



WHAT IS THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY?

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational organization composed of professionals, students and laypersons interested and active in wildlife research, management, education, and administration.

NORTH DAKOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The North Dakota Chapter is an active affiliate of The Wildlife Society, a national organization. The Chapter is specifically concerned with effective management of North Dakota's plant and wildlife communities. The Chapter provides expertise in advising legislative and judicial processes concerning conservation of natural resources. It advocates the holistic treatment of environmental questions. The Chapter

was founded in 1963 and has played an active role in North Dakota wildlife management since that time.

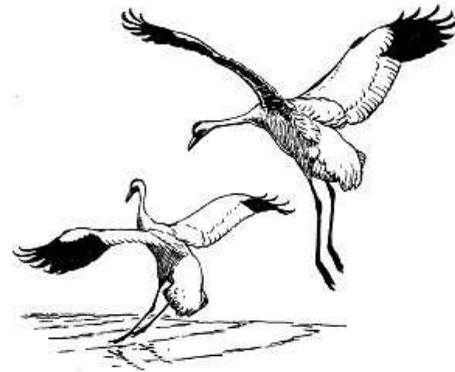
CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Chapter is open to any person who has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is formally trained or employed in the wildlife field.

Those not meeting the education or employment requirements may also affiliate with the Chapter.

Association with the Chapter provides opportunities to be informed and participate in resolving conservation issues. Each member or affiliate receives the Chapter Newsletter.

Chapter members are encouraged to join the parent group, The Wildlife Society and the regional organization, the Central Mountain and Plains Section.



CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the Chapter's objectives are:

- To advance the science and art of wildlife management.
- To improve public understanding and support of scientific management of wildlife and related resources.
- To provide a common meeting ground for people interested in wildlife conservation.
- To promote and maintain high professional standards.
- To recognize and commend outstanding accomplishments in wildlife conservation.
- To leverage the influence of The Wildlife Society at the national level on important wildlife issues in North Dakota.
- To follow the North American wildlife conservation model and its conservation objectives.

CERTIFICATION

The Wildlife Society promotes a certification program for its members that constitute official recognition that qualified members meet professional, educational, experience, and ethical criteria to be a "Certified Wildlife Biologist."



COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Chapter work is carried out by committees that focus on natural resource issues.

Examples of committees include:

Endangered Species - composed of expert biologists who make recommendations on rare species and their conservation.

Wetland Resources - takes an active role in working to preserve wetland habitat.

Energy - composed of Biofuels and Wind sub-committees and is engaged in keeping the emerging industry of alternative energy compatible with natural resources.

Education - involved in natural resource education and outreach programs - Junior Duck Stamp, Keep ND Clean, and input into publications.

Other committees include:

- Missouri River
- Legislative
- Western Lands
- Tribal Wildlife
- Prairie Resources
- Wildlife Commercialization
- Professional Women in Natural Resources



ORGANIZATION

The Chapter is governed by an elected Executive Board composed of a President, President-elect, Past President, four Executive Board members, and an appointed Secretary and Treasurer.

During legislative sessions, the Chapter employs a legislative liaison to provide expert testimony on Senate and House bills relating to natural resource issues, and where appropriate lobbies for bills that promote natural resource conservation.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES

An annual winter meeting is held for the membership to elect and install new officers, for hearing of committee reports and for the general business meeting. The meeting also features research and management presentations, panel discussions of timely issues, and poster

sessions. An annual fundraiser provides for social time and raises funds targeted for Chapter programs and activities. A formal banquet includes annual awards, recognition of achievements, and special speakers or entertainment.



AWARDS

The chapter presents awards to recognize and commend outstanding achievement in wildlife related activities in North Dakota.

-The NORTH DAKOTA AWARD is presented to an individual for outstanding contribution to the profession of wildlife management in North Dakota.

-The NORTH DAKOTA HABITAT AWARD is presented to an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution toward preserving and/or establishing high quality wildlife habitat on the lands of North Dakota.

-The NORTH DAKOTA CASE-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD is presented annually to the person or persons primarily responsible for the conviction of persons guilty of a serious natural resource violation in the state.

-Other awards may be given to individuals or groups that show outstanding achievements in wildlife-related fields.

DAKOTA PRAIRIE LEGACY ENDOWMENT

The Dakota Prairie Legacy endowment is a Chapter initiative to provide income to meet the many urgent challenges confronting wildlife and their habitats. The Dakota Prairie Legacy accepts gifts of cash, property, and deferred gifts (estates) from its members and interested parties.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

College scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding undergraduate natural resource students at University of Mary, United Tribes Technical College, Minot State University- Bottineau, North

Dakota State University, Sitting Bull College, University of North Dakota, and Valley City State University. In addition, two outstanding graduate student awards are presented each year. Natural resource instructors at each of the universities and colleges nominate students for the scholarship awards.

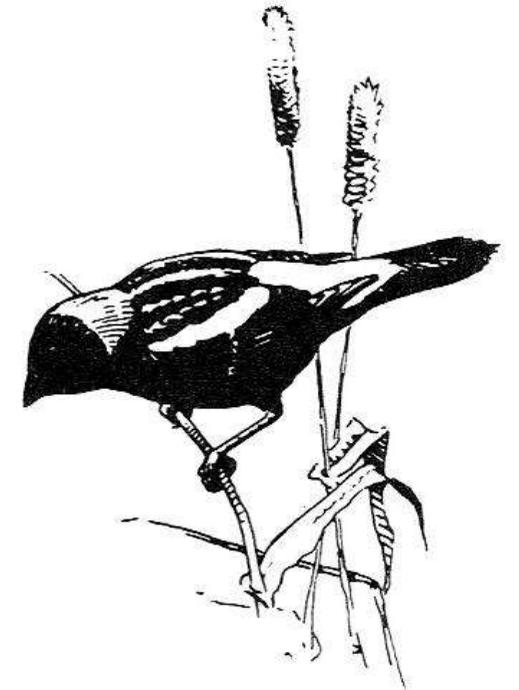
The Chapter has also implemented a Legacy Trust Initiative to strengthen the connection between natural resource students, educators, and the wildlife profession. Included in this endeavor are job fairs, career lesson panels, and opportunities for students to attend and engage in professional meetings.



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