Winter 2012

Joint Annual Meeting of the ND Chapter & the MN Chapter of TWS

Learning from Crisis: Opportunities for Ecological Renaissance

February 7-9th, 2012 — Doublewood Inn, Fargo

A block of rooms will be held until January 23rd

Please mention The Wildlife Society when making reservations:
(800) 433-3235, www.doublewoodinn.com
3333 13th Ave S., Fargo, ND 58103

Annual Meeting Events

Tuesday, February 7

Executive Board Meeting: 10:00-12:00 noon
Special Plenary Session: 1:00-5:00 pm
UND Social: 4:00-6:00 pm
Social and Annual Fundraiser Buffet: 6:00-10:00 pm

Wednesday, February 8

Plenary Session 8:00-5:00 pm
Poster Session: 10:00-10:40 am
Student/Professional Lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm
Free for students!!

Members’ Chapter Business Meeting: 1:15 - 5:00 pm
Professional Women in Nat. Res. Social: 4:00-6:00 pm
$10/person RSVP to kristine_askerooth@fws.gov
Students Welcome!

Social and Awards Banquet: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Thursday, February 9

Research Presentations: 8:00-12:00 noon
Awards for Best Presentation/Poster: 12:00 noon

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DEDICATED TO THE WISE USE OF ALL NATURAL RESOURCES
A Message From the President

As I write this message on December 12, 2011, the temperature is 27, a light breeze is blowing out of the north and there is still no snow to speak of! Quite a contrast to the last three winters. Folks still dreaming of a white Christmas are in the minority and it wouldn’t bother me a bit if it stayed like this until March and then got nice! The residents of North Dakota need a break and I’m not just talking about people. Those of you who chased pheasants this fall or still have an unfilled deer tag in your pocket know what I’m talking about. We need an easy winter. And if you’ve had a chance to check out the back forty lately, you’ve noticed that there is a lot less cover out there. Rural North Dakota has been busy and another severe winter would be disastrous for those critters that call North Dakota home. No doubt, this loss of habitat will likely result in depressed wildlife populations for years to come. Without a good habitat base, we can’t expect to see the bounce back like we did after the winter of ’96-’97. As my old friend Kent Luttschwager put it in a presidential speech so many years ago—the pendulum has swung—and I hope we don’t have to wait another 20 years for it to swing back again.

As we move closer to the celebration of our 50th Anniversary, you’ll notice that Al Sapa and the 50th Anniversary Committee have been busy making plans for 2013. When you attend our annual meeting in Fargo in February, you’ll be asked to fill out a questionnaire pertaining to our anniversary. We’ll be looking for your input and ideas on themes, topics, speakers, and activities. We are also looking at doing something big—THE BIG SPLASH—as Al puts it. Be thinking about what our Chapter could do to make 2013 memorable. This is going to be a celebration of 50 years of Wildlife Conservation in North Dakota and with this milestone, comes the unique opportunity to put our message out there. This is our Chapter’s time to shine and we want to do it right. The more input we get the better.

I want to inform the membership of a letter that we recently sent to The Wildlife Society. Our chapter is requesting TWS Council develop a position statement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of our Nation’s Water Resources. This request is a result of numerous discussions this year pertaining to the management of not only North Dakota’s water resources, but the entire nation’s. We felt TWS needed to take the lead in developing this position statement because this isn’t just a North Dakota issue. Dan Svingen has graciously volunteered to be our liaison to TWS as they develop this position statement. I also want to thank those members who acknowledged our pleas to chair various committees. Matt VanThuyne will chair the Wetland Committee, Scott Peterson will chair the Garrison Diversion Committee, and the Red River Watershed Committee will be chaired by Trenton Hieb. In addition, Glen Sargeant and Dan Svingen agreed to co-chair the upcoming CMPS meeting in September. Glen will be Program Chair and Dan will serve as Arrangements Chair.

You’ll notice in this newsletter that our next annual meeting will be in Fargo in February. Jane Austin and the Program and Arrangements Committees are putting the final touches on what will be another excellent conference. And since we won’t be getting any snow this winter, there shouldn’t be any excuses for not attending! It’s been awhile since we’ve had the chance to mingle with our friends in the Minnesota Chapter so make a point to be there. You won’t be disappointed. Have a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing all of you in Fargo next year.

Brian Kietzman, President
NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:
Tuesday, February 7, 2012
10:00 A.M.
Doublewood Inn, Fargo
Just prior to the annual meeting

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ND & MN Chapters of The Wildlife Society
February 7-9, 2012, Doublewood Inn, Fargo, North Dakota

The Wildlife Society NEWS

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- A new position statement on Global Climate Change & Wildlife was recently approved by TWS Council
- A committee was formed to write a Technical Review of the effects of shale gas development on wildlife
- Look for the TWS Video, which was debuted at the annual conference—it will be available soon.
- The 2012 TWS Conference will be October 13-17 in Portland, Oregon and will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary.

