the dates and locations of the project pickup sites. Randy Crooke is asking Chapter members for assistance in putting up posters and distributing brochures in areas around the pickup sites. Members should contact Randy (250-2403) or Judy Carlson of the Agricultural Department (328-4997) for more information.

Project Safe Send does not charge to take unwanted pesticides from people and disposes of them in an environmentally sound and compliant manner, so it is a very worthwhile program with environmental benefits.

Location and Dates - July 2001

All locations are at state DOT (highway department maintenance sections) sites unless otherwise noted.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm local time

Monday, July 9	Garrison and Napoleon
Tuesday, July 10	Watford City and Carson (Grant County Highway Shop)
Wednesday, July 11	Crosby and New England
Thursday, July 12	New Town and Beach
Friday, July 13	Fesseden and Richardton
Monday July 16	Minot and LaMoure (LaMoure County Highway Shop)
Tuesday, July 17	Bottineau and Wyndmere
Wednesday, July 18	Langdon and Pekin
Thursday, July 19	Drayton
Friday, July 20	Larimore
Monday, July 23	Mayville
Tuesday, July 24	Valley City
Wednesday, July 25	Casselton



PROJECT SAFE SEND 2001 Collection Sites

All collection sites are located at North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) or county highway department facilities in the following communities:

Beach – DOT - east of city limits on the north side of Highway 16.

Bottineau – DOT - ½ mile east of Bottineau on Highway 5, 1½ north on Lake Metigoshe Road (east side of the road).

Carson – Grant County Highway Department Shop – north on Main to Railroad Avenue, 3 blocks west then 2 blocks north to gravel, continue around corner.

Casselton - Take I-94 Exit 331, go north on ND Highway 18, take frontage road west about ¾ miles.

Crosby – DOT - NE corner of the ND Highway 5 and County Highway 42 intersection.

Drayton – DOT - just east of I-29 interchange on ND Highway 66 (north side of the road).

Fessenden – DOT – south end of Fessenden on east side of US Highway 52, next to fairgrounds.

Garrison – DOT - east edge of town on the north side of Highway 37.

LaMoure - LaMoure County Highway Department – SE corner of town, one block south of intersection of ND Highway 13 County Highway 60.

Langdon – DOT – one mile west of Langdon on ND Highway 5, (south side).

Larimore – DOT - north side of Larimore on ND Highway 18 (west side of the road).

Mayville – DOT - from the junction of Highway 18 and ND 200 go 2 miles south to the edge of town, DOT is on the right hand side of the road.

Minot - DOT - from the intersection of Highways 83 and 2, go east about 3 miles, DOT is on the east side of Hwy 2, just north of the Ward County Implement (John Deere dealership).

Napoleon – DOT – Take I-94 Exit 208, proceed south on ND Hwy. 3 to site, which is ¼ mile south of the city (east side of the road).

New England – DOT - ½ mile south of New England at junction of Highways 22 & 21.

New Town – DOT - ¼ mile south of junction of Highway 23 and Highway 1804 (east side of road).

Pekin – DOT – on ND 15 in Pekin, south side of road across from the elevator.

Richardton – DOT – I-94 to Hwy. 8 to South Ave. (just before the railroad tracks), west to D Street and then south to site.

Valley City - DOT - 1524 8th Ave SW, south of I-94 at Exit 292.

Ward City - DOT - on US 85, ¾ mile south of junction of US 85 and ND 23.

Wyndmere – DOT – from the junction of Highways 13 and 18, go 2 ½ miles north on Hwy. 18 (west side of road).

FINAL 2001 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Submitted by Bill Pfeifer

The 2001 legislative session should again be considered a success. Much of this success can be attributed to the pro-active legislator/conservation discussions which occurred during the past interim. The following summarizes the legislative activity.

- ▶ Nine bills or resolutions passed that the Chapter supported.
- ▶ Four bills failed that the Chapter supported.
- ▶ Two bills or resolutions passed that the Chapter opposed.
- ▶ Five bills failed that the Chapter opposed.
- ▶ Two bills in which the Chapter was neutral but provided information.

The Chapter was responsible for the introduction of SB 2185 which would require nonprofit conservation organizations to pay in lieu property taxes. These organizations were already paying taxes, but were perceived by skeptics and opponents as not paying taxes. This subject usually arose whenever land acquisition was discussed but was quickly squelched by knowledgeable legislators who had taken part in the information discussions during the interim.

All of the easement bills failed; the legislators were strongly opposed to perpetual duration. An interim study resolution concerning easements, combined with efforts to educate the public, will increase the chances of repealing the ninety-nine year easement maximum limitation during the 2003 session.

The Chapter utilized the web site to provide weekly legislative updates thanks to Scott Kahan. Hopefully, the Chapter will expand this tool and include all of the membership.

Routine legislator comments stressed our need to continue providing factual testimony, validity is not in question.

A legislative social was held on February 6, 2001, in conjunction with other natural resource oriented groups. Also included with the final report to the Chapter is a notebook containing the introduced bills, engrossed bills, written testimony provided during committee hearings, prepared information, and voting records. Please contact Greg Link (701-328-6331) if you are interested in your legislator voting record on the bills the Chapter tracked.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue to provide a lobbyist; the Chapter provides the only testimony on many bills. Many legislators are becoming more dependant on the Chapter's advice concerning natural resource decisions.
2. Expand the web site to include all members as a method of updating legislative activity.
3. Continue pro-active legislator/conservation discussion efforts during the interim. Expand to include meetings in the urban areas.

GET THE LATEST!!



The web committee has continued work to make the Chapter's web page a useful resource for the membership. Thanks to everyone who has sent in ideas for various links or made other suggestions to make the web page better. Various committees continue to provide updates on their activities, and folks can download or view online the latest issue of the newsletter. If you need to know an executive board/committee chair's name, phone number, or e-mail address, many of these are on the web page as well. If you are a committee chair, and would like to share your phone number/e-mail address, or information on your committee's activities, please send the information to Scott Kahan at the e-mail address below.

Although the legislative session has come to an end, we would still like to encourage **everyone** to visit the website and sign up to the mailing list. This mailing list will be used to e-mail the membership when items of importance to the Chapter arise. The mailing list is also used to let folks know when the web page has been updated with new information. The Chapter's web page address is:

http://www.ndctws.homestead.com/ndctws_home.html

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Chapter's web page please contact Scott Kahan at (701) 662-8611 ext. 323 or e-mail him at kahan@polarcomm.com

TWS ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2002

The first meeting of the Arrangements Committee for the 9th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society was held on April 20, 2001. Diana Hallett, TWS President-Elect and Sandra Staples-Bortner, TWS Program Director were in attendance to discuss ideas for the conference and assist with other planning activities.

Many thanks to the committee chairs and volunteers that have signed up. We have the framework established to ensure the largest natural resource conference in the Dakotas will be a memorable event.

Additional volunteers are needed to staff the subcommittees. If you would like to volunteer please contact Bill Bicknell (250-4414) or Mike McEnroe (250-4418).