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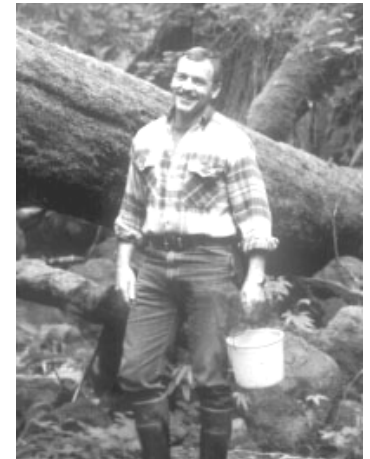
Check and Balance

Lowell Diller

Because of a traumatic event in my life, writing my president's message has been very painful for me this time. A close friend and colleague for the last 30 years was diagnosed with cancer back in September and the situation is not good. It has dominated my thinking for the last few months and it seemed like everything was trivial and insignificant next to my friend's literal life and death struggle. It is not the first time I have dealt with the loss of a family member or friend, but somehow this has hit closer to home because most of my professional career has been directly linked to this one person. I assume that, at a time like this, everyone begins to think about what's really important in life. I don't intend to tackle the deep emotional and spiritual implications of facing one's mortality, but I do think it is relevant in this forum to discuss the meaning of one's professional life and I assume that I am not alone in feeling that my professional career

is more than just a job. As wildlife biologist's, we have the opportunity and responsibility that transcends a means of putting beer and beans on the table so it does seem appropriate for us to reflect on what we hope to accomplish during our professional careers, and how we would like to be remembered when it is our turn to enter the detrital food web.

When I was starting my career, my focus was more competitive and fueled by my need to feel successful in my field. It was all about the number and quality of my publications and my standing in the scientific community. The introspection forced on me by my friend's poignant situation made me realize that my scientific contributions, no matter how they are judged, will matter very little to me in the end. It is now clear to me that at the top of my professional list is the hope that I will make a difference, no matter how small, to the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources. I suspect I am not alone, and if we were to conduct a poll, most of us would have something similar at the top of our lifetime professional-accomplishments list. There aren't many who have the special talents of an Aldo Leopold or are in the position of a Jack Ward Thomas to have a significant influence over the



entire profession; however, I think all of us should be satisfied that, in our own small way, we made a difference.

In addition to what one accomplishes, I believe most of us will care about how we are remembered by our peers. In discussing my friend's plight, another good friend and colleague stated, "he is really a good man and has had a positive influence on everyone that he has met." Much of this positive influence was from his ability to enjoy his work and be open and accepting with everyone he met. This brought me back to the "walk a mile in my boots" theme and how much more we could accomplish through greater mutual respect and cooperation among our diverse professional ranks. And no matter how difficult the struggle may be at times, we need to always remember how fortunate we are to be able to make a living working in a field that we love and take time to enjoy the journey.

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Executive Board Reports

President-Elect

John Harris

My activities since the last newsletter have been dominated by preparation for the 2004 annual conference. We have a great lineup of programs for our 50th Anniversary. By now, you should all have received the call for papers. The plenary session will feature three speakers addressing the changing environment of our profession. A special panel will speak on the Western Section's history and accomplishments. There will be a number of events on Friday to celebrate the 50th Anniversary, some of which will be held at the banquet. Barry Garrison has been spearheading the special events and

Western Section panel discussion. The schedule of workshops, symposia, and technical sessions is packed. In the past, we have had workshops on Thursday, with technical sessions beginning after the plenary session on Friday. At the 2004 conference, symposia and technical sessions will join a Partners in Flight workshop and a workshop on Conservation Plan Monitoring and Adaptive Management on Thursday. Special symposia planned for the event include a symposium on aspen communities and biodiversity, a session on the legacy of Joseph Grinnell and the use of historical data in the context of current conservation, and a

symposium on zoonoses. Special guests have been invited to attend and will be honored at the conference, including Dr. Robert Stebbins and Dr. Robert Bowman.

A biostatistics workshop is scheduled to precede the conference, and a group from Point Reyes Bird Observatory and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is organizing a Snowy Plover Workshop for Wednesday the 25th. A field trip is being organized for Sunday by the Partners in Flight group, so there is a full schedule of events from Wednesday through the weekend. I hope that many of you will be able to attend this exciting and historic event.