Wildlife Professional takes a look at Energy Issues

Articles in the issue include: Keeping an Eye on Energy, After Peak Oil, A Voice of Caution over Fracking, States Take Action on Fracking, Long Island’s New Solar Neighbor, Fueling the Bioenergy Debate.

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III.COMMITTEE REPORTS

President’s Portfolio – Brian Kietzman
1. Secretary/Treasurer – Board discussed and made revision to the 2012 draft budget. Motion was made to accept the draft budget. MSC=Svingen, Anderson

2. CMPS – Glen Sargeant—NTR. Discussion was made on the location for the event. Consensus was made to still have the CMPS meeting in Bismarck. Glen Sargeant agreed to be Program Chair and Dan Svingen would serve as Arrangements Chair. Conference is scheduled for Sept. 10-14, 2012.

3. Natural Resources Trust – Scott Peterson—NTR

4. Resolutions and Public Statements – Brian Kietzman- Two new resolutions on management of the Missouri River were discussed: 1) “A resolution on the future of the Missouri River Basin management.”; 2) “A resolution supporting contemporary management of the Missouri River.” Motion was made to submit the two Missouri River Management Resolutions to the membership and publish them into the next newsletter for a vote during the annual meeting in February. (MSC-Austin, Svingen). Another resolution, “A Resolution supporting development of a comprehensive strategy for addressing fish and wildlife impacts from oil and gas development in North Dakota” was also presented and discussed. A motion was made to submit the Oil and Gas Development Resolution to the membership and publish them into the next newsletter for a vote during the annual meeting in February. (MSC-Austin, Anderson).

5. Finance – Mike Goos—NTR

Past President’s Portfolio – Jane Austin
1. Arrangements – Jane Austin–Jane A. and Bill Bicknell provided a draft of the schedule of events and the proposed meeting space for the 2012 annual meeting.

2. Program – Jane Austin–So far has commitments from 17 poster presenters at our annual meeting. We have 21 oral presentations slots and currently are a few short to fill the available slots. More contacts will be made to fulfill the remaining few slots.

3. Audit – Tom Sklebar- Scott C. provided the audit report from Goodhart-Mahlum PC.

4. Membership – Pat Isakson—NTR.

5. Nominations – Jane Austin–We have four candidates for the Board. Currently have no candidates for president but have several excellent potentials.

6. Fundraising – Chuck Bosch—NTR

Pres.-Elec’s Portfolio – Scott Mcleod
1. Bylaws – Paul Myerchin—NTR Motion was made we add into Article VII- Section 5. “Position statements will expire after 10 years or by a date indicated. At that time, the positions statements will be reviewed by the Executive Board to determine whether the statement should be renewed with or without revisions." (MSC-Austin, Anderson)

2. Legislative – Mike McEnroe. Mike offered to continue as our lobbyist in 2013 but plans to retire after the next legislative session.

3. Awards – Scott McLeod – The Board reviewed 3 nominations for the North Dakota Award and selected a recipient. No nominations were submitted for the Special Recognition or Habitat Awards this year. The Board identified a recipient for the Special Recognition Award. Award nominations for undergraduate and graduate students and the Case of the Year Award will be forthcoming. Motion was made to have a Special Achievement Award at this years’ annual meeting. (MSC-Austin, McLeod)

4. Small Grants – Scott McLeod– No small grants were requested in 2011 for funding in the 2012 budget.

5. Law Enforcement – Jackie Lundstrom & Tim Phalen— NTR

6. Communications – Carol Aron & Jeremy Quinn—The communications committee recently developed a basic Facebook page for the NDCTWS. The page is linked with the TWS Facebook page and will be updated routinely.
Other issues include the opportunity for the Chapter to use the 50th milestone to get its message out to the public through papers, interviews, magazine articles, etc. The Chapter was notified that its article in the TWS “The Wildlife Professional” magazine is scheduled for publication in the winter issue, December 2012. The Chapter plans to purchase a copy of the magazine for each member attending the Anniversary Conference. We will also be working with North Dakota “Outdoors” for an article later this year. There will be a lot of effort this coming year to bring together the many ideas that are being considered for the Anniversary year. The Committee will appreciate any offer of assistance! The 2012 Annual Conference will be the last time we get together before we celebrate the Chapters 50th Anniversary. The 50th Anniversary Committee will be seeking membership input at the Annual conference on how to celebrate this mile stone event. Bring your ideas and suggestions to help make this the best that it can be. If you can’t make the meeting, send your ideas to Al Sapa at asap@bis.midco.net

Portfolio B – Kathy Baer
1. Western Lands – Bill Jensen-NTR
2. State Wildlife Grants – Bruce Kreft - NTR
3. Professional Women in Natural Resources—Cami Dixon—NTR
4. Education and Outreach.—Kristine Askerooth—NTR
5. Invasive Species—Dave Dewald—NTR

Portfolio C – Dan Halstead
1. Missouri River – Al Sapa. Since the last reporting period, the Committee has been monitoring developments in the aftermath of spring/summer flooding on the river. Two resolutions have been drafted for the membership to consider at our annual meeting which address, 1) adapting to the flood in the Bismarck-Mandan area, and 2) modernizing the rivers management scheme, currently dictated by the 1944 Flood Control Act. (See RESOLUTIONS and STATEMENTS section)

