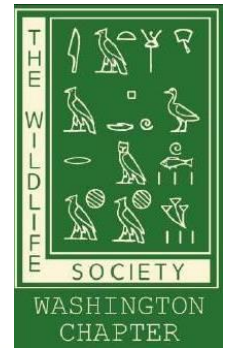




2016 Joint Partner Wildlife Conference “Common Resources, Challenges, and Solutions”

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



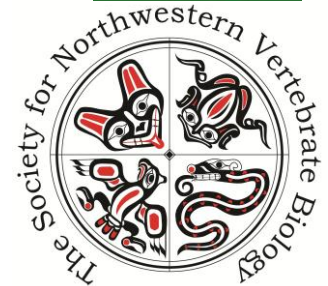
February 22-26, 2016
Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID



Meeting Announcement
January 1, 2016

Register Today!

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



Everyone is invited to join us February 22-26, 2016 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a week of education, collaboration, coordination, and camaraderie. Activities will include oral presentations, posters, special symposia, workshops, working group meetings, society business meetings, reception, banquet, silent auction and raffles, and much more. Student activities include “breakfast with a wildlifer”, a professional mentoring session, resume review station, 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://thesnwb.org/annual-meeting-2016>

Schedule: 2016 Joint Partner Wildlife Conference

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

Monday 22 February

0800-1200	Idaho Bat Working Group	Introduction to "R"		
1200-1330	Lunch Break			
1330-1730	Idaho-PARC	Introduction to "R"	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Terrestrial Mollusks
1730-1830				
1830-2100				

Tuesday 23 February

Plenary Session			Vendor Displays
Business Lunch: ICTWS			
Lunch Break			
Carnivores	IGNITE!	Sage Grouse	
Student Mentoring			
Poster Session, Reception, Silent Auction, Raffle Quiz Bowl (2000-2100)			

Color Key
Special Sessions
Contributed Papers
Workshops
Student Activities
Associated Meetings
Events

Wednesday 24 February

0700-0800	Business Breakfast: TWS- WA			
0800-1200	Big Game	Field Techniques	Dry Forests	Vendor Displays
1200-1330	Business Lunch: SNVB			Resume Review 1000-1300
Lunch Break				
1330-1730	Amphibians	Manuscript Preparation	Arid Ecosystems	
1730-1800	Break			
1800-2000	Banquet, Awards Silent Auction, Raffle			

Thursday 25 February

Breakfast with a Wildlifer			
Northwest PARC Symposium: Conservation Across Borders	Wildlife Disease	Freshwater Mussels	Chemical Immobilization and Handling
	Lunch Break		
	IBCP		
NW PARC Social			

Friday 24 February

Chemical Immobilization and Handling	IBCP

Registration (0700-0830)
Tuesday-Thursday

Special Symposia, Workshops, and Student Activities

Special Symposia

- **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;** Lead by: Emily Teachout and Murrelet Halterman and others- Workshop will provide information about this rare, but widespread bird, in the northwestern United States. 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 of a successful professional. Any professionals who would like to participate as mentors please join us for the session. Please contact Wendy Arjo at wendya@ageiss-inc.com with questions.
- **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! Students, sign your team up early to make sure you get a slot. Professionals, we are seeking quiz bowl questions and volunteers to help. Direct all questions and submissions to Sara Hansen (Sara.Hansen@dfw.wa.gov).
- **Résumé Review-** A résumé review station will be available to provide students an opportunity to receive feedback on their résumé, ask questions and seek advice from wildlife professionals from across different fields working in the private or public sector. If you are a professional interested in volunteering your experience at the résumé review station, contact Blake Murden (bmurden@portblakely.com)
- **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. Contact Katey Huggler (hugg7910@vandals.uidaho.edu) if you are a professional that is willing to spend an hour during breakfast talking with students.

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 per 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 per 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) 999-7998 (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 per day fee has been negotiated for conference attendees staying at the resort. Daily parking at the resort is \$18 per 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 (5 minutes) and each slide in a presentation is left on the screen for a very short time period (15 seconds). Both Idaho and Washington meetings recently included IGNITE! sessions 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>

Volunteer

Right now we are looking to you to help make this meeting great by becoming a volunteer. We have lots of options to fit your particular interest and skill set. These include:

- Working the Registration and Merchandise desk

- Run the Audio Visual component of a session
- Raffle Ticket Sales
- Meeting setup/breakdown
- Poster Session set up/organization
- Banquet assistance (tallying votes /bringing up awards /AV)
- General help and more

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions or more please contact Annemarie Prince at: Annemarie.Prince@dfw.wa.gov for more details

Sponsorships and Fundraising

We have received many generous sponsorships and donations for the 2016 Joint Meeting already, and we welcome more businesses, agencies, and individuals who wish to provide additional support. Sponsorships can be in the form of direct funding contribution or as items that we can use for the auction or raffle. For direct sponsorship please contact (Idaho) Greg Servheen; gregg.servheen@idfg.idaho.gov or (Washington) Bruce Thompson; bcthompson248@gmail.com. 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 sharing information about your organization or products 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://thesnyb.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 images will also be displayed on the SNVB website and newsletter (with photographer's permission). 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). Please submit all photos by January 31, 2016.

Request for Program Cover Artwork

Attention artists, doodlers, and daydreamers! Pick up your pens, paintbrushes, or pencils and share your artistic talents at the meeting. We are currently accepting original artwork to grace the cover of our 2016 program. Submissions should be of a size that can be reproduced on a portrait oriented 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper. Meeting Chairs will select a winner from the submissions. Please submit your artwork before January 31, 2016 to teal.waterstrat@gmail.com with the subject line 2016 Program Cover Art and attach your submission as a JPG, PDF, TIFF or other extension.