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JAMIE'S JOTTING

The executive board hopes that you will join us at the annual meeting Feb. 10-11, 2010 at the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center near Columbia, North Carolina. Some of the membership suggested last year that the board consider an annual meeting theme in the future related to the importance of the hunting heritage of the state. In fact this year that theme will indeed be the highlight of the chapter annual meeting and our keynote speaker will be Dr. Randall Eaton, who comes highly recommended.

Please also consider becoming involved with one of the working committees this year. This is where the bulk of the business of the chapter gets accomplished and it is a fine way to give back a bit to the conservation of the natural resources we all respect and enjoy so much year-round.

And remember it's always best to not blame others, and just **do something** yourself. Let 2010 be your year to **do something** with the NC chapter of The Wildlife Society!

- *Jamie*

CHAPTER VISION STATEMENT

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

CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT and CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Can be viewed on the Chapter's website at:

<http://www.nctws.org>

2009-2010 Executive Board

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation Review

The Conservation Review Committee (CRC) was inactive the last half of this year. However, it is still the goal of CRC to assume proactive leadership on a variety of wildlife conservation issues across the state. One committee member, Allen Basala, visited with the Regional Director of the Ruffed Grouse Society (Dan Mallicoat) about the possibility of NC-TWS and Ruffed Grouse Society jointly evaluating forest management issues. As chair of the committee I have neglected to follow up with Dan to learn which forest-based wildlife issues CRC could help him evaluate in the immediate future.

For personal reasons I will not be able to serve as the CRC Chair during 2010. Please contact Jamie Sasser and myself if you wish to chair the CRC. I have established a wiki page at <http://nctws-crc.wikispaces.com/> to promote committee discussion on wildlife conservation issues. I also have a binder that reflects the variety of issues on which NC-TWS has commented in the past several years (previous CRC Chairs created the binder). I can transfer the committee binder to the next CRC Chair at our society's annual meeting in February 2010. I also can transfer management authority of the committee's wiki page to that individual.

My apologies for not having more to report! This has been an overwhelming year for me in terms of the various responsibilities I've had to manage. Consequently, fulfilling my duties as CRC Chair has fallen by the wayside. But there definitely are a handful of committee members who have great ideas to pursue (visit <http://nctws-crc.wikispaces.com/> to learn more). If you would like to help them realize those goals, please volunteer to chair the committee!

Kathryn Reis

Mentoring Committee

The committee has met with governmental agencies to collect mentoring program information and discuss future collaboration efforts to funnel natural resource students and young professionals through the chapter, thus building membership. An action calendar and a formal mentoring model will be developed for the program to be implemented next school semester. A questionnaire will be sent to current mentors to update information and mentoring sign up sheets will be available at the annual meeting.

*-Donna MacLennan
-Kathryn Reis*

Awards Committee

RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2010

The NCTWS recognizes and honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of wildlife conservation in the broadest sense. Each year at the annual meeting, several awards are presented to deserving individuals. A description of the awards with guidelines for eligibility is given below. Please review them. Nominations for awards to be presented at the 2010 annual meeting on 11 February 2010 must be received by the Awards Committee Chairman no later than 11 January 2010. All chapter members are encouraged to consider and nominate deserving candidates for these awards. Previously unselected nominees can be re-submitted. Nominations are kept active for two years after the year in which a nomination is made. The only way to recognize individuals is to nominate them. Please use the attached nomination form or submit a separate letter containing all the requested information. Contact Mike Baranski, Committee Chairman (Dept. of Biology, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC 28144, phone 704/637-4442, mbaransk@catawba.edu), if you have questions or need additional information. Consult the Society website (<http://www.nctws.org/awards.html>) for general information about our Chapter, previous award winners, and nomination forms.

Description of Awards

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 award includes a certificate or plaque and a copy of the commendation read during the awards ceremony. Presentation to the recipient is typically made at the annual meeting of the Chapter.

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. There is no requirement for Society or Chapter membership. The recognition is for accomplishments widely recognized and publicized. The award includes a certificate or plaque and a copy of the commendation read at the awards ceremony. The award is presented to the recipient or organization at a time and location that is meaningful to the recipient and to the Chapter in terms of future interaction with others who work for the betterment of wildlife conservation.

STUDENT AWARD

The Ken Wilson Memorial Award is presented annually to a student or students, nominated by faculty members of the various schools within the State having wildlife programs and/or by Chapter members, and selected by the Awards Committee. Awards are presented for academics, contributions to research, work projects that contribute to State wildlife conservation efforts, and other accomplishments that the Chapter deems worthy of recognition. Recipients receive a cash award up to \$500, a plaque, a copy of the *Sand County Almanac*, and a copy of the commendation signed by the Chapter President.