2. Garrison Diversion – Scott Peterson is the new chair.
4. Red River Watershed – Trenton Hieb is the new chair.

Portfolio D – Dan Svingen
2. Endangered Species – Eric Rosenuquist & Patrick Isakson-NTR
3. Wildlife Damage Management – Phil Mastrangelo-NTR
4. Legacy Trust Initiative – Bill Bicknell reported.
5. Tribal Wildlife – Dave Azure & Jeremy Quinn-The committee will again focus on direct invitations to the Annual Meeting for tribal agency personnel and tribal college students through mailings and personal meetings.

NEW BUSINESS (not covered above)
Mike McEnroe provided the following update: Ducks Unlimited and The Nature Conservancy have been working on an initiated measure to use 5% of the State’s oil tax funds for conservation purposes. The proposal would amount to about $50 million per year (at today’s tax rate and energy production) and would be overseen by a 9-member board of directors; four appointed by the Governor from a list provided by the Director of the Game and Fish Department, four selected by the State House and Senate Majority and Minority leaders, and one individual selected by the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Funds would be used to provide grants for conservation projects proposed by agencies and organizations. As a constitutional amendment, the initiated measure would require some 27,000 signatures to get on the ballot for the November 2012 election.

Next Chapter Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th at 10-12:00 at the Doublewood Inn, just before our annual meeting in Fargo, ND.

Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 2.47 pm.
SUE KVAS

Education: B.S. Biology, North Dakota State University, 1994

Present Position: Supervisory Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Habitat and Population Evaluation Team (HAPET), USFWS, Bismarck, ND, November 2010 to present


Chapter Activities: NDCTWS since 2001.

Statement: I was a bit surprised when asked to be a candidate for the Chapter President-elect position. I think I asked Jane when she called if she was asking me who would make a good candidate, not if I would run. I hesitated at first, thinking of how busy I was with work and other things. A 3-year commitment seems like a long time. But I realized most people are in the same situation I am. Part of my hesitation was that I have not participated as a chapter board member or committee member and am unfamiliar with how the Chapter works. I have a great passion for conservation and I know the Chapter is engaged in issues that can be challenging. There has been considerable change across the landscape in North Dakota over the past few years: wind development, oil and gas, climate change, conversion of native prairie, tilling and drainage of wetlands, and CRP loss and these issues will impact all of us. I believe in order to address these changes, we must get Chapter members more involved and take on these challenges together rather than separate entities. With the diversity of the Chapter members, we can be successful getting our voices heard. If elected, I promise you my dedication and that I will serve to the best of my ability.
CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

ROB BUNDY—Education: B.S. Wildlife Biology, Kansas State University 1989; M.S. Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1997

Current Position: Project Leader, USFWS, Tewaukon NWR/WMD, Since August 2009

Previous Positions: Deputy Project Leader, Sheldon-Hart Mountain NWR Complex, Lakeview, OR; Refuge Manager, Bear Lake NWR, Montpelier, ID; Wildlife Biologist, Stillwater NWR, Fallon, NV; Refuge Manager, Coachella Valley NWR, Palm Springs, CA; Field Supervisor, The Nature Conservancy, Reno, NV; Research Assistant, University of Missouri-Columbia, Numerous Biotech positions with Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, Missouri Department of Conservation, University of Missouri, and Kansas State University back to 1987

Chapter Activities: Member for 1 year

Statement: When I first received the call from Jane Austin asking whether I would be interested in running for the Executive Board, my initial thought was “Wow, they must really have a difficult time getting folks to take this position if they are asking me.” Being new to North Dakota, I have been a member of the ND chapter for less than a year, and I wasn’t sure what I would really have to offer. Jane mentioned that she had had little experience with the State chapter besides attending annual meetings when she ran for president, but then it hit me – what I may have to offer is an outside, fresh perspective and experience with TWS in other parts of the country. I have been in the wildlife profession for 25 years and in that time, I have worked for two Universities (Kansas State and Univ. of Missouri Columbia), two State Agencies (Minnesota DNR, Wisconsin DNR), and at seven National Wildlife Refuges in four Regions (1, 3, 6, and 8). Maybe it isn’t my experience with the ND State Chapter that is important, but instead, maybe it is my past experience with multiple disciplines in our profession. I am certain that the experience will help me grow as a wildlife professional and I would be honored to serve on the executive board and share my experience in return.

BILL JENSEN—Education: BS in Biology from University of Wisconsin – River Falls (1978), MA in Biology from Northern Michigan University (1982), and PhD in Biology from University of North Dakota (1988)

Present Position: Big Game Biologist North Dakota Game and Fish Department Big Game Biologist.