Section Representative

Marti Kie

At our last TWS Council meeting, I was asked to identify two candidates for the Certification Review Board (CRB), from which one will be selected. The representative will serve a 3-year term beginning in fall. Candidates should be certified wildlife biologists, exemplify high standards of professional judgement, competence, and integrity, and because TWS Council strives to achieve a balance in the Board's membership which equitably represents the private and public employment, educational, management, research, and international components of the Society's membership, a representative

from the private sector is being sought. Here's some background for those interested.

The CRB shall be comprised of at least five (5) members, chosen to provide equitable representation of The Wildlife Society sections and professional disciplines. The CRB shall meet at once annually to determine eligibility of applicants, and shall have the authority to confer certification as an Associate or Certified Wildlife Biologist. Members of the CRB will be appointed or reappointed by TWS Council for 3-year terms. Appointments will be made in successive years to ensure continuity of standards. Appointments shall take effect 1 October.

All reasonable expenses of CRB members shall be reimbursed. A chairman shall be elected annually, prior to 1 October, by majority vote of CRB members. The CRB shall report progress and problems annually to TWS Council.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to Executive Director Hodgdon by February 15, 2004, or to me, so that I can get it to Harry by that date. Council will make their selection in March 2004. Please contact me at either 916/445-5089 or mkie@calwater.ca.gov.

Executive Board Reports

Professional Development Committee

Cynthia Perrine

With this newsletter, we announce the resignation of Professional Development Committee co-chair Robb Tibstra. Robb chaired the committee in 2001, co-chaired the committee since 2002, and carried on the TWS tradition of offering quality professional development opportunities to the Western Section membership and other wildlifers. He was especially instrumental in organizing the two workshops on sensitive reptiles and amphibians. As co-chair, I certainly appreciated his knowledge, dedication, and follow-through on all workshop details and his desire to find knowledgeable and respected speakers.

I am happy to welcome Rhys Evans as the new

co-chair of this committee. Rhys has been an active participant in coordinating several recent workshops and conferences. We first worked together on the Student Quiz Bowl at the 2001 TWS Annual Conference in Reno and we look forward to co-coordinating professional development opportunities for the Western Section.

If you are interested in serving on the Professional Development Committee or have any ideas for future workshops or symposia, please contact Rhys at 760/830-7396 x234, or at:

rhyse@adelphia.net

Or Cynthia at:

csperrine@yahoo.com

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Public Information Committee

Rhys Evans

This will likely be the last report from the Public Information Committee (PIC). Under the Section's new structure, our Executive Director will deal with publicity and the Conservation Affairs Committee (CAC) will continue to competently handle the advocacy portions of PIC's work. Because PIC never came anywhere near to what I hoped it would (it was never much more than a committee of one), I just see it fading off into the sunset more than I see it actually merging with CAC, and I think CAC is in excellent shape with Kevin Hunting as chair.

This won't necessarily be the last report you will read from me—I've agreed to co-chair the Professional Development Committee with Cynthia Perrine. We look forward to providing excellent continuing education opportunities (check the website for what's coming up soon, and make suggestions for future workshops and training). We also look forward to working with members who are applying for Associate or Certified Wildlife Biologist status.

Finally, I plan to submit and hope for approval to chair another session at the 2005 Annual Conference in Sacramento, as I enjoyed or-

ganizing a session at the annual conference in Irvine. The subject of my session there was Wildlife Management on Military Lands; it will most likely be something similar when I submit a proposal for Sacramento.

Executive Board Reports

Conservation Affairs Committee

Kevin Hunting

The Conservation Affairs Committee (CAC) has been very active over this past summer. CAC member Monica Bond has been working on developing a Western Section position statement on fire as a management tool. She assembled a team of interested parties from state and federal agencies, representing major geographic regions of California and Nevada, to participate as advisors on a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC's charge will be to assist in developing a fire policy for the Western Section. Monica is looking into expanding the group to include representatives from other states and/or regions.

Several CAC members participated with me in developing a comment letter in response to an invitation for public comments on proposed changes to the 2001 Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment (SNFPA). In response to calls for appeal of the SNFPA, the U.S. Forest Service (FS) prepared a draft Supplemental EIS (DSEIS) that analyzes a range of alternatives for fuel management, grazing leases, recreation, timber harvest, and sensitive-species management on 11 national forests in the Sierra Nevada. The SNFPA identifies a preferred alternative which, if adopted and implemented, would result in increases in harvest, decreases in sensitive-species protection, and increases in grazing allotments. The Western Section comment letter is available for viewing on the Western Sec-

tion web page (www.tws-west.org).

