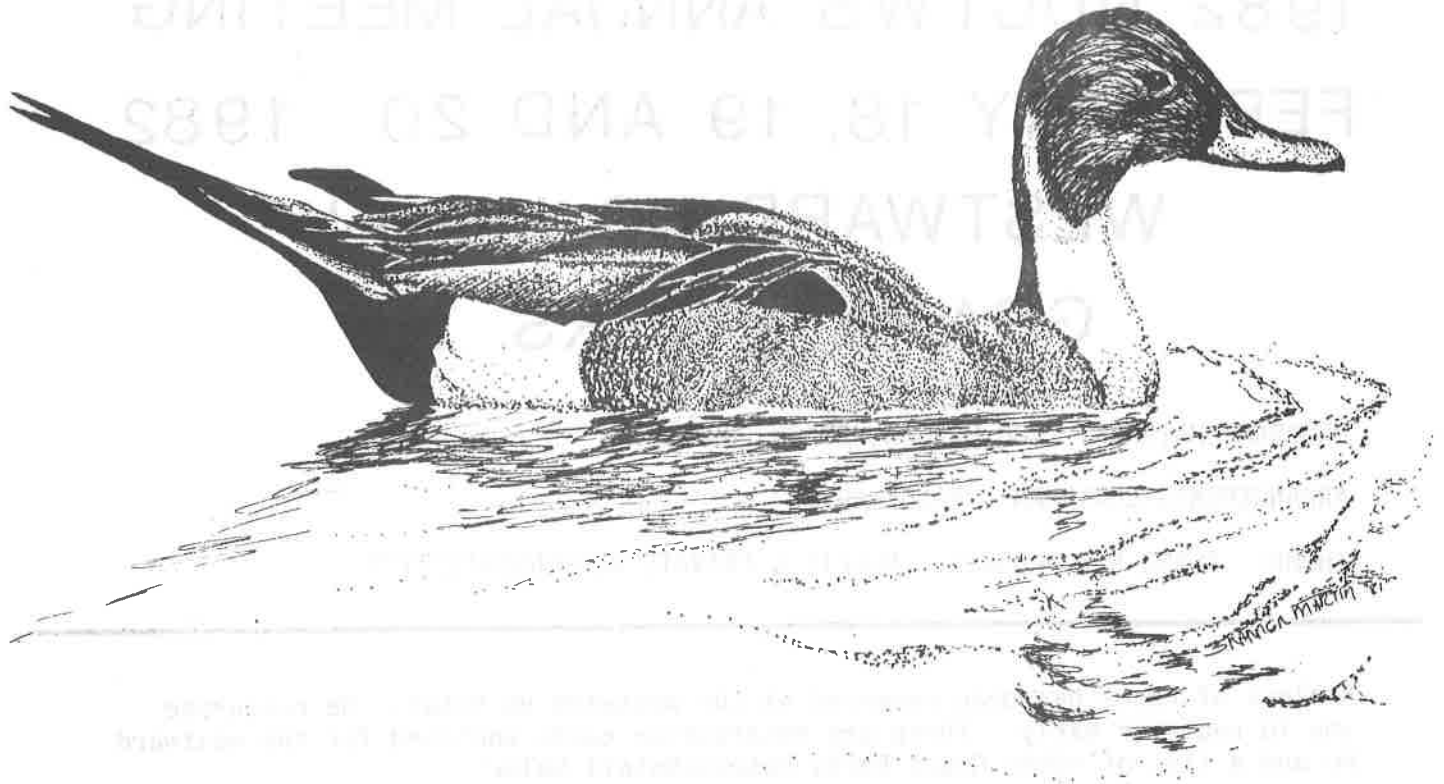
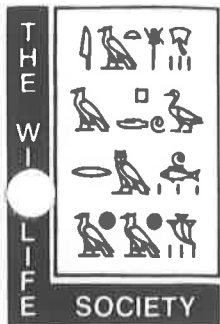


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NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



OCTOBER 1981

COVER ARTIST:

Shannon Martin is the cover artist this month. Shannon is a senior art major at the University of North Dakota. She's a versatile artist and enjoys drawing wildlife for a change of pace. Nice job Shannon!

1982 NDCTWS ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 19 AND 20 1982 WESTWARD HO MOTEL GRAND FORKS, ND

PROGRAM CHAIRMEN: BOB MORGAN, PUNCH PODOLL

ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRMAN: RANDY KREIL

THEME: "LAND STEWARDSHIP: PUBLIC & PRIVATE RESPONSIBILITY"?

