

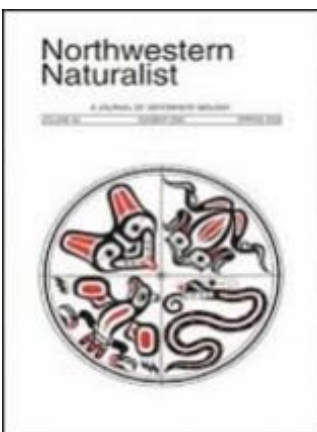


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NEW SNVB MEMBERSHIP FEATURE:

BioOne Free Society Member Access program
We have just finalized the details and are excited to announce that current SNVB members can now access the online archive of current and past articles of the Northwestern Naturalist at BioOne!



From the SNVB [homepage](#) select "Membership -> Members' Page" from the drop down menu and the login page should appear.
Username: phylum

2011 Meeting Synopsis: Maintaining Connectivity for Wildlife and Wildlife Professionals

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract Submissions: February 14th
Early Registration: February 14th
Hotel Reservations: March 4th

Download our up to date [Call for Papers \(.pdf\)](#) or visit the [annual meeting page](#) on our website for all the details including information about the workshops.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology (SNVB) is accepting applications for one scholarship of up to \$1000 to undergraduate or graduate students conducting vertebrate research within the geographic scope of the society: northwestern North America west of the Great Plains and north of the Mojave Desert. The deadline is February 28 and the recipient will be announced at our annual meeting. For more information including application instructions and a list of past winners visit the [scholarship page](#) on our website.

RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

The Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society (WA TWS) and

Password: Chordata! (case sensitive)

Happy perusing and feel free to contact Eric (snvb.murreletter@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND NEW WEBSITE GALLERY

We will once again hold our annual photo contest at our meeting. This year we invite submissions in the following five categories: **thematic topic** (trans-boundaries for wildlife and wildlife professionals), **wildlife portraits**, **landscapes** and **habitats**, **biologists in action**, **artistic interpretation**. In addition to prizes that will be handed to winners in each category during the banquet, photographers will have the option to display their images on a photo gallery page that will be added to our website soon. Contact Teal Waterstrat with any questions (teal.waterstrat@gmail.com).

REGISTRATION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

SNVB and WA TWS will provide a waiver of the registration fee for the first 10 full-time students who contact us prior to the early registration deadline, February 14th, 2011. Students who receive a waiver will be expected to volunteer at least 2 hrs at the meeting (e.g. registration, AV support, session moderation, etc.). For consideration of registration waivers please email the following information to Aimee McIntyre (aimee.mcintizzle@gmail.com):

- Name
- University currently attending
- Major of Study & academic year (undergraduate and year or MS or PhD)
- Faculty advisor (if graduate student)

Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology (SNVB) will hold their annual Raffle and Silent Auction at the 2011 meeting. We will gladly accept donations for this cause! Any biology- or outdoors-themed items are of great appeal to TWS and SNVB members; in particular: books and field guides, art and photography, greeting cards, jewelry, t-shirts, hats, field equipment, mugs, tours, wine, memorabilia from past meetings, nature videos or CDs, gift certificates, and of course, "artifacts" from your field work. All donations would be greatly appreciated, and tax receipts will be available after the meeting. If you have something you'd like to donate, or if you have questions or would like more information, please contact David Clayton (dclayton@fs.fed.us) 541-941-9130 or Brent Matsuda (brent.matsuda@gmail.com) or by phone, USA 916-296-2099 or Canada 604-357-3087. Thanks for your support!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our meetings wouldn't run so smoothly without the help of volunteers each year.

We can use help in the following areas:

Registration (contact Craig Hansen;

CHansen@parametrix.com)

Session moderation (contact Aimee McIntyre;

aimee.mcintizzle@gmail.com)

Judges for best student paper (contact Wendy Arjo;

wendya@ageiss.com)

Mentors for student mentoring session (contact Wendy Arjo;

wendya@ageiss.com)

AV support (contact Eric Lund; snvb.murreletter@gmail.com)



FIELD TRIPS (Three options on March 25th)

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Restoration
Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, 1:00.

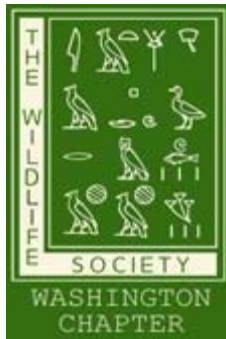
Take a walk through one of the largest and newest estuary restoration projects in Washington. 365 hectares of Nisqually River/McAllister Creek delta have been opened to tidal flow through the joint effort of the USFWS, The Nisqually Tribe, Ducks Unlimited, USGS, and many others. Visit the newly constructed boardwalk and observation platform over the tidelands. Come enjoy the tide's flood and ebb as juvenile salmon swim below you and birds fly and swim around you while you observe the ocean and river reestablishing an ecosystem that was lost over 100 years ago. Jesse Barham, Nisqually Restoration Biologist, will lead an informational session and 3 to 4 mile guided tour of the refuge. Bring warm waterproof clothes, water, snacks, and your binoculars.