We have also been monitoring several legislative actions over this past summer. The following bills were tracked and monitored during the recent legislative session because the CAC felt they could have implications for the Western Section:

SB418 Streambed Alteration Agreements (Sher, D-Stanford):

Would define terms, prescribe process deadlines, make these deadlines uniform for all applicants, establish a graduated fee schedule for review, make permit holders responsible for implementing mitigation after the permit expires, provide the DFG with flexibility for extending or revoking permits, and increase criminal penalties for violation of permit terms. This bill has passed both the House and Senate Committees and is being heard by the Appropriations Committee. Likely to pass as positive fiscal impact.

SB643 Agricultural Land Protection Act (Aanestad, R, Grass Valley):

Would impose certain duties on conservation landowners to prevent "damages" to adjacent agricultural landowners and authorize these landowners to recover financial damages from government entities owning and managing conservation lands. This bill failed in Committee.

SB216 Endangered Species Recovery Strategy Program (Sher, D-Stanford):

Would repeal existing pilot Recovery Program Strategy statutes, which identify the greater sandhill crane and four "other" species and would authorize the DFG to instead develop and implement a pilot Recovery Strategy for the

coho salmon. The bill would also add a sunset clause to the recovery program act. This bill has passed both the House and Senate Committees and is being heard by the Appropriations Committee.

SB657 Fully Protected Species (Florez, D-Shafter):

Would repeal the pilot Recovery Program Strategy, eliminate the Fully Protected designation, and place those taxa currently designated as fully protected on a new Candidate list. The bill stipulates a candidate review process and would authorize "take" of candidate taxa if they were "covered" by an NCCP or HCP. The first hearing before the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee was canceled by the author and has not been rescheduled.

In June, the CAC prepared and submitted a comment letter on the Santa Rosa Monument Draft EIS. This letter backed up comments the Western Section submitted during the scoping process. The letter is available for viewing on the Western Section web page.

My quarterly *News/letter* report would not be complete without an invitation for Western Section members to join and become active in the CAC. The more active the committee, the larger and more positive impact we can make. Please contact me at khunting@dfg.ca.gov if you would like to join or participate in CAC activities. We are also interested in hearing of issues that might be of conservation interest to the Western Section.

Executive Board Reports

Transactions Editor

Brian Cypher

Five new manuscripts have been submitted. In addition, one author, who submitted a manuscript in 2002, has reinitiated the revision process for the manuscript. If all six manuscripts are accepted, these six, in addition to the two papers accepted in 2002, will result in a total of eight papers

for the combined Volume 38–39. Associate Editor Dave Germano and I are sending manuscripts out to reviewers. There still may be one or two late submissions that may still make it into Volume 38–39.

California Central Coast Chapter

Julie Schneider

The chapter currently has approximately 40 members and a treasury balance of approximately \$6,000.

A Chapter and Executive Board meeting was held on February 27, 2003, in conjunction with the annual conference in Irvine. Executive Board members in attendance were President Bill Tietje; Secretary-Treasurer Mike Hanson; Chapter Representative to the Western Section Julie Schneider; and Board Members Tom Olson, Kevin Cooper, and Maeton Freel. During the meeting, an informal roundtable presentation/discussion was held re-

garding chapter members' current research, management, and consulting projects. About 8 to 10 chapter members presented brief oral reports on wildlife- or natural-resource-related research and/or education activities that they were currently conducting. Upcoming wildlife-related meetings of interest being held around the state were noted. Several people gave suggestions for future chapter meetings and workshops.

An Executive Board meeting was held on June 3, 2003, in San Luis Obispo. Some of the items on the meeting's agenda were: dis-

cussion and planning of chapter officer nominations and elections, including method and time; program topics for the fall chapter meeting (possible topics include a presentation on a sensitive species of local interest); discuss/plan a future workshop sponsored by the chapter (possible workshop topics include survey protocols for various sensitive species, radiotelemetry techniques; and wildlife photography); discuss/plan chapter field trips for the next year.

A joint chapter meeting with the Morro Bay Natural History Museum is being planned for this fall.

California North Coast Chapter

Scott Osborn

The chapter's current treasury balance is approximately \$17,000 and current membership is 119, with 87 professionals and non-students and 32 students.

