

# The Wildlife Society North Carolina Chapter

## Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN or Chris' Caterwauling

Hello. As current President of the NC Chapter of The Wildlife Society (NCTWS), it's my pleasure to represent a great group of professionals from a diverse array of jobs and backgrounds. Over the past year, the Chapter's Board has been working to increase membership by creating an environment attractive to an even broader group of professionals. When the Board asked non-members why they were not active in NCTWS, they asked in return, "Why should I join? What would I gain by becoming a member of NCTWS?" Those questions got me to thinking about why I maintain my membership in the state, section, and national chapters. Honestly, it's not so that I can keep up with the most current wildlife research or cutting-edge technology. Instead, I relish the opportunity to interact and network with fellow wildlife professionals while having a bit of fun. How else would I find out what's up with Mike Carraway out there practically in east Tennessee? And I never laugh as hard as I do during Woody's auction monologue. Also, each year I earnestly await the national meeting, where I see old friends and take the opportunity to work with them to catch or kill some of nature's local bounty. To some, these may seem like selfish or misguided justifications for involvement in the Society. I would argue, however, that I learn more about the profession during informal interactions with fellow wildlifers than while sitting through formal presentations or reading the most current issue of the *Journal of Wildlife Management* (even though the latter are important endeavors). My involvement on various committees and on the Executive Board of NCTWS has been one of the most gratifying and educational experiences of my career. Without this degree of Chapter involvement, maybe I wouldn't feel so strongly that membership in NCTWS does give back. I challenge you to consider why you are a member of NCTWS. Has NCTWS given back to you? Would you like to become more involved? The Chapter is always looking for individuals willing to help (see Conservation Review Update in this issue). It's up to you to decide how much help you're willing to give.

- *Chris Moorman*

## CHAPTER VISION STATEMENT

*To guide and promote the conservation and management  
of wildlife resources throughout North Carolina.*

The CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT and CHAPTER OBJECTIVES can be viewed on the  
Chapter's website at:  
[www.main.nc.us/nctws](http://www.main.nc.us/nctws)

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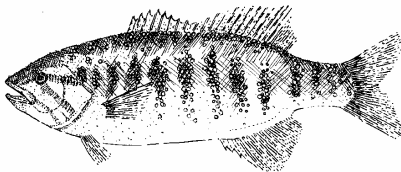
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# Wildlife Society News

## NCTWS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Detailed minutes from past board meetings are prepared by NCTWS Chapter Secretary Pat Farrell and are posted on the Chapter web page. To read the minutes, go to: [www.main.nc.us/nctws](http://www.main.nc.us/nctws) and click on the Chapter Business link.

## ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY



NCTWS jointly hosted its annual meeting with the NC Chapter of the American Fisheries Society on February 8-9, 2005 at the Brown's Summit Conference Center in central North Carolina. The theme of the meeting was "Fisheries and Wildlife Management in Riparian Systems – Where Wet and Dry Meet". New officers for the Chapter are **Chris Moorman** (President), **John Ann Shearer** (President-elect), **Jeff Marcus** (Past President), **Shelley Good** (Treasurer), **Pat Farrell** (Secretary), **Jamie Sasser** (Executive Board), and **Brady Beck** (Executive Board).

## 2005 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

July 12, 2005	USFWS office on Pylon Drive, Raleigh, NC (contact John Ann Shearer)
November 9, 2005	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, NC (contact Shelley Good)

NCTWS Board meetings are scheduled several times each year. The meeting times are 11:00AM to 2:00PM. All members are encouraged and invited to attend each board meeting. *Contact NCTWS President-elect at [JohnAnn.Shearer@fws.gov](mailto:JohnAnn.Shearer@fws.gov) or at 919/856-4520 ext. 17, for specific locations, directions and details about the July 12, 2005 meeting.*

## NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY 2005 AWARDS PROGRAM

The following awards were presented by the Awards Committee at the 2005 NCTWS Annual meeting:

**Wildlife Conservation Award:** This award is presented to individuals or groups within North Carolina who deserve recognition for achievement in wildlife conservation, education, research or related endeavors. The **2005 Wildlife Conservation Award** was presented to **Lincoln Sadler** in recognition of enthusiastic and effective leadership in the innovative management of the Sandhills Game Lands and Rowland Cooperative Upland-habitat Restoration and Enhancement (CURE) Area.

***NCTWS Chapter Award:*** This award is presented to a chapter member for individual effort and contributions to wildlife conservation. Service to the Society and Chapter is strongly considered, along with professional achievement. The **2005 NCTWS Chapter Award** was presented to **Jeff Marcus** in recognition for his encompassing and inspirational leadership style and thoughtful approach to ongoing chapter projects and new initiatives.

*-Dave Dudek*

## STUDENT SUMMER CAMP/INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

NCTWS has established an annual scholarship that is awarded to students from the NC State University (NCSU) Leopold Wildlife Club for participation in the Fisheries and Wildlife Summer Camp and from Haywood Community College (HCC) Outdoor Club for participation in a Wildlife Internship experience. The amount of the scholarship is based on funds raised by the annual chapter raffle; the 2005 scholarship amounted to \$500 to students from each school.