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Westward Ho Motel. We encourage you to register early. There are reservation cards enclosed for the Westward Ho and a list of other Grand Forks Hotels/Motels below:

Ramada Inn
Jct. I-29 and Hwy 2 West
775-3951

Townhouse Motor Inn
Downtown- 710 1st Ave N
746-5411

Econ-o-Tel
I-29 and Hwy 2
775-0555

Holiday Inn
Hwy 2 West
772-7131

Happy Host Inn
East of Columbia Mall
746-4411

North Star Inn
2100 S. Washington
772-8151

Road King Travel Lodge
I-29 and Hwy 2
775-0691

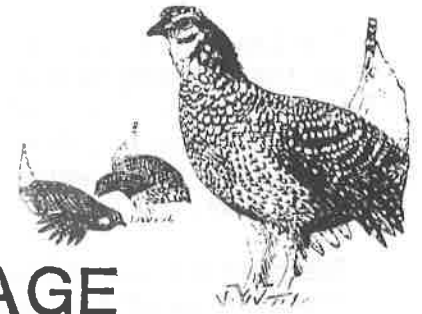
Regal 8 Inn
1211 N 47th
775-0511





North Dakota Chapter

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

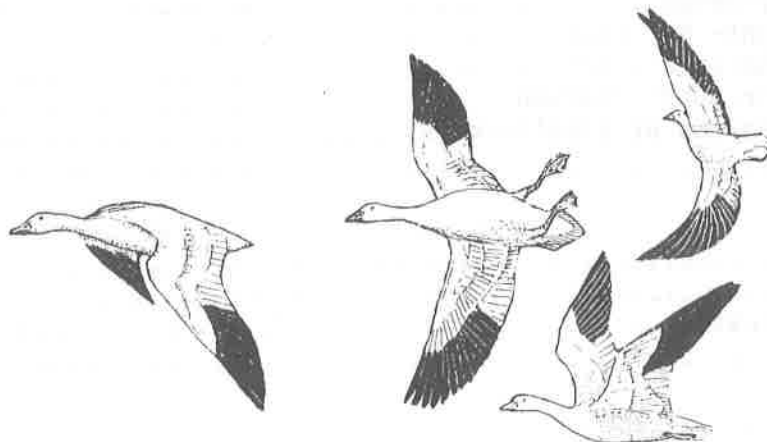
Now that the summer is over, which I hope was enjoyable to everyone, it is time to bring everyone up to date on Chapter activities. It was indeed a busy summer for the Council and many other members. One of the main endeavors was the litigation concerning Russell Diversion. The council decided at its July meeting to pursue litigation as a last recourse. The Wetland Committee and I did our best to get the Fish and Wildlife Service and other groups involved, all to no avail. After going through the necessary red tape to protect the Chapter, our suit was filed on 10 September. We are certainly hoping for the best, but the outcome of the litigation is unknown at present.

Planning is underway for the annual meeting. The land stewardship theme is timely, considering the conditions of the land I'm sure we have all seen this summer. Bob Morgan and Punch Podoll are busily putting the program together, and Randy Kreil is working on arrangements. Ken Higgins also is well along in planning for the upcoming CMPS meeting which will be held in North Dakota next August.

Your committees have been active as usual. The Wetlands, Red River, Pembilier Dam, Western Energy, Law Enforcement, and other committees have been keeping Karen and I busy. As most members, and certainly any past officer can tell you, the strength of our Chapter lies 4-square with committee involvement. Keep up the good work!

As you will note within, many other activities are going on. Please take the time this fall to help out by submitting a paper for the annual meeting, nominating a colleague for an award, finding a new member, or any of a myriad of other things.

Good Hunting!



Dedicated to the wise use of all natural resources

NDCTWS COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 24, 1981

The Executive Council of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society met at the J Clark Salyer NWR headquarters at 1:00 PM, September 24, 1981. Council members Rich Crawford, Ken Higgins, Jerry Serie, Kevin Brennan, Dan Schmidt, Mike McEnroe and Karen Kreil were present; Chuck Schroeder was absent. Other members present were Lloyd Jones, Bob Morgan, Punch Podoll, George Enyeart, Darold Walls, Fred Giese, Thad Fuller, Al Aufforth and Randy Kreil.

