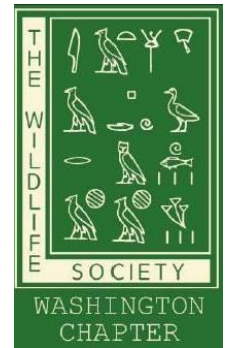




2016 Joint Partner Wildlife Conference “Common Resources, Challenges, and Solutions”

Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology
NW Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation



February 22-26, 2016
Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID



Meeting Announcement

Registration now Open!

<http://ictws.org/meetingRegistration.php>



Everyone is invited to join us 22-26 February 2016 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID for a week of education, collaboration, coordination, and comradery. Activities will include oral presentations, posters, special symposium, workshops, working group meetings, society business meetings, reception, banquet, silent auction and raffles, and much more. Student activities include “breakfast with a Wildlifer”, a mixer/ mentoring session, and quiz bowl. With something for everyone, you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about current research, network with your peers, and support future leaders within the wildlife community.

Registration: <http://ictws.org/meetingRegistration.php>

- Registration (does not include banquet admission)
 - Regular registration -- \$150
 - Retiree/new professional registration -- \$75
 - Student registration (non-ICTWS member) -- \$25
 - Student registration (2016 ICTWS member) -- \$0
 - One day registration -- \$60
- NW PARC Symposium -- \$75 (regular); \$45 (student); Lunch provided
- Workshops
 - Introduction to R – Limit 30; No Fee
 - Yellow-billed Cuckoo – Limit 30; No Fee
 - Terrestrial Mollusks – Limit 30; Fee \$30 (required book)
 - Manuscript Preparation – Limit 30; No Fee
 - Chemical Immobilization and Handling – Limit 30; Cost \$150
- Banquet
 - Regular banquet ticket -- \$50
 - Student banquet ticket -- \$20
- **\$25 Late fee for registration and symposium starting February 1, 2016**

For more information visit <http://thesnvb.org/annual-meeting-2016>

Schedule**
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<p>Monday 22 February –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Group Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Idaho Bat Working Group ○ Idaho PARC • Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction to R ○ Yellow-billed Cuckoo ○ Terrestrial Mollusks* 	<p>Tuesday 23 February –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary • Oral Presentation Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ignite ○ Sage grouse ○ Carnivores ○ Field Techniques • Poster Session • ICTWS Business lunch • Student mixer/ mentoring session • Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raffle/ Silent auction ○ Student quiz bowl
<p>Wednesday 24 February –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doc Storm Festschrift • Oral Presentation Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dry forests ○ Arid ecosystems ○ Big game ○ Amphibians • Manuscript Preparation Workshop • TWS-WA Business breakfast • SNVB Business lunch • Banquet* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awards ○ Raffle/ Silent Auction 	<p>Thursday 25 February –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW PARC Conservation Across Borders Symposium* (Lunch provided) • Oral Presentation Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wildlife Disease ○ Freshwater mussels • Chemical immobilization and handling workshop* • Idaho Bird Conservation Partnership • Breakfast with a Wildlifer student mentoring • NW PARC Social (off site)
<p>26 February –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemical immobilization and handling workshop • Idaho Bird Conservation Partnership 	<p><i>*Separate registration required for banquet and NW PARC Symposium; and some workshops</i> <i>** Schedule subject to change</i></p>

Special Symposia, Workshops, and Student Activities

Special Symposia

- **Doc Storm Festschrift** (to honor a respected person, during his or her lifetime for their academic achievements): This full day special symposium will explore the work, legacy, and the many individuals mentored by Dr. Robert M. Storm during his long and prolific career with Oregon State University. Talk with and learn about the man, the science, and conservation he led and inspired from some of his many accomplished students! Contacts: Marc P. Hayes (Marc.Hayes@dfw.wa) and Robert E Weaver (weaverro@cwu.edu)
- **NW PARC Symposium: Conservation Across Borders-** NW PARC is excited to bring together a number of people and organizations that are interested in protecting wildlife and habitats across borders. During this symposium we will explore a number of perspectives and case studies pertaining to transboundary conservation and restoration mechanisms. We will also examine current threats and policies surrounding legal and illegal wildlife trade, the role herpetocultural societies can play in conservation, invasive herpetofauna, and the spread of endemic and exotic pathogens. The keynote speaker will be Jamie Reaser, noted author and conservationist, who is currently serving as the executive director of the National Invasive Species Council. More information: www.nwparc.org (Cost: Regular- \$75; Student- \$45)
- **Idaho Bird Partners for Conservation-** Presentations, discussion, and breakout meetings to provide cooperation among state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, private industry, and interested citizens to participate in the management, science delivery, outreach, and conservation of birds and their habitats in Idaho. We will cover a variety of bird conservation issues, including continuing topics on Short-eared Owls, bird window strikes, uncapped pipes, Migratory Bird Treaty Act centennial, high elevation birds, and workshops for federal agencies.

