



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.

November 2005

There's much to report in this edition of the newsletter. As usual for this time of year, outdoor activities, both personal and professional, require more time than is available. Yet, somehow we usually find a way to get it all in.

The Central Mountains & Plains Section held its meeting this past August in Medora. There was a good turnout and, by all measures, the meeting was a success. The Friday paper session was especially well-attended to the end which is a tribute to the quality of papers that were presented. The Section also had a very successful auction, raising over \$1,200 from the abundantly generous group. Several North Dakota Chapter members attended the business meeting on Wednesday and expressed opposition to lowering the Section membership dues from \$5.00 to \$1.00. Previously, the Section approached all state chapters and proposed that we add \$1.00 to our membership dues and automatically make anyone who was a Chapter member, a member of the Section. The rationale was that by increasing the Section's membership, a closer association between the Section and local chapters would be created; funds lost by lowering the dues to \$1.00 would be offset by the savings created by switching from a paper to an electronic newsletter. We contend that the \$5.00 annual dues are not preventing people from joining the Section; rather, a perceived lack of relevancy may be to blame. Lowering the dues to \$1.00, we asserted, not only fails to increase relevancy, but seems to be an injustice to a professional organization such as the CMPS. Our view, however, was not shared by the majority; consequently, CMPS annual dues are now \$1.00. So, if expense has been a hurdle for you in the past, hopefully it will no longer be. Becoming a member of CMPS is a good start, but becoming active is necessary to make positive contributions. We currently have a dedicated cadre of Chapter members who do participate in Section activities. You can help to ensure our Chapter remains represented at the Section level by becoming involved. The CMPS offers yet another opportunity for us to advocate for wildlife conservation in which we believe.

Chapter members represented our organization recently at TWS's Annual Conference in Madison, WI. Of particular interest to us was the reaction to, and the fate of, our letter to Council regarding the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. In it, we asked for TWS's endorsement and implored TWS to pursue measures to curb, and in some instances eliminate, the commercialization of wildlife. All indications suggest the letter was generally well-received. Several Council members and Section leaders have expressed interest and support. Council has asked staff in Bethesda to review our letter and make recommendations regarding TWS' strategy in handling the issue. We, as a Chapter, must be prepared to step up and assist when needed. As with many things worthwhile, the "heavy lifting" is often left to those at the grass-roots level. If we are to succeed, we must unite and push forward.

We are approaching the busy season for the Chapter. The time is now for budget proposals, a call for papers for the annual meeting, and nominations for officers and awards. Please see details inside this newsletter. We all know of folks who are deserving of recognition. Make this the year you put pen to paper and make it happen.

Dave

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NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

- 1 Last Call for Papers for 2006 NDCTWS Meeting
- 1 Funding Requests Deadline
- 1 Project Proposals for Small Grants Program Due
- 1 Nominations Due for The North Dakota Award, The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award and Special Recognition Awards.
- 13 **Board Meeting** in Bismarck at Ducks Unlimited, Bismarck, ND at 9:00 am

JANUARY 2006

- 12-14 22ND Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference - "Shared Resources, Shared Responsibilities" January at the Ramada Plaza, Fargo, ND

FEBRUARY 2006

- 8-10 NDCTWS Annual Meeting at the Airport International Inn, Williston, ND

If you have event dates, deadlines or other dates of interest, please send them to: Randy Renner, NDCTWS, 2525 River Road, Bismarck, ND 58503

North Dakota Chapter TWS - 2005

Executive Board Members

Randy Renner Dave Azure
Larry Brooks Marsha Sovada
Mark Sherfy Allyn Sapa
Will Meeks Brian Kietzman

President Portfolio – Dave Azure

Secretary/Treasure: Mark Sherfy
Newsletter: Adam Ryba
CMPS Rep: Stan Kohn
Natural Resources Trust Advisor: Scott Peterson
Resolutions and Public Statements: Dave Azure

Past-President Portfolio – Randy Renner

Arrangements: Randy Renner
Program: Randy Renner
Audit: Tom Sklebar
Membership: Brian Wehausen
Nominations: Randy Renner
ND Action Group: Casey Anderson

President-Elect Portfolio – Will Meeks

Bylaws: Paul Myerchin
Prairie Resources: Darla Lenz
Legislative: Darla Lenz
Awards: Will Meeks
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Portfolio A – Larry Brooks

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Portfolio C – Brian Kietzman