MEMBER LUNCHEON

SNVB will hold its member luncheon on Wednesday, March 23rd in between sessions at our meeting. This is your chance to come hear about some of the things going on behind the scenes with the society. You bring your fresh ideas, we'll bring lunch!



STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

There will be a student mentoring social on Wednesday evening directly after sessions, on-site at the Inn. Session will be about an hour. This is an opportunity for students or any early-career biologists to mingle with professionals in a casual setting. Students will have an opportunity ask questions about biology careers, as well as advancements in the profession and potential challenges. If you are a professional or a student/early –career biologist who would like to participate, please contact Wendy Arjo (wendya@ageiss.com).

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NWPARC REMINDER

If you are driving to this field trip please bring three dollars (\$3) for refuge use fee, your national parks pass, duck stamp, or other valid national lands pass. Learn more about the [Nisqually delta restoration project](#) or contact Teal Waterstrat (teal.waterstrat@gmail.com) with any questions about the trip.

Adventures in Herpetology Afternoon, Site TBA.

[NWPARC](#) will sponsor and lead this trip, an exploration of some of the local amphibian and reptile communities. More details to follow on the website.



A Look at Falconry Afternoon, Site TBA.

Come and visit with both licensed falconers and their birds near Olympia, WA. Sarah Coven will tell us about the ancient and elite world of falconry, raptor care, training, and give us an opportunity to meet the birds face to beak. If the weather permits there will also be a flight and practice hunt demonstration. Unfortunately, at the time of our conference Washington State rabbit season will be closed. Contact Teal Waterstrat (teal.waterstrat@gmail.com) or Sarah Coven (sarahcoven@hotmail.com) for more information.



Other Upcoming Events

WORKSHOP:

Modeling Patterns and Dynamics of Species Occurrence

Darryl MacKenzie, Proteus Wildlife Research Consultants

Vancouver, Canada: 7-11 and again 21-25 March 2011 (dates to be confirmed)



This workshop will cover many of the latest methods for modeling patterns and dynamics of species occurrence in a landscape while accounting for the imperfect detection of the species. Participants will be introduced to available software through worked examples, and there will be special emphasis on aspects of study design. While primarily aimed at the beginner and intermediate level, more

NW Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation's annual meeting will precede our meeting with WA TWS in Gig Harbor.



The meeting (21-22 March) will include an **Amphibian Inventory and Monitoring Techniques Workshop** on Monday and an **Amphibian Diseases Symposium** on Tuesday. (Note this represents a change in the original schedule as the workshop and symposium have switched days). Deadlines for early registration and accommodations are Feb. 21 and March 4 respectively. Visit NW PARC's website where you can download the meeting announcement or where you can **register via Paypal**: <http://www.nwparc.org/meeting>.

HAVE A SUGGESTION OR NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO WITH SNVB?

We now have a form on our website for updating your email or mailing address.

You can also use this form to submit your suggestions for the website or future newsletters. You're just a click away. Check it out at: snvb.org/contact.html

experienced researchers will also benefit from attending. Full description available at: <http://www.proteus.co.nz/homt.html>. Email Jay Rourke (jrourke@hemmera.com) with any questions or for registration info.

OREGON SPOTTED FROG SURVEYS

Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge



The annual, volunteer driven Oregon spotted frog (*Rana pretiosa*) surveys at Conboy Lake are just around the corner and will occur throughout the month of March. If you've never visited Conboy

Lake National Wildlife Refuge or volunteered with WDFW and the spotted frog surveys check out the full announcement [here](#) and consider joining us. If you have participated before you know how much fun (and important) the volunteer surveys are! The link to the online signup poll is also on the [.pdf announcement](#). Hope to see you there.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Carbon Management in British Columbia Ecosystems
-A search for opportunities to mitigate climate change-

Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology
June 15-16, 2011
Prestige Lakeside Resort & Convention Centre
Nelson, British Columbia

Climate change is one of the most important environmental challenges facing civilization. Managing how carbon is taken in, stored, and released from natural systems has the potential to mitigate the



rate and extent of future climate change. This conference will focus on how moving towards a low carbon economy may alter management strategies, economics, plans, and on-the-ground practices of natural resource managers.

This event will include two days of presentations, a poster session, a keynote speaker, and opportunities for informal dialogue among participants and presenters. We hope to have field trips. A conference summary will ensure the conference information is widely available. Full details available on the cmiae.org_events page.

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