The meeting was called to order by President Crawford. Dan Schmidt moved that the minutes of the previous council meeting as reported in the last newsletter be accepted and Mike McEnroe seconded; motion carried. The following treasurer's report was given:

Checkbook

Beginning Balance(7/15/81).....	\$ 952.76
Income: Dues(1981,Chapter).....	105.00
Dues(1982,Chapter).....	40.00
Transfer-Bldg Fund Acct.....	2200.00
Expenses: Postmaster.....	105.98
Mike McEnroe(Reimbursement).....	20.00
Simonson Law Office.....	25.00
Copy Cat Printing.....	98.82
B&M Composition.....	10.30
Supplies.....	5.96
TWS(Final Bldg. Fund Donation).....	2200.00
Dave Nilson(Reimbursement).....	18.06
Ending Balance.....	<u>813.64</u>

Wetland Fund

Beginning Balance(7/14/81).....	2676.81
Income: T-shirts, Bumper stickers.....	47.00
Expenses: Transfer \$5 to general fund.....	5.00
Ending Balance.....	<u>2718.81</u>

Savings Certificate

Beginning Balance(7/16/81).....	1768.31
Income: Interest.....	51.86
Ending Balance.....	<u>1820.17</u>

Drainage Fund

Beginning Balance(6/22/81).....	994.51
Income: Dividends.....	20.40
Grant- Mr. Cook.....	7500.00
Expenses: Service Charge.....	5.70
Dr. Gary Pearson.....	3011.13
Dayton et al(attorneys).....	2977.97
Ending Balance.....	<u>2520.11</u>

Totals

Checkbook.....	813.64
Wetland Fund.....	2718.81
Savings Certificate.....	1820.17
Drainage Fund.....	<u>2520.11</u>
	<u>\$7872.73</u>

Ken Higgins moved to accept the treasurer's report, Kevin Brennan seconded; motion carried.

Five applications for membership have been received since the last council meeting:

C. Gregory Esslinger
Gary Rankin
Valerie Naylor

Greg Power
Greg Hiemenz

Karen Kreil moved that these individuals be accepted for membership, Mike McEnroe seconded; motion carried.

President Crawford announced the appointment of Chairmen for 3 committees:

Nominations - Jerry Serie
Souris River - Darold Walls
Enforcement - Gary Rankin

Several items of correspondence were reviewed:

- 1). A letter was sent to Richard Denny, Executive Director TWS, giving him an update on Chapter activities. The final contribution to TWS Building Fund of \$2,200.00 was also sent.
- 2). The Chapter requested information from Michael Nethery, State Conservationist, SCS, regarding the Boundary Creek Drainage Project and its impacts on Holsten slough Waterfowl Production Area.
- 3). Governor Olson wrote in response to a Chapter letter written to him which expressed concern over the State Engineers decision to approve the drain permit for Wimbledon.
- 4). Information was requested by the Chapter from the State Engineer concerning Channel A. Some of the information has been received.
- 5). Gary Pearson responded to a letter from an individual concerned about the drainage of Rush Lake.
- 6). The FWS wrote in response to a letter sent to them by the Chapter which expressed concern over loss of the Small Wetland Acquisition Program.
- 7). The Chapter wrote Secretary Watt regarding the proposed closure of the Bismarck Field Office for Ecological Service.
- 8). At the urging of Chapter members, the NWF president wrote Secretary Watt urging him to get the FWS involved in the Russell Diversion Project.
- 9). Letters were sent to Congressman Dorgan and Senators Burdick and Andrews expressing opposition to both the Hayakawa-Helms Anti-Wilderness Bill and the Santini Mining Supremacy Bill.
- 10). The Chapter sent a letter to Congressman Dorgan urging his support for legislation to protect Mono Lake in California.
- 11). In a letter to the PSC, the Chapter recommended that woodlands and wooded areas not be dropped from the PSC's list of avoidance areas. The Chapter also requested that the comments in the letter be included in the hearing record.

- 12). A letter from George Enyeart summarized events of the Annual CMPS meeting:
 - Del Benson will serve as president the upcoming year; the newly elected officers are: Pres. Elect - Len Carpenter(Colo.), Executive Board Members - Paul Shields(Utah) and Conrad Hilman(S.D.)
 - Plans are moving forward for the Furbearer Workshop
 - TWS is working against appointment of the Regan administrations choice for Director of the FWS.
 - The annual meeting approved the workshop on Management of Public Lands in principle.
- 13). A statement was presented at a public meeting by President Crawford regarding the COE Pembilier Dam Study.
- 14). Jim Cook, Investment Rarities, was sent a copy of the final complaint and news release on the Russell Diversion Project. He was also updated on the Wetland Committee's efforts for the Public Info/Education Program.
- 15). The Chapter sent out a news release to the ND media announcing the Russell Diversion lawsuit.
- 16). The State Water Commission sent announcements of their July and August meetings to the Chapter.
- 17). The NDWF announced that it is accepting nominations for their Conservation Achievement Award Program.
- 18). A letter was sent to the Chapters legal counsel concerning our Incorporation status and the Russell Diversion lawsuit.