The chapter held its Fall Mixer at Camp Bauer in Korb in September 2003; approximately 50 students and professionals gathered for

food, volleyball, and socializing. The chapter's Fire Ecology Workshop in November had approximately 60 people pre-registered, with more registrations expected at the door. The chapter does not expect to make a profit on the workshop because of the relatively low turnout and high expenses for speakers. The chapter board met three times in late sum-

mer/fall and is currently working with the Sequoia Park Zoo on interpretive displays for some local wildlife species. The informal Biologist Breakfast was held twice this past summer; this continues to be an information-sharing forum for biologists working in the private and public sectors.

Executive Board Reports

Sacramento-Shasta Chapter

Barbara Corbett Kermeen

A chapter meeting was held in August 2003. Highlights from that meeting include planning workshops on giant garter snakes and on a forestry topic, development of a chapter logo that should be completed for use on materials used in conjunction with our giant garter snake workshop, hiring a professional webmaster to update and maintain our chapter website, a brown-bag lunch program on salt marsh har-

vest mice at the next chapter meeting, and a chapter breakfast in October. Additionally, the chapter will now, as a matter of policy, deliver the chapter Newsletter via the Internet and on paper by special request only.

Hawaii Chapter

David Smith

The chapter bank balance is approximately \$13,053, and we have 55 members! The chapter is still in need of a membership chairperson.

The last chapter board meeting, which was also our annual meeting, was held in October 2003 and several topics of interest were discussed. The *Hamakua Marsh Ecosystem Restoration and Community Development Project* is an ongoing cooperative program with the State of Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife. During the first year of the restoration and community development process, the Hawaii Chapter and its cooperators spent \$82,339 improving wildlife habitat in the 22-acre marsh. Operating balance for the project is \$204,758. Current activities include a boundary survey, debris cleanup, coordination with

Kailua urban design master plan, sanctuary sign design, well drilling, and solar pump installation. The project currently has 19 partners, including local businesses; private nonprofit organizations; charitable foundations; and county, state, and federal agencies.

Following the successful October 2002 Wetland Management in the Hawaiian Islands Workshop, the Hawaii Chapter, in cooperation with the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Pacific Coast Joint Venture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Ducks Unlimited, held another wetland management workshop this past October. This workshop focused on applied management techniques in protected sanctuary and refuge areas.

The chapter board of directors has approved a draft set of bylaws revisions.

The revised bylaws seek to simplify the administration of the chapter and bring our bylaws into conformance with standard corporate bylaws. The board is awaiting a final draft copy from our attorney before submittal to TWS and the Hawaii Chapter membership.

The chapter is launching a new website to serve as a resource for wildlife resources, events, and conferences and links to items of interest relating to the wildlife profession. A link to the chapter webpage will appear on the TWS-Western Section website: www.tws-west.org.

Executive Board Reports

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Steve Juarez

Chapter membership has increased from 98 to 106 paid members in 2003 and the chapter has a balance of \$14,587.63.

The third quarterly chapter meeting in August 2003 was held at the Shaver Lake home of John Kleinfelter, a new chapter member (and brother of President Eric Kleinfelter). After the business meeting, chapter member Steve Byrd of Southern California Edison led a field

trip to call great grey owls and inspect a recent prescribed burn. A BBQ followed the field trip and an added benefit was the loss of electrical power from the thundershowers and the resultant candlelight dinner. In addition, the chapter funded a Wildlife Tracking Workshop for approximately 16 members this past September. The final meeting of the year is planned for early December.

Awards and Grants Committee

Richard Burg

I received one grant request, which I forwarded to the Executive Board for its consideration. In addition, I am still working on correspondence to past grant recipients reminding them of their commitment to provide a brief

report to the Executive Board at the conclusion of the study. I also am suggesting they present their results (either preliminary or final) at the annual conference.

Student Affairs Committee

Mark Jordan

The Student Affairs Committee met at the recent annual conference in Burlington, Vermont. We discussed a couple of potential future initiatives, including an internship program to get students more involved with the national organization of TWS. We also sponsored the student leadership breakfast at the conference. One of the recurring themes during our meeting and the breakfast was that student chapters

don't feel particularly well informed about the activities of the national organization. The website, which is a work in progress, will be the main vehicle for increasing communication with student chapters. Other efforts may include having SAC members make direct contact with representatives from each chapter in their section and provide them with periodic updates of council activities, upcoming conclaves and conferences, etc. In our Section,

we only have two schools with established student chapters (Davis and Humboldt), but I know there are lots of students interested in wildlife at other schools in the Section. If you're at one of these schools and are interested in getting more information on student activities and opportunities through TWS, please feel free to contact me at: mjordan@nature.berkeley.edu