Through this scholarship the chapter recognizes students who have demonstrated a high degree of dedication and participation in the student chapters, and who are likely to become dedicated wildlife professionals. To qualify, an applicant must be a full-time undergraduate student and a member in good standing of the student chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS), and must plan to participate in the summer camp (NCSU) or spring internship (HCC). Chapter members **Peter Bromley** and **Pete Campbell** were instrumental in developing the scholarship application process. The Awards Committee is proud to announce the 2005 NCTWS Scholarship recipients.



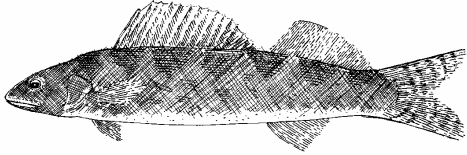
**Haywood Community College** (shared award): **Anthony Futrell and Carla Threadgill**

**North Carolina State University** (shared award): **Brandon Sherrill and Anna McMillian**

*-Dave Dudek*



## MENTOR PROGRAM



NCTWS is initiating a mentor program to serve as a developmental tool for students in Fisheries and Wildlife. This program will allow students to coordinate with professionals working in the field of fisheries or wildlife and gain insight into careers and pathways that may be in their future. Mentors can offer career advice and real-world work experiences and students can offer assistance with projects. The frequency of contact and duration of the relationship will be determined jointly by the student and mentor, but students and mentors are expected to be in contact a minimum of once per semester.

Goals of the program:

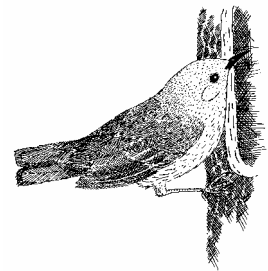
- Establish personal contacts for students at NCSU and HCC;
- Give students valuable experience that may influence their career choices;
- Give professionals an opportunity to provide insight and guidance for the next generation of Fisheries and Wildlife students; and
- Provide a link between the current curriculum taught at colleges and the working community.

The program is designed to be flexible and provide a match for both parties so that the mentorship can be convenient for scheduling and traveling. To be a part of this interactive career-training, please complete the information sheet found at <http://www.main.nc.us/nctws/> and e-mail it to Alison Price, NCTWS Mentor Program liaison at [alisonprice@msn.com](mailto:alisonprice@msn.com). Your partner will be selected by the NCTWS mentor program liaison and you will be contacted with his or her information.

*-John Ann Shearer*

## CONSERVATION REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

Are you interested in helping to shape the Chapter's position and response to important issues like prescribed burning, coastal habitat protection, public land management questions, and other conservation topics that affect wildlife and habitat in North Carolina? These are just a few of the day-to-day responsibilities of the Conservation Review Committee. One of the key roles of NCTWS is to provide guidance and information to the public about wildlife and its management. **Salinda Daley** and **Mike Begier** are co-chairing the Committee this year, with focus on these issues and more. ***They could use YOUR assistance.*** Currently, the committee is focused on the state legislative session, monitoring different House and Senate bills related to natural resources management. As legislative items arise, the Committee will seek the expertise of the membership through e-mail or phone, and provide input to the Executive Board so that the chapter can provide sound advice and guidance to the public. They will use the same methods to solicit input on other conservation matters of importance.



Our state is large and diverse, with habitats ranging from mountain bogs, to Piedmont floodplain forest, to the beaches, dunes, and maritime habitats of the coast. If you know of any conservation issues in your backyard, please contact the Committee. The chapter can often be more effective if comment and guidance comes early in the process.

Please consider assisting the Conservation Review Committee this year. You might be surprised at what you learn about the natural resources of North Carolina. Contact Salinda ([salinda.daley@ncwildlife.org](mailto:salinda.daley@ncwildlife.org)) or Mike ([michael.begier@usmc.mil](mailto:michael.begier@usmc.mil)) if you'd like to get involved. And stay tuned for more from this active Committee.

*-Salinda Daley*

### LEOPOLD WILDLIFE CLUB UPDATE

The Leopold Wildlife Club captured 2nd place at the 2005 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave held at the University of Florida, Gainesville. The student chapter of TWS took 2nd place in the Quiz bowl competition and 1st place in Orienteering. Conclave participants included: **Jane Anderson, Brandon Bridges, Kathryn Cunningham, Ricky Lee Davis, James Dodson, Nicole Fowler, Bryan Hicks, Matt Holbrook, Kim Jervis, Elizabeth Jones, Josh McCormick, Anna McMillian, Jason Smith, Robert Snow, Chesley Ward, Wendy Welborn, and Stephanie Zolkowski.** Accompanying the students were faculty advisors **David Woodward,** and his wife **Nancy,** and **Dr. Chris DePerno.**

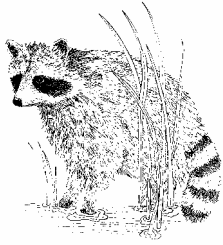
*-Chris DePerno*

### USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES UPDATE

Chapter member **Mike Begier** (co-chair Conservation Review Committee) is 1st author on a poster presentation that was accepted at TWS 12th Annual Conference. The annual conference is in Madison, WS this year in September. The poster presentation is titled, "Wildlife Hazard Management at Airports: Fifteen Years of Growth and Progress for Wildlife Services."