NEW BUSINESS

President Crawford sent the final donation of \$2,200.00 for TWS Building Fund. The Chapter's total donation to the fund is \$4,200.00 which is twice the amount raised by any other Chapter or Section. Good Work!

Ken Higgins agreed to coordinate the 1982 Annual CMPS meeting in ND and will appoint Chairmen for the Program and Arrangements Committees. Since the council meeting plans have been more finalized. Program Chairman is John Lokemoen, Arrangements Chairman is Fred Giese and Conrad Hilman is in charge of fund raising. The 1982 CMPS meeting will be held at Lake Metigoshe, August 9, 10, 11. Also, an elk has been secured for a game feed.

Dan Schmidt explained that the authority to spend money out of the Prairie Chicken Fund rests with the Game & Fish Dept. He also said that Chuck Schroeder plans to look into starting up the fund drive again. He noted that at this point, little could be done with the funds as far as acquisition is concerned, since there is only approximately \$500 in the fund.

Kevin Brennan, Dan Schmidt and Mike McEnroe sent for information from several states regarding various aspects of their non-game tax check-off programs. So far, they have received responses from 25 states. Using this information for reference, Dan and Kevin agreed to put together a proposal for both a state duck stamp and a non-game tax check-off program. It was suggested they also get advise from the tax people on these proposals.

The council discussed what the funds from this years raffle and auction should go toward. George Enyeart indicated that the CMPS may need financial help with the Furbearer Symposium. Jerry Serie said that the Chapter needs to do a better job on the Public Information/Education Program. Jerry moved that this years proceeds go to the Wetland Fund, Mike McEnroe seconded; motion carried. Mike suggested that the Chapter may want to help with the Symposium. Rich will contact Del Benson regarding this matter. It was decided that a shotgun and prints will be raffled again this year. There will also be items auctioned, but donations such as decoys or prints are needed!

Bob Morgan and Punch Podoll, Program Committee Chairmen, indicated that they have only received one abstract since the call for papers was announced in the last newsletter. Ideas concerning the annual meeting theme, banquet speaker and program were discussed. Once all the plans have been finalized, a press release will be written and released to the media. It was also noted that the Manitoba Chapter should be kept up to date on the annual meeting plans.

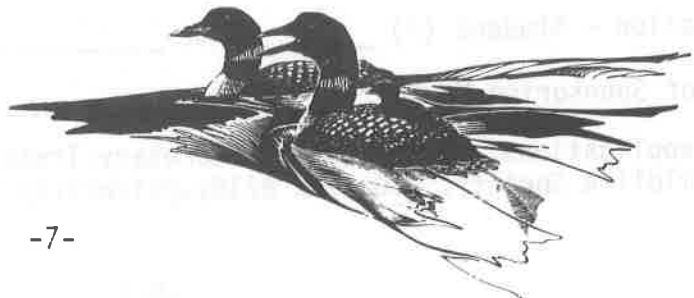
Ken Higgins has received only one nomination for the annual chapter awards. Nominations must be submitted by November 30, 1981.

George Enyeart, Ken Higgins, and Dan Schmidt have been working on the Workshop Proposal - Management of Public Lands in the Northern Great Plains Region. Input was requested from the council regarding the topics broad coverage, the approach of the workshop, and the publishing of the proceedings.

Lloyd Jones reviewed the Wetland Committee activities:

- Governor Olson responded to a Chapter letter written him which questioned Vern Fahy's decision to approve the permit for the Wimbledon Drain.
- Information has been sought from the SCS on impacts to Holsten Slough WPA resulting from the Boundary Creek Drainage Project.
- The committee will closely monitor drainage projects into Channel A.
- The Chapter's legal counsel has met with the Corps regarding 404 permits in relation to Hurricane Lake.
- The Chapters tax-exempt status in relation to our Incorporation, the Public Info/Education Program and the status of Filmore Enger's drainage complaint were also discussed.
- Lloyd also mentioned that the Wetland Committee would like to pursue the t-shirt and bumper sticker promotion again this year. He noted that it was successful last year in helping to promote our educational goal of increased awareness to wetland drainage. Also, the chapter did make some money on the project. Kevin Brennan moved that the Chapter take money out of the Wetland Fund to go towards printing of t-shirts and bumper stickers, Mike McEnroe seconded; motion carried. If anyone has ideas for a slogan for the t-shirts and bumper stickers, send them to Lloyd.
- Lloyd felt the Chapter did everything possible to avoid litigation over Russell Diversion. A lot of pressure was applied to try and get the FWS involved, none of which was successful. The suit was filed September 10 in the Northeast Judicial Court. Lloyd also felt that this suit really addressed the issues of this case. A press release was sent to the media in ND the day the suit was filed - the responses received were positive.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.