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Items of Interest

Traditional vs. Non-traditional Conferences

Lowell Diller

In response to my request for feedback, comments continue to trickle in on the idea of “nontraditional” annual conference that would be held in a more biologically natural setting with a focus on field-oriented activities. I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to respond since actually getting responses from the membership on Western Section business matters are typically as rare as donations to a Transylvanian blood bank. (I am also guilty of never responding to questions and ideas posed in newsletters, so I understand the reasons that most of us cannot find time for this type of input.) Anyway, despite the fact that this idea brought out some strong emotions in at least a portion of our membership, we have not made much progress in finding a suitable location.

The bottom line is that there are not many places outside of large hotels and conference centers where you can assemble 400–500 people in late February or early March. The solution may be to offer special workshops on focused topics that could be held in non-urban settings. These workshops would be designed for 150–200 people (there are lots of places that can handle this size crowd) and could be held during seasons when weather would not create significant challenges. I have not given up on the idea of gathering the entire membership outside the sterile confines of a hotel ballroom subdivided into over-grown cubicles with strategically placed air walls; however, in the mean time, the executive board will be working to offer some quality workshops in an environment that will enhance rather than detract from the learning experience. As always, I welcome your comments that you can send directly to me at ldiller@simpson.com or through the Western Section listserve at: tws-westdomo@tws-wst.org.

Declining membership in The Wildlife Society

Marti Kie

The Wildlife Society is fighting the on-going battle of declining membership and increasing costs. We have a subcommittee chaired by Tom Franklin, considering the development of a position statement on steady state economy. Several of our members have already expressed their views to me individually, and I would be interested in hearing more. TWS did publish a technical paper on, “The Relationship of Economic Growth to Wildlife Conservation” by Trauger, D. L., B. Czech, J. D. Erickson, P. R. Garrettson, B. J. Kernohan, and C. A. Miller (2003).

This paper can be purchased for \$7.00 (TWS member price \$5.00). Information on the technical paper can be found on TWS web site under publications: www.tws.org

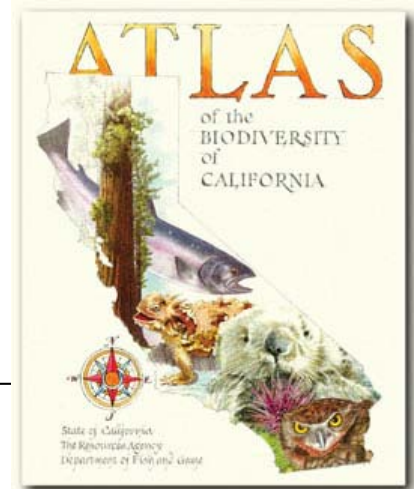
Member's Forum

The Western Section membership is encouraged to participate in this forum. Letters or brief issue papers on any topic of relevance and interest to the Western Section will be featured here. The deadline for the next Western Section Newsletter Member's Forum is January 26, 2004. Please e-mail your contributions to dhawk@cwoc.com.

Items of Interest

The California Department of Fish and Game is pleased to announce the publication of "**Atlas of the Biodiversity of California.**"

The "Atlas of the Biodiversity of California" is a guide to the state's biological resources. This book is a bound collection of maps, stunning photographs, and artistic illustrations - all depicting the state's rich diversity of plant and animal species. It includes 87 nature photographs, 48 full-color maps, and 10 wildlife illustrations. The Atlas will appeal to college students, outdoor enthusiasts, environmental planners, biologists, policy makers or anyone with an interest in California's diverse biological resources. This publication is available for sale through the Western Section for only \$20.00 plus postage. Additional information, including ordering instructions is available online at: www.tws-west.org.