Missouri River: Randy Renner
Red River Watershed: Jack Lalor
Devils Lake Basin: Roger Hollevoet
Fund Raising: Paul Halko
Small Grants: Randy Renner

Portfolio D – Marsha Sovada

Northern Great Plains Working Group: Kevin Willis
Endangered Species: Sandy Hagen
Law Enforcement: Jackie Lundstrom
Wildlife Damage Management: Phil Mastrangelo
Finance: Mike Goos

North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 14, 2004

The Executive Board Meeting of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society was called to order at 10:00 AM at Lonetree Wildlife Management Area. Those in attendance included Dave Azure, Larry Brooks, Brian Kietzman, Will Meeks, Randy Renner, Al Sapa, and Mark Sherfy. Mike McEnroe also attended a portion of the meeting.

Notes: MSC = “Moved, seconded, and carried” followed by names of board members making and seconding the motion. NTR = “Nothing to Report” from the committee chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report—Mark Sherfy reviewed the Chapter’s financial status. As of 12 September, the Chapter was \$12,321 ahead of the 2005 budget. This is due partly to the outstanding fundraiser at our February annual meeting, and partly to committee expenses that have been lower than budgeted. The Chapter’s \$10,000 CD has matured and the funds have been deposited in the savings account. The Finance Committee will provide guidance on disposition of these funds. The Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Report (MSC Meeks/Renner).

Correspondence Sent & Received—The Chapter received a thank you from the North Dakota Fur Hunters & Trappers Association for our support of their student manual. We submitted a grant proposal for WIN (Wildlife Information Network) funds to support completion of a publication on native mammals of North Dakota by Drs. Robert Seabloom and Marsha Sovada. The Chapter also sent a comment letter to the Army Corps relative to Lake Sakakawea Master Plan revisions. Dave Azure reviewed correspondence relative to the Crosslands lawsuit.

Meeting with TAT—Dave is working on setting up a meeting with the Three Affiliated Tribes relative to increasing tribal involvement in the Chapter.

TWS Letter re: N.A. Model of Wildlife Management—Dave wrote to Laura Bies, policy director for TWS, to find out the status of the Chapter’s letter to TWS. The issue is included on the agenda for the TWS Council meeting at the national conference in Madison. The Board discussed the

need to consider what the next steps for Council might be. A potential strategy is to form a working group to look at the issue more closely. The Chapter is prepared to assist in whatever fashion is needed to craft a national strategy on this issue. Mark Sherfy will be attending the national conference, and will investigate whether Chapter input is needed at the Council meeting.

Endowment Update—A letter has gone out from the committee to the membership requesting comments on the endowment. Responses are being compiled, and a second letter will go out in October.

4th North American Duck Symposium—Progress is being made on planning the Symposium. A conference website, hosted by DU, will be up soon. The endowment account for the Symposium is still under discussion. Dates of the event are August 22-26, 2006 in Bismarck

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resources Trust Advisor appointment—The Chapter is responsible for selecting and appointing a representative to the Natural Resources Trust Board. This is a significant role of the Chapter in addressing important resource issues. The Board discussed taking a more active role in reviewing actions of the NRT so that the Chapter is better tuned to the function and activity of the NRT. We will begin annually reviewing the proposals (including budget proposals) and current status of NRT activities at our September Board meeting. The Board agreed that Scott Peterson has done an outstanding job as the Chapter's NRT representative, and voted to continue his appointment through September 2006 (MSC Meeks/Renner).

Criteria for Student Awards recipients—The Board discussed the Chapter's policy on student awards, which is that recipients are encouraged but not required to attend our annual meeting. We also have a desire to do everything possible to enhance student participation in the annual meeting. Our 2005 budget included \$1500 for student scholarships. The Board voted to allocate \$500 to each university (UND, NDSU, MSU – Bottineau), with \$300 for the scholarships itself and \$200 to provide for travel expenses of that university's students (MSC Meeks/Sapa).

High Fence Initiated Measure—The issue of high fence initiated measures will be referred to the Wildlife Commercialization Committee. There was general agreement that the Board would like more information and clarification of the issue before deciding on a course of action. It was noted that UND will be conducting a survey regarding the

easement initiated measure. Questions have been prepared and are ready for the committee's review. The initiated measure concept is being led by DU, Friends of the Missouri River and the Sierra Club.