Previous Positions: Biologist and field technician with US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Minnesota DNR, and Wisconsin DNR. Instructor at UND and NMU

NDCTWS Positions and Interests: Member since 1984, Life Member since 1990. Chair of Western Lands Committee since (1991 to present). My primary areas of interest and concern for the chapter focus on energy development in western North Dakota, promoting youth having and active life in the outdoors, and promoting the North American Model of Wildlife conservation

Personal Interests: I grew up in northern Wisconsin hunting, fishing and trapping and have a strong interest in all aspects of the natural world. Outside of work I am very active as an adult leader with Boy Scouts and enjoy backpacking, canoeing, cycling, and SCUBA diving. I also enjoy reading history, particularly historic journals and American Indian history. Laura and I have three sons (ages 18, 16, and 13) and a daughter (age 6).

AARON PEARSE—Education: B.S., Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, Kansas State University, 1998; M.S., Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, 2002; Ph.D., Wildlife Resources, Mississippi State University, 2007

Present Position: Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Jamestown, ND (2007-present)

Chapter Activities: I have been a member of The Wildlife Society since 2002 and, since moving to Jamestown in 2007, I have been member of the North Dakota Chapter. I served as an executive board member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section of TWS 2010-2012.

Statement: My professional interests include ecology and management of waterfowl and wetland habitats and management of wildlife in agricultural dominated landscapes. These interests align well with the vast natural resources that exist in North Dakota. I am excited to work with other wildlife professionals on important issues within the state and region. I believe that the Wildlife Society has key role in the wildlife profession as a source of information, a venue for collaboration, and a voice for its membership. I would be honored to represent and serve the membership of North Dakota TWS as an executive board member.

MIKE SZYMANSKI—Education: B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology and Minor in Geography/GIS, 2001, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND; M.S. in Wildlife Biology and Graduate Minor in Experimental Statistics, 2004, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Present Position: Migratory Game Bird Biologist, North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. (2004-present)


Chapter Activities: Student member (1999-2001); Chapter Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award (2001); Regular Member (2004, 2005); Lifetime Member (2006-present); NDCTWS Membership Coordinator (2006-2011); frequently attend Legislative and Energy Committee meetings

Other TWS Activities: LSU student chapter member (2002-2004); TWS member (2003-present)

Statement: Growing up in North Dakota and having lived in several of the state, I’ve had the benefit of experiencing the amazing outdoor opportunities that our state has to offer, and know what is at stake to be lost. Having lived in other parts of the country and working on committees that deal with migratory bird issues across North America make the stakes at hand ever more salient. Demands on our wildlife resources and environment have become greater than ever, and will continue to impact the things we love. Our Chapter has an excellent and successful history of being “at the table”, helping to guide decisions that affect our wildlife resources in North Dakota. I would look forward to the opportunity to be an Executive Board member, assisting the Chapter in championing the wise use of our natural resources.
NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE ANNUAL MEETING?
YOUR VOICE STILL NEEDS TO BE HEARD
Please do not forget to cast your vote for
President-Elect and Executive Board Candidates

ABSENTEE BALLOT

President-Elect Candidates
(Vote for one)

☐ Todd Frerichs
☐ Sue Kvas

Executive Board Candidates
(Vote for two)

☐ Rob Bundy
☐ Bill Jensen
☐ Aaron Pearse
☐ Mike Szymanski

Voting Member Signature: ____________________________________________

In accordance with Article V, Section 2, Clause A “To be valid, signed ballots from members absent at the Annual Meeting shall be received by the Secretary-Treasurer at least 48 hours before the start of the Annual Meeting.”

This ballot must be received by February 5, 2012.
Mail to North Dakota Chapter TWS, PO Box 1442, Bismarck, ND 58502-1442.
RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS — 30-day Notice

A resolution supporting development of a comprehensive strategy for addressing fish and wildlife impacts from oil and gas development in North Dakota

Preamble: Fish and wildlife resources and our western outdoor heritage are being significantly challenged by rapid oil and gas development in western North Dakota without adequate oversight. Opportunities exist to avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts, while at the same time accommodating development. Immediate action is required by State agencies with responsibilities for natural resources.

Whereas: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society is a non-profit organization representing more than 350 natural resource professionals across North Dakota, and

Whereas: Many of our Chapter professionals work towards conservation of the natural resources found in the areas impacted by oil and gas development, and

Whereas: The fish and wildlife resources found in western North Dakota are important to our State's quality of life and heritage, through hunting, fishing, trapping, and a variety of non-consumptive outdoor activities. The very survival of this heritage is at risk from the current oil and gas development, and

Whereas: The North Dakota Game and Fish Department, in its May 2011 report entitled “Potential Impacts of Oil and Gas Development on Select North Dakota Natural Resources”, identified significant problems for fish and wildlife associated with oil and gas development that are applicable in the State, and

Whereas: Currently, oil and gas development is significantly affecting fish and wildlife resources, and without immediate corrective actions may result in irreversible losses of these resources, and