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Dear Members,

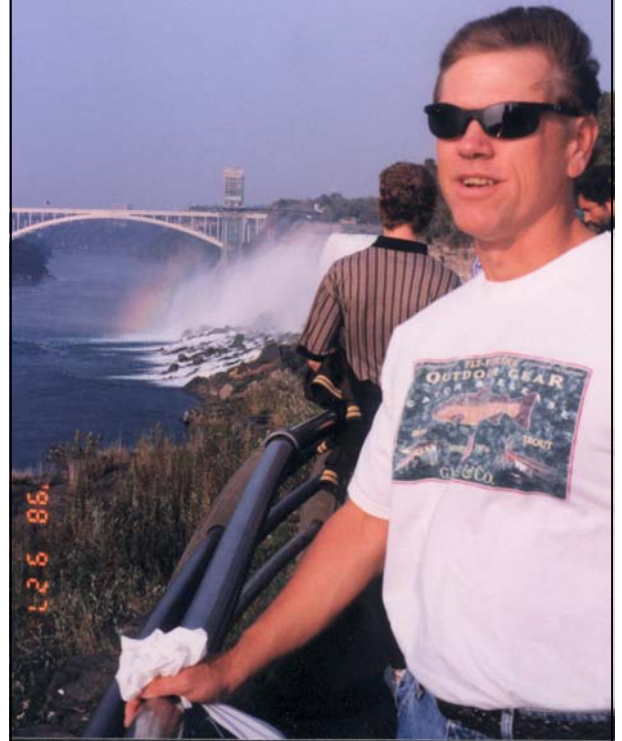
Our next edition of the *Newsletter* will be our election issue in which those running for 2004 President-Elect will provide their biographies and statements. Over the past 2 years, our board of directors has discussed holding electronic elections whereby members can vote for president-elect and other ballot items through the Western Section's website. Based on information from other membership-based organizations, electronic elections have proven to increase voter response, not to mention save administrative time and funds; however, there is one slight change to the voter-response forms that must be implemented to ensure that the system works as it is supposed to work. We must ask that you provide your full name, address, and e-mail address with your vote so that your ballot can be counted, to ensure that people vote only once, and to ensure that nonmembers are not voting. Your name and contact information will be used only to check against our membership list. Your vote will still be completely confidential; no voter information will be compiled or provided to anyone.

The Section will implement this new method of voting beginning with our next edition of the *Newsletter*. We encourage you to take advantage of this new system and support the Section in this endeavor. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by e-mail at Lobolady23@aol.com or Lowell Diller, Western Section President, at LDiller@simpson.com.

As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Barbara Rocco
Executive Director

"Why become involved in the Western Section leadership?"



How about travel to far off, exotic lands. In this picture, then Section Representative Rick Williams finds time during a TWS Council meeting to visit Viagra, oops, we mean Niagara Falls.

Conferences, Workshops, Symposia, Lectures, and More

Natural Resources Communication Workshop
 sponsored by the Western Section of The Wildlife Society
 January 5 – 9, 2004
 California State University, Chico

This workshop is designed to help natural resource workers more effectively communicate with general as well as technical audiences through personal presentations using good visual aids—especially computer-generated images (i.e., PowerPoint images) and slides. The workshop is practical-oriented and enhances participants' communication skills in planning, preparing, presenting, and evaluating presentations. Since many of the problems in natural resources management are people-oriented, more effective communication can significantly improve many management programs.

Workshop content includes planning, preparing, presenting, and evaluating multi-media presentations. Instructors: Dr. Jon K. Hooper, Professor, Calif. State Univ., Chico and Mr. Ethan Rotman, Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game are the workshop instructors.

The initial deadline has past, however, interested participants should contact Dr. Jon Hooper for more information and to inquire about attendance at this workshop; write or call:

Dr. Jon K. Hooper, Dept. Recreation and Parks Management, California State University, Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0560; phone 530/898-5811 or 898-6408; fax 530/ 898-6557; e-mail: jhooper@csuchico.edu

Special Announcement about 2002 Transactions

The Western Section received very few submissions for the "2002 Transactions of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society"; thus, we will not publish a 2002 edition. We will, however, combine the 2002 submissions with our 2003 edition, which will be published in spring 2004. Those of you who have paid for the 2002 edition separately from your membership dues will receive the double edition at no extra charge.

Order Your Copy While Supplies Last!

2001 Transactions (Volume 37) of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society

The 2001 Transactions of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society (2001 Transactions) is available for sale while supplies last. A complete list of the articles contained in the 2001 Transactions, along with order details, can be seen at: www.tws-west.org.



6TH ANNUAL BAY AREA CONSERVATION BIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM JANUARY 31, 2004 UC-Davis, California

Organized by the Society for Conservation Biology
 Davis Chapter.

This student-organized symposium creates a forum in which to share and discuss recent scientific findings and policy issues in conservation biology. One major focus will be to showcase and provide feedback on graduate student research. The ultimate goal is to foster and encourage collaboration among Bay Area biologists working on conservation issues and to inspire further research in this increasingly important discipline. This is an excellent opportunity for Bay Area students and faculty as well as those working for government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private consulting firms to meet and exchange ideas.