Calendar—Al Sapa suggested that we maintain a calendar (tickler file) of important due dates for things like CMPS awards and other regional deadlines. This would create a permanent record of recurring deadlines that would be useful to new Board members and officers.

PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Dave Azure)

Secretary/Treasurer (Mark Sherfy)—NTR.

Newsletter (Adam Ryba)—Dave Azure set a newsletter deadline of October 11. The next newsletter will include a call for papers and call for nominations.

CMPS (Stan Kohn)—There was good attendance at the meeting in Medora. We received many positive comments about the quality of the paper session, scheduling of the meeting, and the venue. About \$1250 was raised at the auction. Action items at the business meeting include a vote to decrease annual dues to \$1 and creation of an electronic newsletter. Next year's meeting will be in Laramie, Wyoming during the last week in August. It was recommended that our Awards Committee consider nominating a candidate for a CMPS award in 2006.

NRTA (Scott Peterson)—Scott gave an oral report and a written report on recent Natural Resources Trust activities. A copy of his written report is included in this issue of the newsletter. There was also a discussion of administrative costs of the Trust relative to funds being spent on the ground. Scott will try to attend the next Chapter Board meeting to review the Trust's budget and strategic plan.

Resolutions & Public Statements (Dave Azure)—NTR.

PAST PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO (Randy Renner)

Arrangements (Randy Renner)—Randy met with staff from the Airport International Inn in Williston regarding our annual meeting. The facilities look to be in good shape to meet our needs. The dates of the annual meeting are Feb 8-10 2006.

Program (Randy Renner)—A theme "Northern Great Plains at a Crossroads – A Struggle Between the Needs of Society and North Dakota's Wildlife Resources" has been selected. Papers on grassland loss, oil development, Farm Bill, and invasive species

would fit. A session on wildlife commercialization will be included. There is also a need for a good outreach effort to the membership and the public regarding special sessions. The committee is considering a session for committee chairs to get together for strategic planning at a future annual meeting (probably not in Williston). This would involve a decision by the Board on the Chapter's strategy & mission for 5-10 years, which would be followed by a request for committees to fit in. Will Meeks will contact committee chairs and ask each to provide a list of members, mission, goals, and current topics. This will allow us to see how the committees work together and contribute to the Chapter's membership.

Audit (Tom Sklebar)—An end-of-year audit should be scheduled for this fall.

Membership (Brian Wehausen)—The Board discussed the need to identify a mechanism to capture renewals from members who do not attend the annual meeting.

Nominations (Randy Renner)—The committee is beginning to work on identifying candidates for Executive Board and officer positions. Nominations from the membership are welcome.

NDAG (Casey Anderson)—NTR. The group met in Bismarck in April in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited's partner appreciation.

PRESIDENT ELECT PORTFOLIO (Will Meeks)

Bylaws (Paul Myerchin)—NTR.

Legislative (Darla Lenz)—NTR.

Awards (Will Meeks)—Will is looking for a draft design/cost estimate for a new North Dakota Award for the December meeting. He is also looking for pictures of past North Dakota Award recipients in field settings for a slide show. We need to consider a permanent home for the old award plaque, such as a traveling display or a permanent display at some agency office in the state. Will is also looking for a replacement for Roger Collins to serve as judge for the Best Student Paper Award. The Board extends its deepest gratitude to Roger for his many years of service to the Chapter in this role.

Prairie Chicken (Greg Link)—NTR.

Prairie Resources (Darla Lenz)—The Chapter received a thank you card from the committee for our support of Prairie Day. 75 people attended the event, which included field tours on insects, prairie ecology, the history of Whitestone Battlefield, and wagon

rides. There are no immediate plans to hold another Prairie Day, but those who are interested in another should contact Jill Shaffer or Darla Lenz. The Board discussed having another agency take the lead, with the Chapter providing volunteers and continuing to have the line item in our budget. Mark Sherfy will discuss this idea with Jill Shaffer, and Will Meeks will discuss it with Kristine Askerooth. Any other ideas of how the event could continue to be presented will be appreciated.

PORTFOLIO A (Larry Brooks)

Wetland Resources (Cami Dixon)—NTR.

Fishery Resources (Mike Olson)—NTR.

Historian (Jeremy Duckwitz)—NTR.

NDCTWS Website (Scott Kahan)—NTR.

Wildlife Commercialization (Mike McEnroe)—NTR.