Whereas: Chapter members toured areas impacted by oil and gas development in June 2011, and observed examples of inappropriate siting, poor management practices, open pits, high pollution runoff potential, and significant wildlife habitat loss that could have been avoided, minimized, or mitigated with best management practices and still accommodate development, and, these observations are outlined in the Chapter's December 2011 report to its membership entitled “Observations and Recommendations to Reduce Fish and Wildlife Impacts Based on a Tour through the Oil Patch”, and

Whereas: The many hard lessons that were learned in 2011 with numerous instances of inundated reserve pits, flooded well sites, spills, draining or pumping of well site waste water into the Missouri River and its drainages, compromising the quality of North Dakota's waters and wildlife resources, provide ample evidence that preventive actions are needed to protect fish and wildlife resources and water quality of the Missouri River, lakes and streams that are used by the people of North Dakota, and

Whereas: Practical best management practices using currently available scientific data are needed to preserve the State's fish and wildlife heritage. Among practices that should be included are elimination of open reserve pits, use of photography, GIS data, and resource and topography maps to avoid siting in wetlands, waterways, intermittent streams, woody draws, and sensitive wildlife areas such as leks, eagle nests, and known wildlife wintering areas, the stricter enforcement and documentation of on and off site waste water and salt water disposal, and the use of no-surface occupancy structures, and

Therefore be it resolved that: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society asks Governor Dalrymple to oversee a comprehensive strategy by State agencies with administrative responsibilities for wildlife, water, land, environmental quality, and oil and gas permitting, to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife resources from oil and gas development. The strategy should include best management practices using currently available scientific data, and

Therefore be it further resolved that: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society asks the State legislative leaders to coordinate with the Governor and State agencies to develop legislative authority, funding, and additional staffing for State agencies to carry out a comprehensive strategy to protect the State's western wildlife heritage, and

Therefore be it further resolved that: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society ask the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to immediately present to sister State agencies its May 2011 Oil and Gas report for purposes of crafting comprehensive strategies including best management practices to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife resources, and

Therefore be it resolved that: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society asks the Industrial Commission, Oil and Gas Division to actively consult with State agencies in order to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy that avoids, minimizes, or mitigates impacts to fish and wildlife from oil and gas development.

This resolution will be forwarded along with the Chapters report entitled “Observations and Recommendations to Reduce Fish and Wildlife Impacts Based on a Tour through the Oil Patch” (December 2011), to: Governor Dalrymple, Leadership of the North Dakota Legislature, Director, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, and Director, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Oil and Gas Division, Director, North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota State Engineer, and the Executive Director of the North Dakota Petroleum Council.

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A resolution supporting contemporary management of the Missouri River

Preamble: The epic 2011 flood on the Missouri River resulted in great economic loss and emotional and physical stress. This event and past and predicted future flooding events throughout the Missouri River Basin have resulted in calls for increased flood control and better management of the Missouri River System. This catalyst provides a unique opportunity to evaluate the full range of impacts to the communities and environmental stability of the river and develop plans to avoid, minimize, or mitigate future losses. Initiating a coordinated response will provide the needed structure for community based solutions to emerge that are economically and environmentally sustainable and compatible with the basin wide management of the Missouri river system.

Whereas: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society is a non-profit organization representing more than 350 natural resource professionals across North Dakota, and

Whereas: Many of our Chapter professionals work toward conservation of the natural resources found in and near the Missouri River, and

Whereas: The fish and wildlife resources found in and near the Missouri River generate millions of dollars to the local, regional and national economies, and are important to the quality of life of our communities, and

Whereas: All the factors that have contributed to past flooding such as sediment buildup, ice jams, Heart and Knife River flows, restricted floodplain corridor, and large precipitation and runoff events on the main stem are still in place and will result in future flooding, and

Whereas: Operation of the main stem dams and stabilization of the riverbank has created a false sense of security that has encouraged developments in the rivers floodplain areas that are not secure or sustainable, and

Whereas: Floods are natural and predicted events, and the economic and social impacts from those floods are largely the result of floodplain planning and zoning decisions, and

Whereas: Working with the natural river fluctuations rather than repeatedly battling the forces of nature is more likely to be sustainable and economic, and

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RESOLUTIONS AND STATEMENTS

A resolution on the future of the Missouri River Basin management

Preamble: Management of the Missouri River under the 1944 Flood Control Act is outdated and needs to be modernized. Recent flooding events throughout the Missouri River Basin have resulted in calls for increased flood control and better management of the Missouri River System. This catalyst provides an opportunity to complete a comprehensive review of the Missouri River’s authorized purposes, and develop modern legislation addressing contemporary needs throughout the Missouri River Basin.