Workshops

- **Introduction to R;** Jon Horne- This workshop will provide an introduction to R, an open-source (i.e., free) statistics and graphic software environment that has become the new standard for ecological data analysis. Participants will learn the basics of the R language, useful packages for ecological research, and graphics options. Participants will need to bring their own laptop with R installed. Instructions on installing R will be provided prior to the workshop. (Limit: 30)
- **Yellow-billed Cuckoo;** Emily Teachout and Murrelet Halterman- Workshop will provide information about this rare, but wide spread bird, in the northwestern US. Learn about the cuckoo's distribution, state and federal status, critical habitat, ESA compliance, presence survey protocols, and research needs. Don't miss your chance to go cuckoo with TWS and SNVB this year! (Limit: 30)

- **Terrestrial Mollusks;** Tom Burke, Paul Hendricks, Mike Lucid- This workshop will provide an introduction to the land snails and slugs of the Pacific Northwest. Topics to be covered include priority species for survey and monitoring, useful references, land mollusk life histories and habitat associations, where and when to conduct surveys, and suggestions for designing surveys. Experience using keys for species identification of a variety of specimens will be emphasized. A hand lens would be useful to bring. (Limit: 30, Additional cost: Required book: "Land snails and slugs of the Pacific Northwest" by Tom Burke- \$30)
- **Manuscript Preparation;** Vaughn L. Paragamian- A half day workshop geared toward students but open to anyone interested in the ins and outs of publishing their research. (Limit: 24)
- **Chemical Immobilization and Handling-** This 2-day workshop on Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization is a slightly condensed version of the 3-day courses that Global Wildlife Resources (<http://www.wildliferesources.com>) teaches across the county. Dr. Mark Johnson is a dynamic instructor who teaches practical field-based training to maximize human safety, field success, animal care, and professionalism. He is well known for developing ethical practices and habits in his students. This is one of the most-extensive Wildlife Handling and Chemical Immobilization courses taught in North America. This 2-day course is authorized to provide 12 hours of credit for the TWS Certified Wildlife Biologist Renewal/Professional Development Certificate Program. This workshop can also be applied toward any state or Federal certification program. Additional information: [Link to informational flyer](#). (Limit: 30; Additional Fee: \$150)

Student Activities

- **Student Mentoring Session-** Students and mentors come participate in the student-mentor session! Students will be able to interact with professionals from private, state and federal organizations to ask specific questions about career opportunities, experiences, and expectations. This session will also offer students a chance to obtain some perspective on organizational culture, learn about the different types of wildlife work that goes on within various sectors and agencies, and hopefully gain a better understanding of challenges and advancements in the profession as well as characteristics for a successful professional.
- **Quiz Bowl-** If you have attended a parent TWS meeting, you may have seen or participated in this fun tradition where teams of students meet in head-to-head intellectual combat to determine who has the greatest and most diverse knowledge of ecology and wildlife science. Get a team together and show your school, state, chapter, or section pride!
- **Breakfast With A Wildlifer-** This activity is meant to be an informal breakfast session where small groups of graduate, undergraduate, and even high school students can visit with wildlife professionals within their field of interest. Students will have opportunities to ask for advice about jobs, graduate school, and volunteer opportunities and any other questions they may have.

Accommodations

Arrangements have been made for accommodations at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Your support of the meeting by staying at this location is appreciated. Please be sure to indicate your affiliation with **"The Wildlife Meeting Group"** as you or your administrative staff book your rooms. Traditional double queen or single king rooms are available at the 2016 per diem rate (\$89 US/night single occupancy) plus applicable taxes. A limited number of traditional rooms are available, so if you want to ensure that you get a room at the per diem rate, book early. Deluxe rooms are available at a higher rate (\$159/night plus applicable taxes). Amenities include deluxe continental breakfast, fitness studio, free high speed WiFi, free morning newspaper, indoor pool, hot tub, and spa, among other things. For more information visit: <http://www.cdaresort.com/>. Reservations **MUST BE MADE BY January 21, 2016**. After this date, blocked rooms are no longer guaranteed.