PORTFOLIO B (Allyn Sapa)

Western Lands (Bill Jensen)—NTR. There are some emerging western energy projects that the committee should be informed of, such as new power plants and wind farms. Al will communicate with Bill Jensen on these.

State Wildlife Grants (Chuck Bosch)—NTR.

Education & Outreach (Kristine Askerooth)—Kristine is expecting good number of participants for Food & Habitat Plot contest.

Forest Resources (Brian Prince)—Brian has withdrawn as committee chair. See this issue of the newsletter for a solicitation for a replacement chair.

Invasive Species (Dave Dewald)—Will Meeks reported that the workshop expenses have all been covered.

PORTFOLIO C (Brian Kietzman)

Red River Watershed (Jack Lalor)—NTR.

Missouri River (Randy Renner)—An often misunderstood distinction is between the Corps' Master Plan, which deals with land management, and the Master Manual, which deals with water management. The 4 public meetings on the Master Plan were poorly attended, but there was a good response on comment cards. There will be a meeting soon to determine what's going in the Master Plan. Locals want 5 supermarinas, ATV parks, and campgrounds. Nothing much has happened on the

issue of tribal lands transfer. Comments are currently being compiled.

Devils Lake Basin (Roger Hollevoet)—NTR.

Fundraising (Paul Halko)—Permits are ready for the fundraiser in Williston. This Committee is working with the Arrangements Committee regarding space needs.

PORTFOLIO D (Marsha Sovada)

Northern Great Plains Working Group (Kevin Willis)—NTR.

The next Executive Board meeting will be at Ducks Unlimited in Bismarck, ND on December 13, 2005 at 9:00AM.

Endangered Species (Sandy Hagen, Anne Coyle)—NTR.

Law Enforcement (Jackie Lundstrom)—NTR.

Wildlife Damage Management (Phil Mastrangelo)—NTR.

Finance Committee (Mike Goos)—Another mailing will be going out relative to the endowment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM (MSC Renner/Kietzman)



Finance Committee Letter to Membership

The Finance Committee mailed a letter to the NDCTWS membership on Aug. 9, 2005, which which provided information and requested comment on "The Dakota Prairie Legacy" endowment. Six responses were received and the comments were of significant value and substance. The comments in general support the effort and were fairly consistent in their message.

Summary of comments-

1. All comment letters received support the general endowment idea.
2. All provide guidance that the endowment should support the objectives of the Chapter.
3. All support the concept or idea of an Executive Director. Some now and some as a possibility for future consideration.
4. The majority identified the need for an expanded public information/outreach function. This was identified as either an expansion of the current lobbyist duties or as a function of the Executive Director.
5. The following were single valuable comments:
 - volunteerism is the backbone of the Chapter and the endowment cannot be allowed to diminish this Chapter characteristic
 - continue to seek input, develop support, utilize patience, and be thoughtful
 - Chapter committees should review their efforts and ensure they are aligned with the Chapter's seven objectives.

ND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST REPORT

SCOTT PETERSON

The ND Natural Resources Trust (Trust) Board met on July 21 & 22, 2005 in Bottineau, ND and a summary of the discussion topics at that meeting includes the following:

- **Mid-Term Conservation Easement Program:** Terry Allbee reported that there hasn't been a lot of interest in this program and recommended that the \$13,000 budgeted for this program be transferred to the Beginning Farmer Program. This recommendation was approved by the Board.
- **BOR funding:** Keith Trego updated the Board on his discussions with BOR regarding the ability to gain more flexibility over trust asset allocations. The Board will be discussing this further at the December Board Meeting.
- **Renewable Energy Partnership:** Arnie Kruse reported on the potential of renewable (perennial) energy crops in North Dakota such as switchgrass, CRP grass mix, and alfalfa. He now has a confirmed budget of \$140,000 which is enough to begin preparation work this fall on the upcoming research. Plot seeding will be done in the spring at six experiment stations throughout the state. The Trust membership with the Renewable Energy Partnership has been renewed.
- **Conservation Agriculture:** Sharon Clancy handed out the CA final report to all Board members and Trust Staff. Remaining tasks include closing out farm meetings, holding a final partner meeting will be held in December, and possible attendance at the Agricultural Summit this fall to present the finds of the CA Project.
- **Dan Devlin, SEI,** presented a report on investment trends and what was happening in the market via telephone. The board also reviewed the investment report.
- **Farm and Ranchland Protection Program:** Keith reported that an application was submitted through NRCS for the third easement on the Wachter Ranch in Mercer County. The application was accepted. Fund raising continues to be a major obstacle.

