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FORWARD

It has been a quiet time for the Working Group. While that makes me a little nervous that we should be doing something, on the other hand, crises seem to be at a minimum. Nothing has come from TWS (i.e., top down) or the membership (i.e. bottom up) for 6-8 months.

Please note that the Working Group annual meeting is part of the Nashville TWS Conference. The Working Group will meet Wednesday, September 13th, in room #208 in the Nashville Convention Center from 3:30 - 5:30pm. Agenda items are most welcome. If there is something you feel we should be doing let us know. If you don't, we can't respond with appropriate action. Let me know what's on your mind that we can translate into productive action.

Paul Curtis and Tony DeNicola have met with their Cornell publishing contacts and are scheduled for printing the urban deer management manual in early September. A draft of the manual is under internal review. As of this newsletter, Bob Warren has presented a draft of the manual to TWS Council for final approval. This manual represents the second such manual produced through this Working Group.

Results of our recent election are in. The top 3 vote getters were Desley Whisson, Larry Clark, and Richard Chipman. Congratulations to the 3 new Board members who will begin their 2-year terms at the WG annual meeting at TWS conference in Nashville. Thanks also to Charlie Brown, Eric Gese, and Dale Nolte for running for office. Desley, Larry, and Rich will replace outgoing Board members Bill Andelt, Russ Mason, and Becky Stout.

Thus the Working Group officers and Board for 2000-2001, as of the September meeting will be:

Chair	***Robert Timm***
Chair Elect	***Kathy Fagerstone***
Treasurer	***Gary Witmer***
Board	***Desley Whisson***
	Larry Clark
	Richard Chipman
	Gary San Julian
	Dale Rollins
	Robert Schmidt

Contact information for the above Working Group representatives, along with that for the entire Working Group membership, are included separate to this issue.

We will have one more brief newsletter just before the September conference. Have a great summer and hope to see you in Nashville.

- Scott Craven

Dallas Virchow, University of Nebraska, has been making excellent progress on the University of Nebraska Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management web site:

http://wildlifedamage.unl.edu/

The new web site features Proceedings of wildlife damage conferences, parts (and eventually all) of the Handbook of Wildlife Damage Management, an extensive list of vendors, a question and answer forum, and numerous links, among other items of interest.

JACK H. BERRYMAN INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF ITS 1999 AWARDS

The Jack H. Berryman Institute, a national organization centered at Utah State University, works to promote human-wildlife relationships and to solve human-wildlife conflicts through its research, extension, and education programs. Each year the Institute recognizes superior work aimed at enhancing human-wildlife relationships and resolving human--wildlife conflicts by bestowing four awards: 1) Professional Achievement, 2) Leadership, 3) Research, and 4) Lifetime Achievement.

Rex Marsh received the Professional Achievement award for his decades of student mentoring at the University of California, Irvine and for his service to the Vertebrate Pest Council and the field of wildlife damage management.

Dennis Slate, who is the New Hampshire and Vermont director for USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services (USDA/WS), received the Leadership award. Dr. Slate was honored for his work to improve human health and safety by reducing the threat of bird-aircraft collisions and preventing the spread of rabies in the northeastern U.S.

Michael Jaeger, a scientist with the USDA/WS National Wildlife Research Center, and ***Dale McCullough***, a professor with the University of California, Berkeley received the research award in recognition of superior achievement in the creation of new knowledge. They were honored for a series of four articles published in *The Journal of Wildlife Management* on predator--livestock relationships.

James Miller, who is the USDA National Extension Leader for Wildlife and the former president of The Wildlife Society, won the Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Miller is the consummate wildlife professional and has served as a role model for many wildlife extension specialists and wildlife professionals. He is one of the fathers of the field of wildlife damage management and has done more than any individual to help this field become an essential part of wildlife management.

TWS NASHVILLE 2000

Symposia, Workshop, and Special Poster Sessions

*7th Annual Conference * September 12-16, 2000*

SYMPOSIA

Habitat Classification Systems and their Implications for the Conservation of Biological Diversity
Sponsor: Biological Diversity Working Group

Status and Trend of Wildlife and Land Management Implications in the Interior Columbia River Basin

Mammal Community Dynamics in Western Coniferous Forests: Management and Conservation for the New Millennium

Current Bobcat Research and Implications for Management

Implementing CARA: Understanding Public Attitudes Toward the Environment and Wildlife Diversity & Using Public Involvement in Developing Program Direction

Excellence in Biometrics Education: Views from Employers and Academicians
Sponsor: Biometrics Working Group

Thirty Years of Urban Wildlife Management: Directions for a New Millennium
Sponsor: Urban Wildlife Working Group

Sustainable Use: Making It Work
Sponsor: Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Resources Working Group

Nonlethal Approaches to Wildlife Damage Management: Promise, Potential, Reality
Sponsor: Urban Wildlife Working Group

Wildlife and Highways: Seeking Solutions to an Ecological and Socioeconomic Dilemma
Sponsor: Wildlife Damage Management Working Group

The Role of Fire for Nongame Wildlife Management and Community Restoration: Traditional Uses and New Directions from Eastern and Western Perspectives

WORKSHOP

Information-Theoretic Methods: Alternatives to Statistical Hypothesis Testing in Wildlife Data Analysis
Sponsor: Biometrics Working Group

SPECIAL POSTER SESSIONS

Geographic Information System (GIS) Software Applications for Wildlife
Sponsor: GIS and Remote Sensing Working Group

Wildlife Toxicology: Contaminant Issues in the Southeastern U.S.
Sponsor: Wildlife Toxicology Working Group

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12 - Wildlife Damage Management
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