Whereas: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society is a non-profit organization representing more than 350 natural resource professionals across North Dakota, and

Whereas: Many of our Chapter professionals work toward conservation of the natural resources found in and near the Missouri River, and

Whereas: The fish and wildlife resources found in and near the Missouri River in North Dakota and the basin generate millions of dollars to the local, regional and national economies, and contribute significantly to the quality of life in our communities, and

Whereas: The epic 2011 flooding event, and those occurring in the past and predicted to occur in the future, have and will continue to result in economic losses and emotional and physical stress to individuals and whole communities without modernizing management of the river purposes, and

Whereas: Working with the natural river flows rather than trying to overcome the forces of nature is a more sustainable and economically viable approach, and

Whereas: The numerous benefits provided by the authorized purposes of river management far outweigh over managing for the single purpose of flood control, and show that a basin-wide, multiple use solution is the most practical to implement, and

Whereas: Management decisions must be compatible with basin wide contemporary uses for the river system, and

Whereas: An objective analysis that results in sustainable solutions must include a balanced approach including the disciplines of hydrology, economics, biology, engineering, and human dimensions and

Whereas: The Corps of Engineers has initiated and completed the public input phase of the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study but lacks funding to finish the Study’s comprehensive and objective assessment of contemporary uses of the Missouri River that is essential for decision making at all levels of government, and

Therefore be it resolved that: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society asks Governor Dalrymple to urge our congressional leaders to reinstate funding and direct the Corps to complete the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study in an accelerated timeframe, and use the study’s findings to modernize river management including contemporary management of the authorized purposes and benefits of the river, and

Therefore be it further resolved that: The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society asks the North Dakota Congressional Delegation to support and endorse the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study recognizing that this comprehensive study will result in a timely objective analysis of river management opportunities, providing decision makers with essential information to identify sustainable solutions, that are both economically and environmentally sound.

This resolution will be forwarded to the following: Governor Dalrymple, ND Game and Fish Director, North Dakota’s Congressional Delegation, Wildlife Society Chapters along the Missouri River (MT, SD, NE, IA, KS, MO), American Fisheries Chapters along the Missouri River (MT, Dakotas, NE, IA, KS, MO), The Wildlife Society National Office, Mayors Warford and Helbling, Burleigh and Morton County Commissioners, Corps of Engineers, Omaha

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO Article VII Section 5. RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

“A Resolution or statement will expire ten (10) years after approval or by a date specified in the resolution or statement. Prior to expiration, the resolution or statement will be reviewed by the Executive Board to determine whether the resolution or statement should be re-approved using the same procedure described above in Section 5 and whether modifications are needed.”
## NDCTWS DRAFT 2012 BUDGET

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**OVERALL TOTAL**  **- $1,633.00**
Carlson McCain, Inc. (www.carlsonmccain.com) has openings for a wetland scientist and a biologist with a botany emphasis in our Bismarck, ND office, starting late winter 2012. Most work is related to environmental permitting for energy development in western ND. Both positions require field work in rigorous terrain, out-of-town travel, GIS experience, and technical writing skills. Experience with USACE wetland delineation guidelines is preferred. Please send cover letter and resume / CV and questions to Greg Meyer, at jobs@carlsonmccain.com

Ducks Unlimited (http://www.ducks.org/jobs) seeks highly-motivated field technicians for research focused on evaluating the role of Winter Wheat as breeding habitat for ducks and shorebirds and its potential to be used as a tool to mitigate habitat loss and fragmentation in agricultural landscapes. Duties will include chain dragging for nests from ATVs. Field crews will be stationed in central North Dakota. Housing is provided. The positions will begin in early April and continue until mid July. Applicants can find the full job announcement and instructions on how to apply at our website.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/) provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment. The NRCS hires students for trainee positions. Duties are designed to provide experience in the application of soil and water conservation principles and the planning and application of resource management systems. Contact Darlita J. Sarkilahti at (701) 530-2008 or email Darlita.Sarkilahti@nd.usda.gov or click “Join the North Dakota Conservation Team” on the website.

The Nature Conservancy (www.nature.org/careers/) plans to fill approximately 10 seasonal positions to assist with piping plover and grassland monitoring, preserve management, and controlled burning activities. The positions will be located in Lisbon and Washburn, ND. More information concerning the positions can be obtained by contacting Eric Hoff 701-439-0841 (Lisbon positions) or Eric Rosenquist (701) 794-8741 (Washburn positions) or by visiting The Nature Conservancy website.

ND Game and Fish Department’s Wildlife and Fisheries Divisions (http://gf.nd.gov/about/gnfjobs.html) hire seasonal fisheries and wildlife aides for summer positions each year. Most of these positions start in mid-May and extend into August. All applications for summer positions must be received by February 1, 2012 for Fisheries (Scott Elstad at 701-220-1036, selstad@nd.gov) and February 18, 2012 for Wildlife Division (Scott Petersen at 701-324-2211, speterso@nd.gov).

Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center (http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov) in Jamestown employs seasonal biological science technician to work on a wide variety of wildlife research studies in the Northern Great Plains. Duties vary and may include bird censuses; capturing and tracking wildlife using radio telemetry; invertebrate sampling; vegetation sampling in wetland and grassland environments; amphibian population assessment; waterfowl surveys; and censusing mammalian predators. Click on the employment link on our website for more information.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (www.usajobs.gov) plans to hire several seasonal biological science technicians to work on National Wildlife Refuges and Wetland Management Districts throughout North Dakota and the surrounding region. These positions typically start in mid-May and extend into August. Refuges’ summer positions are listed as Biological Science Technicians on the USAJOBS website. For more details on the specific job duties, contact the refuge or wetland management district where you plan to apply, or e-mail dave_azure@fws.gov or cami_dixon@fws.gov The Department of the Interior provides online access to seasonal and permanent job opportunities at the (USAJOBS) website.