The next NDNRT Board Meeting is scheduled for December 14 & 15, 2005. As always, if any Chapter member has questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Chapter's involvement in Trust activities, they are encouraged to contact Scott Peterson.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

At the September Board meeting there was discussion about committees within the NDCTWS. Recognizing that the committee involvement is the very life of the Chapter we want to evaluate the committees at this time. There was a one-page request to look at the strategic growth of the Chapter sent to each Committee chair.

Understanding that some committees ebb and flow with arising issues, there may be some currently "waiting in the weeds." Nonetheless, please take a few moments to evaluate your committee and where you would like it to go to support the mission of the Chapter.

The Board will use this information for a report at the annual meeting in February at Williston. This effort will allow the committees to come up with some exciting possibilities for action items over the coming years.

Please send the information to Will Meeks (will_meeks@fws.gov), or contact him at 701-848-2722 with questions.



Wildfire NW North Dakota

CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS

The 2006 Theme is "Northern Great Plains at a Crossroads: A Struggle between the Society's needs and North Dakota's Wildlife Resources."

If you are interested in giving a paper or poster at the 2006 annual meeting, please send the title, author(s) name, address and phone number, audio visual equipment needs, and a brief abstract by **DECEMBER 1ST** to:

**NDCTWS Program Committee
P.O. Box 1442
Bismarck, ND 58502**

Abstracts can also be submitted directly to members of the program committee. Mike McEnroe, Dan Svingen, Rick Nelson, Sandra Hagen, Marsha Sovada, Tim Phalen, Will Meeks, and Randy Renner.

The Arrangements Committee is working to organize the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society's 2006 Annual Meeting. Mark your Calendars! The meeting will be held at:



**Airport International Inn
Williston, North Dakota
February 8-10, 2006**

Reservations: 1-888-304-4855



Funding request deadline
December 1, 2005



The Executive Board asks that funding requests be submitted prior to the December executive meeting. The Board recognizes that funding requests requiring immediate attention may still occasionally arise throughout the year. However, funding requests received prior to the December Executive Board meeting will receive priority and ensure equitable funding consideration for Chapter committee projects and partnerships with other organizations.

If you are a Chapter standing committee chair or represent an organization considering Chapter funding during the upcoming year, please contact your respective Executive Board portfolio representative or Mark Sherfy, Chapter Treasure prior to December 1, 2005

NDCTWS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

Purpose

The purpose of the NDCTWS Small Grants Program is to encourage projects that promote the wise management and conservation of wildlife, plants, and other natural resources in North Dakota. Priority will be given to projects in areas that have been traditionally underfunded, such as nongame species conservation and conservation education.

Guidelines

The grant program consists of one or more awards of up to \$1000 for project work occurring in North Dakota. The grant is available to any university, student, professional individual, group, agency, or organizational project. Grants are awarded annually; therefore, successful applicants must reapply each year for future funding.

The grant may be used for travel (within North Dakota) to/from study sites, lodging, expendable equipment, salaries, and supplies. Administrative overhead expenses are ineligible, as are those for durable field equipment such as cameras, computers, GPS units, or surveying equipment. Proposals must be received by December 1, 2005. All proposals are reviewed at the final executive board meeting of the year by the NDCTWS executive board and ranked on the basis of (1) quality of project, (2) meeting the purpose of the NDCTWS Small Grants Program, and (3) budget needs. Grant recipients will be notified by the executive board and will be announced in the newsletter.

Project leaders will submit a 1 to 2 page report summarizing the results of the project to the NDCTWS executive board. Also, an article summarizing the results of the project must be submitted for inclusion in the Chapter newsletter. Grant recipients are encouraged to do an oral presentation or poster at the annual NDCTWS meeting. The name of the Chapter should be acknowledged as a financial supporter on any final reports or publications.

Proposals

Written proposals should not exceed 2 single spaced typewritten pages. The proposal narrative must address the following criteria:

- statement of purpose
- project objectives
- methods
- study area
- target species or audience
- project duration
- benefits to the conservation of natural resources in North Dakota

Literature citations and an itemized budget should be included but do not count toward the 2 page limit. Other sources of support for the project must be identified in the budget. Subcontracting is not allowed. Grantee will be expected to obtain any necessary permits.