Phone Reservations: Phone reservations are required so that we get "credit" for rooms occupied by meeting attendees. To reserve your room, call the Resort at (855) 999-799 (toll free) and ask for the **"Wildlife Meeting Group Block"**. Changes or cancelation of reservations can occur up to 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a forfeiture of deposit.

Parking: Please note that there will not be any free parking available at the Resort – a special \$10/ day fee has been negotiated for conference attendees staying at the resort. Daily parking at the resort is \$18/ day and there are additional options for parking in the area around the resort.

Additional Information

Ignite Presentations

Space still available!!! Want to present at the Conference but do not want to prepare a full presentation or poster? The Partners invite you to present at the Ignite session on Tuesday 23 February. These short to-the-point talks provide a great platform for people to quickly share project updates, notes from the field, or other important topics that don't require a full 20-minute presentation. IGNITE talks are short (e.g., 5 minutes) and each slide in a presentation is left on the screen for a very short time period (e.g., 15 seconds). Both Idaho and Washington meetings recently included an IGNITE session and they were well received and a fun way to get involved. Talks are only 5 minutes long so there is plenty of opportunity; simply submit your name, talk title, and 2-3 sentence abstract to kozj@yakamafish-nsn.gov with the subject line IGNITE. Please contact Aren Eddingsaas at aeddingsaas.sbtribes@gmail.com with any questions or see the description of IGNITE sessions at <http://thesnvb.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Ignite-at-2016-Joint-Partner-Meeting.pdf>

Oral Presentations

There are still a few slots open for oral presentations. If interested in presenting but you missed the deadline here is your final chance. Please contact Jeff Kozma at kozj@yakamafish-nsn.gov to see if there is still availability and if your topic will fit within the existing program. Abstracts for oral presentations and posters must be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word documents as soon as possible and no later than **November 30, 2015**. Please follow guidelines available at <http://thesnvb.org/annual-meeting-2016>

Volunteer

For more information or to volunteer contact Steering Committee Chairs:

Danielle Munzing (danielle.munzing@dnr.wa.gov), WA-TWS;

Teal Waterstrat (teal.waterstrat@gmail.com), SNVB;

Aren Eddingsaas (aeddingsaas.sbribes+ICTWS@gmail.com), ID-TWS;

Betsy Howell (blhowell@fs.fed.us) or Kris Kendell (Kris.Kendell@ab-conservation.com), NW PARC

Sponsorships and Fundraising

We have received many generous sponsorships and donations for the 2016 Joint Meeting already, and we welcome more business, agency, and individuals who wish to provide additional support. Sponsorships can be in the form of a direct funding contribution or as items that we can use for auction/raffle purposes. For direct sponsorship please contact (Idaho) Greg Servheen; gregg.servheen@idfg.idaho.gov or (Washington) Bruce Thompson; bruce.thompson@dfw.wa.gov. For fundraiser donations please contact (Idaho) Deniz Aygen; deniz.aygen@idaho.gov or (Washington) Danielle Munzing; danielle.munzing@dnr.wa.gov.

Vendors

Are you a vendor interested in displaying your organization/ product to a large cross section of natural resource managers and researchers from the Pacific Northwest? If so please contact Laura Wolf (laura.wolf@idfg.idaho.gov) for additional information on participating. Resort charges for display table- \$25.

Photography contest

A **DIGITAL** photography contest will be held to share original and stunning images of wildlife, biologists from across the Northwest. Categories will include: **Wildlife Portraits, Landscapes and Habitats, Biologists In Action, Artistic Interpretation, and Wildlife Interactions**. Photograph guidelines, conditions and submission portal can be found at: <http://thesnvb.org/2016-meeting-photo-contest>. Photos will be displayed on screen for voting during the meeting banquet and small prizes will be awarded for the **Best Photo** in each category. Winning photographer's images (with their permission) will also be displayed on the SNVB website and newsletter. Must be a member of one of the societies or registered for the meeting to enter – need not be present to win. If you have any questions, contact Teal Waterstrat (teal.waterstrat@gmail.com).