U.S. Forest Service (http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/openings.shtml) fills a variety of both seasonal and permanent positions in their wildfire fighting, recreational, and environmental programs. For more information contact the nearest U.S. Forest Service Office or review the information concerning temporary and permanent jobs at our website.

Texas A&M University’s (http://wfsc.tamu.edu/jobboard/) Depart. of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences maintains a great source of information concerning employment opportunities and internships throughout the country and internationally.
Joint Annual Meeting of the ND Chapter & the MN Chapter of TWS

Learning from Crisis: Opportunities for Ecological Renaissance

February 7-9th, 2012 — Doublewood Inn, Fargo

DRAFT AGENDA

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2012

10:00 – 5:00 Registration – Lobby
1:10 – 1:20 Welcome and Opening Remarks –
  Brian Kietzman, President, North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society
  Mike Larson, President, Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Session 1 – Plenary – N&E  Session Moderator – Rob Bundy
1:20 – 1:50 Flooding & River Management—Mike Hayden – Missouri River Association of States and Tribes
1:50 – 2:10 State of the Prairies—Kevin Doherty – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
2:10 – 2:30 Impacts of Climate Change and Opportunities for Wildlife Management—TBA
2:30 – 2:50 Invasive Species in a Rapidly Changing Environment—Luke Skinner – Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
2:50 – 3:10 BREAK

Session 2 – Plenary Continued Woodland – Woodland N&E  Session Moderator – Aaron Pearse
3:10 – 3:30 Managing Wildlife Disease—Erika Butler – Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
3:30 – 3:50 Changing USDA Conservation Programs—Scott McLeod – U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
4:10 – 4:40 Panel Synopsis / Discussion with Presenters and the Audience—Keith Trego and Dan Svedarsky
4:00 – 6:00 University of North Dakota Alumni Social – Walnut
6:00 – 7:00 Fundraiser Social – Woodland South
7:00 – 10:00 Fundraiser Buffet and Auction – Woodland South

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Session 3 – Avian Ecology – Woodland N&E  session Moderator – Mike Szymanski
8:00 – 5:00 Registration – Lobby
8:00 – 8:05 Announcements
8:05 – 8:25 Spring Migration Corridors, Flight Parameters, and Inferred Breeding Sites Of Female Lesser Scaup Using Pool 19 Of The Mississippi River: The Importance Of Minnesota And North Dakota Habitats—Alan D. Afton, USGS-Louisiana Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, Louisiana State University, Mark Mitchell - University of Illinois and Sean Jenkins -Western Illinois University
8:25 – 8:45 Patterns of Refuge Use by Post-Fledging Ring-Necked Ducks Before And During Hunting Season In Minnesota—Christine Herwig and Charlotte Roy - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
8:45 – 9:05 Grassland Songbird Responses to Vegetative Structure And Composition Within the Devils Lake and Arrowwood Wetland Management—Dustin J. VanThuyne, Brett J. Goodwin, and Kathryn A. Yurkonis - University of North Dakota
9:05 – 9:25 Landscape Analysis: What Do You REALLY Need?—Douglas H. Johnson - USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center and Mary Ann Cunningham- Vassar College
9:25 – 9:45 Eggshell Thickness and Mercury In Minnesota Common Goldeneye and Hooded Merganser Eggs: A Follow-Up—David P. Rave and Michael C. Zicus - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
9:45 – 10:05 The Use of Avian Museum Specimens for Conservation Genetics—Gregory O. Cain & Igor V. Ovchinnikov -University of North Dakota
10:05 – 10:40 EXTENDED BREAK – POSTER VIEWING SESSION

Session 4 – Conservation – Woodland N&E  
session Moderator – Bill Jensen

10:40 – 11:00 The Conservation of Airspace and Habitat in a Major Migration Corridor—Anna Peterson and Gerald Nien - Natural Resources Research Institute, University Of MN Duluth

11:00 – 11:20 Observations on Wildlife Impacts From Oil Development in Northwestern North Dakota, June 2011—Mike McEnroe and Allyn Sapa – North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society

11:20 – 11:40 Minnesota Conservation Measure – How the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council is structured and Conducted—Mike Kilgore – University of Minnesota/ Past-chair Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council

11:40 – 12:00 Proposed ND Initiated Measure — Steve Adair

12:00 – 1:00 Student Professional Luncheon – Birch & Walnut

1:00 – 5:00 Members’ Chapter Business Meetings

Minnesota: Woodland East
North Dakota: Woodland North

4:00 – 6:00 Professional Women’s Social – Walnut

6:00 – 7:00 Social Hour – Woodland South

7:00 – 10:00 Awards Banquet – – Woodland South

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Session 5 – Amphibian and Mammalian Ecology – Woodland N&E

session Moderator – TBA

8:00 – 8:05 Announcements

8:05 – 8:25 Frogs In Space: Ecological and Molecular Studies of the Population Structure of Wood Frogs (Lithobates Sylvaticus) on the Northern Great Plains—Robert Newman - University of North Dakota