Deadline and Mailing Instructions

Deadline for submission of proposals is December 1, 2005. Please mail proposals to: NDCTWS, P.O. Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502. Or send by email to rener@ducks.org

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society has maintained a proud tradition of active involvement on issues affecting North Dakota's natural resources. We have been able to make significant contributions because Chapter members have been willing to take time from their demanding schedules to take an active role in guiding the Chapter. If you know someone who is willing to be a candidate for the Executive Board or President-elect, please contact the Nominations Committee or submit written recommendations to Randy Renner at 2525 River Road, Bismarck, ND 58503, or by calling 701-355-3526. If you are interested in being a candidate, do not wait for a formal request, nominate yourself. All nominations are greatly appreciated. The Nominations Committee will select four candidates for the Executive Board and two individuals to run for President-elect.





NDCTWS
Nominations
Requested



Each year the Chapter recognizes outstanding achievements at the awards banquet. This banquet, when we pause to recognize the contributions of our peers, is truly the highlight of each annual meeting. Please take time this fall to nominate deserving candidates for **The North Dakota Award, The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award** and **Special Recognition Awards**.

The North Dakota Award (Professional Award) is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution towards furthering the aims of professional wildlife endeavors in North Dakota.

The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award is presented to an individual or group that has made a substantial contribution toward preserving and/or establishing high quality wildlife habitat in North Dakota.

In addition, the Chapter presents **Special Recognition Awards** to individuals or groups for their commitment to special projects, issues, or ongoing programs Concerning North Dakota's natural resources. During the past few years individuals have been recognized for efforts concerning prairie education, media coverage of natural resource issues, and the conservation of North Dakota's badlands.

If you know an individual or group deserving of recognition for their contribution, please submit a written nomination.

If an award candidate you nominated last year was not selected, please resubmit the nomination for consideration.

Nominations must be submitted by **DECEMBER 1, 2005**.

Award nominations should be sent to:

Will Meeks
c/o Lostwood NWR
8315 Hwy. 8
Kenmare, ND 58746
Email: Will_Meeks@fws.gov

**NORTH DAKOTA
CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____

Award: *Professional:* _____ *Wildlife Habitat:* _____ *Special Recognition:* _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Present position: _____

Education: _____

Professional Career: _____

Nomination statement:

A typed statement explaining why this individual or group is deserving of recognition. Please explain fully the single accomplishment or series of accomplishments that are noteworthy and should be acknowledged by the Chapter. Include information concerning other awards and honors received, involvement in Chapter and other professional and community organizations, and other relevant information that will help in the selection process. Pertinent news, clippings, letters, or documents to support the nomination may be attached.

Submitted by: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 1, 2005

Return to: Will Meeks C/O Lostwood NWR, 8315 Hwy. 8 Kenmare, ND 58746
Email: Will_Meeks@fws.gov

Who's coming, who's going

Darla Lenz – Darla has recently accepted a District Ranger job at the Ottawa National Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Instead of prairie chickens, sharp-tailed grouse, western prairie fringed orchids and grazing, she will be dealing with wolves, black bear, ruffed grouse, and timber harvesting. Darla has been very active and involved in the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. She leaves as the Chair of the Prairie Resources and the Legislative Committee. The Chapter would like to wish her the best in her new position as well as thank her for all of her hard work and support.

Roger Collins – Roger has recently retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after 31 years of service. Roger has spearheaded the Natural Resource Communicator of the Year Award at the annual meeting for many years. This award lends credibility and professionalism to the meeting and is held in high esteem by many of its recipients. The Chapter would like to extend its special appreciation for his efforts.

Do you know anyone new to the state resource management? Has anyone moved recently, or possibly retired? If so, please our member stay informed. Please provide a small write-up to Adam Ryba, Newsletter Editor (adam_ryba@fws.gov) for inclusion in the newsletter.

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Northern Great Plains Working Group	Kevin Willis	701-250-4403	Kevin_Willis@fws.gov

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students or other Chapter members are asked to notify Brian Wehausen, Membership Chairman, of any address changes. Please mail the change to ND Chapter Wildlife Society, PO Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502-1442. This is greatly appreciated and helps to keep our expenses down.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
OCCUPATION/TITLE _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE # _____
EMPLOYER _____

I am _____ am not _____ a current member of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

- ~ Regular.....\$ 15.00 _____
*Available to any person employed, trained or is a student in a natural resource field.
Entitled to vote in Chapter elections.*

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