Past Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposia have been well-attended by individuals from Northern and Central California: approximately 200 graduate students, faculty, and government and private sector employees participate each year. BACBS 2004 will feature plenary speakers, oral presentations, a poster session, and banquet. We welcome abstract submissions from graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and professionals, although students will be given priority. This is a good opportunity for novice presenters to gain experience in a student-friendly atmosphere. Undergraduates who are considering graduate school can see what graduate research looks like.

- Oral papers and poster session
- Plenary speakers:

Dr. Fred Allendorf, University of Montana

Dr. Roland Knapp, Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab

Jan. 16 - last day to register with banquet ticket

Jan. 23 - last day to register via e-mail w/o banquet ticket

Registration will be available at the door, but space is limited. For more information: <http://scub.ucdavis.edu>

Conferences, Workshops, Symposia, Lectures, and More



Plan to attend the Fifteenth International Conference on Bear Research and Management in San Diego, California. Rooms have been reserved at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego. Tentatively scheduled excursions include: San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park, Sea World, Disneyland, fishing trip, pelagic birding trip, and a trip to the Mojave Desert.

Oral presentations will highlight the following topics:

- Bear/Human Conflicts
- Conservation Biology
- Field/Lab/Statistical Techniques
- Bear Management
- Behaviour
- Habitat Assessment/Relationships
- Populations

The conference will also feature 115 poster presentations.

Additional conference information including logistics, conference schedule and an on-line registration can be found at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/bear/iba/papercall.htm

Vertebrate Pest Conference



Wildlife Damage Management

March 1-4, 2004

**Radisson Hotel and Visalia Convention Center
Visalia, California**

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the Twenty-First Vertebrate Pest Conference. This conference is an educational event for discussing and exchanging information on problems and solutions to wildlife damage and undesirable interactions between wildlife and people. The Vertebrate Pest Conference, which is held every two

years, is one of the largest and most recognized conferences of its kind. Participants and attendees include leading authorities on vertebrate pest management from the United States, Canada, and throughout the world. Additional conference information can be found at the VPC web site: www.vpconference.org

2004 Annual Conference

**February
26–28, 2004**

DoubleTree Rohnert Park California



The Western Section of The Wildlife Society will be 50 years old at the end of 2003. To honor our 50th Anniversary and acknowledge the many people who have made the Western Section succeed all these years, we are having many special events at our 2004 Annual Conference in Rohnert Park, California.

Charter members and all past and present officers of the Western Section are invited to participate in group photographs and a special plenary session discussing the history and contributions of the Section. All Section members are invited to this special meeting, which will be a huge celebration.

Special events during the 50th Anniversary celebration include a roast of past officers at the Friday-night banquet, special commemorative gifts to all attendees, and displays of Section and other memorabilia depicting 50 years of wildlife research and conservation. Group photographs will be taken of past officers, charter members, and all attendees.

In addition to the 50th Anniversary special events noted above, there will be a student-professional lunch, free to students, at noon on Thursday, February 26, during which students will be able to discuss job opportunities with wildlife professionals. And, a special lunch will be provided at noon on Friday, February 27, 2004, for all past officers of the Section. Please indicate your intent to attend the lunch on your registration form.

The traditional annual-conference raffle will be held during the conference banquet on Friday, February 27. Tickets for the raffle will be available for purchase throughout the conference. Donations for the raffle include wine, wildlife artwork, books, travel and field-work gear, etc.

Please be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us in Rohnert Park in February 2004. You won't want to miss the festivities or the chance to meet and talk with those who have made this possible.



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Plenary Session

“The Changing Landscape of Wildlife Management”

The Western Section of The Wildlife Society will celebrate its 50th Anniversary at this annual conference. To honor our 50th Anniversary and acknowledge the many people who have made the Western Section succeed all these years, we will have many special events, including a panel of speakers at the Plenary Session who will provide a history of the Western Section and how wildlife management has changed over the past 5 decades. Group photographs will be taken of charter members, past officers, and all attendees. The traditional Friday-night banquet will prove to be fun and entertaining with a “roast” of the old-timers and special commemorative 50th Anniversary gifts for all attendees, the traditional raffle, music and dancing.