8:25 – 8:45 Survey of the Genetic Diversity of Northern Leopard Frog Populations in North Dakota —Justin Fisher, Kevin Purcell, and Craig Stockwell - North Dakota State University

8:45 – 9:05 Biodiversity Modeling with InVEST: Assessing Amphibian Habitat Quality—Jordan L. Neau, David M. Mushet, and Ned H. Euliss, Jr. – USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

9:05 – 9:25 Distribution and Habitat Use of North Dakota Bats—Paul R. Barnhart and Erin Gillam - North Dakota State University

9:25 – 9:45 Determining Causes of Mortality in a Declining Moose Population in Northeast Minnesota—Erika Butler, Michelle Carstensen, Glenn DelGiudice - MN Department of Natural Resources and Mike Schrage - Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

9:45 – 10:05 Cryptosporidium in Small Mammals From North Dakota, Minnesota, and Tennessee—Brianna Schnick Stenger, Vince Lanctot, Mark Clark, Catherine Giddings, and John McEvoy – North Dakota State University

10:05 – 10:20 Break

Session 6 – Water and wetland ecology session Moderator – TBA


10:40 – 11:00 Uncoupling Effects of Climate Cycles and Land Use upon Water-Level Dynamics and Amphipod Densities in Wetlands of the Prairie Pothole Region—Mark T. Wiltzemuth – USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center and North Dakota State University and Michael J. Anteau - USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center

11:00 – 11:20 Watershed Restoration for Shallow lakes: A Conservation Bridge Too Far?—Mark A. Hanson - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Brian R. Herwig - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Kyle D. Zimmer - University of St. Thomas, Sean R. Vaught - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Robert Wright - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and William O. Hobbs - St. Croix Watershed Research Station


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Presentation of best professional and student papers and student poster awards

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

POSTERS: (Wednesday 10:05—10:40)

Past and Present Distributions Of Insects In Eastern North Dakota—Julia A. Beard and Brett J. Goodwin

A Noninvasive Sampling Method in Small Avian Museum Specimens—Gregory O. Cain, Rebecca A. Eckroad, and Igor V. Ovchinnikov


Herbivory Impacts on Restored Prairie Plant Composition in North Dakota—Nick Dunham and Sally Markegard

Suppressing Canada Thistle Establishment By Spiking Native Seed Mixes Used to Seed Conservation Lands—Steven Fasching, Jack E. Norland, Kristine Askerooth, Cami Dixon, and Kyle Kelsey

Agricultural Subsoil Pattern Tile Drainage in the Dakotas: Spatial Analysis of Potential Impacts to Wetlands and Landscape Hydrology—Ray Finocchario


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NDSU Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society

The North Dakota State University Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society provides members with the opportunity to gain extra-curricular experience and information in an exciting, hands-on and collaborative manner, while also working to improve both the environment and community. The chapter has had limited membership for the last few years, but this year with modest advertising there has been a rebound of student interest. The Society is now up and running again with about 30 members and a slate of new officers:

- President: Joshua Pierce
- Vice President: Travis Strehlow
- Treasurer: David Renton
- Secretary: Barbarah Back

The Society is planning for an exciting spring semester which will kick off with a pizza party and Doug Leier with the North Dakota Fish and Game Department as our featured speaker.

*From invasive species removal to prairie restoration to building wood duck houses, we are keen on giving back to the community, environment, and of course, our wildlife, in addition to gaining hands-on experience during our Society activities*

We are planning a trip to Ely, Minnesota to the International Wolf Center, where members will receive a short course in wolf ecology and radio telemetry. We will have the unique opportunity to radio-track wild wolves!

Also in February, our student chapter plans to attend the North Dakota Wildlife Society Chapter Meetings in Fargo.
The Chapter is Yours!

Have you ever wondered how to be more involved? There is no better way to stay up on natural resource issues in North Dakota than to be part of the committees of the ND Chapter of TWS.

Committees Include:

- Membership
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- Missouri River
- Devil’s Lake Basin
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- Prairie Resources
- Red River Watershed
- Northern Great Plains
- Endangered Species
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- Legacy Trust Initiative
- Tribal Wildlife

All Active Committees Are Currently Searching for New Members

Contact information is available on page 4

Chair positions are open for Energy Committee and Historian

As a member of the NDCTWS, you are also a member of the Central Mountains and Plains Section (CMPS) of The Wildlife Society. The Section newsletter is now available:

http://joomla.wildlife.org/CMP/
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Students or other Chapter members are asked to notify Patrick Isakson, 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.

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Regular (Senior)  $15.00

For members 55 years or older with 5 or more years of previous Chapter membership.

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—Ruth Stout