NOMINATIONS

THE NORTH DAKOTA AWARD

THE NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE HABITAT AWARD

Ken Higgins, President-Elect, is now accepting nominations for the North Dakota Award and The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award. The North Dakota Award is presented to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution toward furthering the aims of professional wildlife endeavors in the State of North Dakota. The North Dakota Wildlife Habitat Award is presented to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution toward preserving and/or establishing high quality wildlife habitat upon the lands of North Dakota.

Nominations from members in good standing will be accepted until November 30. Send nominations to:

Ken Higgins
Box 68
Woodworth, ND 58496

Note: The Executive Council at its December 1980 meeting approved a Motion to no longer allow past nominations to be reviewed during the current year. Thus, only nominations made between now and November 30, 1981 will be evaluated for the 1982 awards.

1982 MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Chapter is sponsoring a membership drive again this year. An award will be given to the individual who signs up the most members. Our goal is to have 275 paid up members by our annual meeting. Our membership presently stands at 208 members. This is 16 members less than in 1980. The Chapter has grown steadily in the past, let's not take a step backwards this year. The Membership Committee urges all members to help by signing up a new member today! Send to Karen Kreil.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I am () / am not () a member of TWS.

Name: _____

Address (use school, if student): _____

Occupation - Student (X) _____ Other _____

Name of Sponsoring Member _____

Send applications: Karen Kreil, Secretary-Treasurer, North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, P.O. Box 8238, University Station, Grand Forks, ND 58202

"FROM OUR HISTORIC PAST"

EDITOR: DENNIS JORDE

TRANS. N. AM. WILDL. CONF. Vol.1, 1936, p. 79-80.

REMARKS OF MR. LITHGOW OSBORNE --..In a good deal of the literature..... and other constructive efforts to bring harmony into the conservation movement, I have seen many scornful references to politicians and implications that they are in the forefront of the enemy forces..... I beg to differ... They may not know much about wildlife, but the best of them know how to lead in political battles. And don't forget that conservation, like all other movements which require governmental aid and sanction must, to be successful, fight and win political battles.

Just consider the matter as one of history. Who have been the most effective conservationist in action? If they have not all been politicians there have been plenty of politicians among them....

I say that we don't need less politics and politicians in conservation; we need more, of the right sort.

Can we get them? Certainly, the very minute two things happen; When we cease being disunited and decide on a program; and when we get behind that program....

It's all very well to weep with Ding Darling over wildlife as "the bow-legged girl whom everyone is sorry for, but no one will take to the party." I've seen plenty of bow-legged girls at parties. Why? Because their fathers owned large banks or factories worth a few million dollars, served champagne with dinner and had something called influence. In place of father, put a million determined uncles, with votes, and 13 million determined sportsmen with votes, and you'll see the politicians hurry to take your niece, Miss Wildlife, to the picnic--bow-legs and all...

There has been talk of setting up a program or platform of principles at this conference. I would suggest that is contain just exactly one plank. It would be one on which all wildlife conservationists, whatever their pet theories, would agree.

It would read:

Whereas the wildlife of the United States, and the various States, is our most important single recreational asset, besides being one of our most important economic assets, and

Whereas, the interests of wildlife are being shamefully neglected; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the appropriation for the United States Biological Survey and Bureau of Fisheries and the various State appropriations for wildlife conservation be doubled.

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AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The fund raising campaign will consist of a raffle and auction again this year. The money raised will to the Wetland Fund. Auction items such as decoys, prints, knives, etc. are needed. Anyone that can donate items, should get in touch with either Jerry Serie, NPWRC, P.O.Box 1747, Jamestown, ND 58401 or Randy Kreil, Biology Dept., UND, Grand Forks, ND 58201.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION

The Correct Address For Bob Morgan, Co-Chairman of the Programs Committee Is: ND Game & Fish Dept., 2121 Lovett Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.

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