Topics covered in the plenary session are:

Landscape Change: Bill Laudenslayer, Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service

Changing Attitudes toward Wildlife and Wildlife

Management: Robert A. Schmidt, Department of Environment and Society, Utah State University

Evolving Policy: Rollin D. Sparrowe, President, Wildlife Management Institute (invited)

Panel Discussion

“50 Years of Excellence in Wildlife Conservation: The Legacy of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society”

The Western Section has been actively engaged in wildlife conservation in California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands since 1953, and the Section has a rich legacy of significant interest to Section members. A special panel of speakers has been convened to discuss the Section’s 50-year legacy and share observations of the Section’s contributions to wildlife conservation during three separate eras. This will be a memorable presentation that celebrates the Section’s past, present, and future.

Conference Announcement

2004 Annual Conference of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society

February 26–February 28, 2004
DoubleTree Hotel
Rohnert Park, California

Concurrent Sessions

Ecology and Management of Bats: Dave Johnston, H.T. Harvey Associates and Biology Department, Santa Clara University

Ecology, Monitoring, and Management of Raptors: Allen Fish, Director, Golden Gate Raptor Observatory

Seabirds and Shorebirds: Esther Burkett, California Department of Fish and Game

Ecology and Management of Amphibians and Reptiles: Gary Fellers, Pt. Reyes National Seashore, USGS Biological Resources Division

Ecology and Management of Amphibians and Reptiles II: TBA

Carnivores: TBA

Ecology, Monitoring, and Management of Passerines and Other Landbirds: Rob Hewitt, LBJ Enterprises

Disturbances in Oak Woodlands—SOD, Fire, and Development: Bill Tietje, Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program, University of California Cooperative Extension

Implications: David Burton, Aspen Delineation Project

Monitoring and Ecology of Wildlife in Restored

Habitats: Thomas A. Roberts, ESA Associates

Wildlife in Managed Forests: Scott Osborn, California Department of Fish and Game

Special Guest: Dr. Robert C. Stebbins, Professor Emeritus of Zoology, University of California, Berkeley

Special Symposia

ZOONOSES Presented by: Reginald H. Barrett and Robert Lane, Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California, Berkeley

ASPEN ECOLOGY Biodiversity and Its Management

THE GRINNELL LEGACY: USING HISTORICAL RECORDS TO ADDRESS CONTEMPORARY CONSERVATION CONCERNS IN CALIFORNIA Presented by: William J. Zielinski, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, Redwood Sciences Laboratory and Craig Moritz, Director, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and Professor, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley.

REGISTRATION FORM
Western Section 2004 Annual Conference
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*See below for special Biometrics Workshop preceding the conference.

1. Fill out all sections of this form. Complete a separate form for each registrant.
2. **Make your checks payable to "The Wildlife Society–Western Section"**. Checks, agency vouchers, or VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover are accepted. No purchase orders, please.
3. Registration must be postmarked by January 24, 2004, to avoid a late fee.
4. Mail to: **The Wildlife Society–Western Section**
Post Office Box 369
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Registration fee if postmarked: by 1/24/2004 after 1/24/2004 Total
(includes all workshops, sessions, receptions, and refreshment breaks)

Western Section Member \$200 \$235 _____

Non-Section Member \$235 \$260 _____

Student/Young Professionals** \$75 \$90 _____

***Biometrics Workshop (February 24–25)**

Western Section Members \$185 \$200 _____

Non-Section Members \$215 \$230 _____

Student/Young Professionals** \$50 \$60 _____

Students: Please indicate whether you will be attending the Student/Professional lunch on Thursday, February 26th. Yes No

Past Officers: Please indicate whether you will attend the special lunch on Friday, February 27th. Yes No

TWS Western Section Membership (\$20) _____

2004 Transactions (\$15)*** _____

TOTAL _____

NOTE: You may join the Western Section with this form and pay the member registration fee for the Annual Conference.

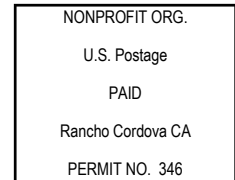
**Students must be currently enrolled at a university or college; "Young Professionals" must be employed as a seasonal or temporary employee in the wildlife profession.

***If you register as a "nonmember" and want a copy of the *2004 Transactions of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society* (published in January 2005), you must pay an additional \$15. All 2004 members of the Western Section will receive a copy of the *Transactions* as a benefit of membership.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: To receive a refund of registration fees, we must receive your cancellation no later than 2 weeks before the date of the event (February 10, 2004). Refunds are subject to a \$15 handling charge plus a 5% surcharge if the transaction has been made with a credit card. Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing, either by mail or e-mail.



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