



# *Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology* [www.thesnvb.org](http://www.thesnvb.org)

## *CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR NORTHWESTERN VERTEBRATE BIOLOGY*

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### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the SOCIETY FOR NORTHWESTERN VERTEBRATE BIOLOGY.

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### ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes for which this Society has been formed are to promote close working relationships between ornithologists, mammalogists, herpetologists, and ichtheologists of the Northwest, to the end that the free exchange of scientific information and data pertaining to the study of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes may be encouraged; to promote interest in the scientific study of these vertebrates within the region of the Northwest; to maintain high standards within these fields; to encourage and assist persons working in these fields; to maintain meeting places, museums, or libraries for use by vertebrate biologists; and to publish a bulletin or other publications as appear necessary and desirable to those ends.

This Society is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, or officer of the Society, or to any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Society effecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, or officer of the Society, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Society assets on dissolution of the Society.

No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Society shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.



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Upon the dissolution of the Society or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, or educational organizations, which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended. The Society may levy dues upon its members as the membership may provide, from time to time, by its Bylaws. Funds may be accumulated and invested, and income there from used as provided in the Bylaws, so long as such use is consistent with the purposes of this Society as set forth in this ARTICLE II.

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## ARTICLE III - LOCATION

The location of this Society shall include the Northwest of the United States and adjoining Canada.

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## ARTICLE IV - DURATION

This Society shall have a perpetual existence.

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## ARTICLE V - GOVERNMENT

Government of this Society shall be accomplished by the members qualified to vote in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws. Such members shall elect an Executive Board consisting of a President and Vice-Presidents as deemed necessary, all elected every 2 years; and a Treasurer and three Trustees, one elected each year and each term to run three years.

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## ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at the pleasure of the Society and proposed amendments shall be in writing, signed by at least three members of the Society. All members with the power to vote will then be notified of the proposal and will cast their vote on the proposal. A two-thirds vote of all members given the power to vote and voting is necessary for passage of an amendment.



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ARTICLE VII - BYLAWS

Bylaws for this Society shall be established and may be amended by recommendation of the Executive Board or by the motion of any three members given the power to vote. All members with the power to vote will then be notified of this proposal and will cast their vote on the proposal. The Bylaws and amendments thereto require a majority vote of the members given the power to vote and voting.

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This Constitution will supersede all previous Constitutions

as legally adopted 24 February 2005

Tara Chestnut, Secretary

This Constitution is current and complete as of 22 March 2012

and is the only organizing instrument of the organization.

Tiffany Hicks, Secretary