*-Mike Begier*

Wildlife Services is currently working with the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study to monitor diseases in feral hogs in eastern North Carolina. Samples have been obtained from Brunswick, Bladen, Duplin and Sampson Counties. Feral populations in these areas are expanding and there is a growing concern about pseudorabies and swine brucellosis being introduced into North Carolina from illegal out-of-state translocations. An interesting genetic anomaly is seen in feral swine from the Duplin County area. About 50 percent of pigs from this area seem to have single hooves. This non-cloven foot variety is said to be a Spanish strain of pigs common in Florida feral populations. This is further evidence that the pigs have been brought in from other areas and not the result of accidental domestic escapes.



Enhanced surveillance continues for rabies in western North Carolina. As part of the National Oral Rabies Vaccination Program, Wildlife Services is closely monitoring rabies in raccoons in the 10 counties bordering Tennessee. This includes testing road killed animals as well as suspect animals that have not had human or domestic animal exposure. Results have already detected fairly high levels of rabies infection in Yancey County. Until Wildlife Services found rabies in a suspect raccoon in July, Yancey County had not had a positive diagnosis of rabies in over 50 years. It was hoped that the Appalachian ridge would serve as a natural barrier to the westward expansion of the raccoon strain of rabies. Wildlife Services surveillance has now shown that this rabies variant is well established in some higher elevations in western North Carolina.

*-Carl Betsill*

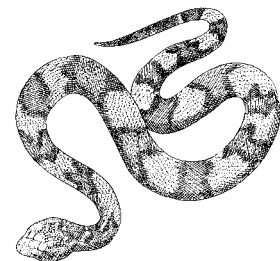
### NC WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION UPDATE

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) recently added Technical Assistance Biologists in each of the three Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Area Offices. **Patrick Farrell**, formerly a Wildlife Technician with the Commission's Waynesville Wildlife Management Crew, is working in the Western NC NRCS Area office in Waynesville; **John Isenhour**, formerly with the NC Forest Service at Clemmons Educational State Forest, is working in the Piedmont NC NRCS Area office in Salisbury; and **Don Barker**, formerly a wildlife technician with Commission's Butner Wildlife Management Crew, is working in the Coastal Plain NC NRCS Area office in Goldsboro. The addition of these three staff members should improve the availability of technical assistance for landowners implementing wildlife projects through Farm Bill programs. Financial support for those positions has been made possible by an agreement between NCWRC and NRCS.

*-Terry Sharpe*

### NC PARTNERS IN FLIGHT UPDATE

The North Carolina Partners in Flight (NCPFI) and NC Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NCPARC) will host a joint Fall Meeting: "Wildlife Monitoring, Research and Conservation Efforts on Industrial Forestland in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina" at Goose Creek State Park near Washington, NC from 1pm-5pm on October 19, 2005. For information: Mark Johns, NCWRC email: [johnsme@mindspring.com](mailto:johnsme@mindspring.com).



***Are you currently only a member of the North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society?***

If your answer is yes:

Consider adding your membership to the Southeast Section level, or even better; join both the Southeast Section and the National levels.

Why join?

The Wildlife Society is the only collective voice for wildlife concerns at the national level. It is the only means for input of our interests on national policy matters.

THINK ABOUT IT. ***To join visit:*** [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org)

## NCTWS DUES RENEWAL

NCTWS dues cover one calendar year (January-December). To check if you have paid for 2005 dues, go to <http://www.main.nc.us/nctws/>. Please renew your membership for 2005 by sending \$5 made out to NCTWS to Shelley Good, P.O. Box 37742, Raleigh, NC 27627. Members who wish to make an additional donation along with their dues renewal to help fund the student scholarships are encouraged to do so.

If you have any questions concerning your membership dues, please contact treasurer Shelley Good at [shelley.good@seymourjohnson.af.mil](mailto:shelley.good@seymourjohnson.af.mil).

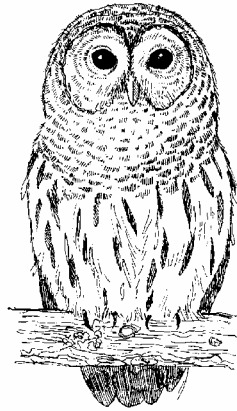


## Newsletter Submissions

If you have anything that you would like to submit for publication in the September 2005 newsletter (e.g., committee reports, personnel changes, workshops, meetings, special projects), please send them to me at either [lbeckstrom@smeinc.com](mailto:lbeckstrom@smeinc.com) or mail to Lisa Beckstrom at S&ME, Inc., 9751 Southern Pine Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28273.

***The deadline for newsletter submissions is September 15, 2005.***

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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY web page at: [www.wildlife.org](http://www.wildlife.org)



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