Michael J. Baranski

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
North Carolina Chapter

ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATION

(Please type or neatly print all entries)

1. Name of nominee: _____
2. Award Category (circle one): Chapter Wildlife Conservation Student
3. Address of nominee: _____

4. Employer of nominee: _____
5. Telephone number of nominee: _____ (Business) _____ (Residence)

6. Description of outstanding service and accomplishments. Accomplishments must be highly significant and of major importance to wildlife management or wildlife conservation in the broadest sense. What has the nominee accomplished that causes you to believe he or she is the best-qualified candidate for this award? Be explicit, concise and factual. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.

7. Submitted by: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Mail nomination so as to arrive not later than 11 January 2010 to:

Michael J. Baranski
Department of Biology
Catawba College
Salisbury, NC 28144

NCTWS ELECTIONS

Candidate Bios for the NC chapter of The Wildlife Society

OFFICE: At-Large Executive Board Member

1) NAME: Susan Ladd Miller

PRESENT CAREER POSITION: Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since November 1999. My primary duties include working with red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) recovery through implementation of the Safe Harbor Program, educational outreach programs, and activities of the North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership. I have been directly involved in RCW monitoring/banding efforts in the NC Sandhills for 17 years. I'm also currently working on establishing a NC Longleaf Initiative – a statewide effort to coordinate efforts between the Southeastern America's Longleaf Initiative and the many conservation partnerships across our state.

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS: Biological Science Technician at Fort Bragg's Endangered Species Branch (Fort Bragg, NC); Veterinary Technician (Spring Lake, NC); Data Collector (Lumber Bridge, NC); and Volunteer Park Ranger at Clark Park Nature Center (Fayetteville, NC).

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in Zoology from the University of Washington.

TWS ACTIVITIES: I am a member of the National TWS organization as well as the NC State Chapter and have served as webmaster to the North Carolina chapter for about three years.

AFFILIATIONS: TWS, NCTWS, Longleaf Alliance, Sandhills Natural History Society

VIEWS: I have been involved with the NC Chapter of TWS for several years now and have benefitted from the opportunity to get to know other wildlife professionals from around the state. My involvement with NCTWS has provided me with the opportunity to contribute to wildlife conservation beyond my work area in the Sandhills region and has expanded my network of colleagues that I call on when I need assistance. As NCTWS webmaster, I have contributed to the chapter by providing a tool for outreach and education to the chapter's members as well as the general public through our website. I believe that environmental education about the diversity of native wildlife, plants, and ecosystems found throughout our state will help encourage conservation and protection of our natural resources. For these reasons, I hope to expand my service to the chapter and serve as an At-large Board member.

2) NAME: Kacy Cook

PRESENT CAREER POSITION: Piedmont Land Conservation Biologist, NCWRC.

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS: Research Assistant Georgia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Central Georgia Black Bear Project; Habitat Modeler Southeast GAP Analysis Project

EDUCATION: B.S. Wildlife Humboldt State University; M.S. Forestry and Natural Resources, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources University of Georgia

TWS ACTIVITIES: Served on the NCTWS Conservation Review Committee.

AFFILIATIONS: The Wildlife Society and NC Chapter, TWS Biometrics Working Group, TWS Policy Working Group, and Society for Conservation Biology.

VIEWS: I think the North Carolina Chapter of the Wildlife Society has a sphere of influence and expertise to promote wildlife conservation, education and management in North Carolina as our state continues to grow. The dedication, knowledge and connections that professionals affiliated with NCTWS have serves our state and its wildlife. I believe we should continue to strive to provide science-based information and policy recommendations to our community leaders and the public for the purpose of guiding wildlife conservation, education and management. I think we should provide resources to future wildlife biologists, connect research institution resources to management and conservation needs and act as an arena for professionals to develop additional skills.

3) NAME: Kelly E. Douglass

PRESENT CAREER POSITION: Captive Cervid Biologist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS: Environmental Educator, NC Museum of Natural Sciences; Wildlife Management Intern, NC Wildlife Resources Commission; Research Technician, NC State University

EDUCATION: B.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, NC State University (2002); M.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, NC State University (Candidate).

TWS ACTIVITIES: TWS member since 2002 (national, regional, and state levels); Leadership Institute Class of 2008; current member of the Wildlife Toxicology Working Group and the Wildlife Diseases Working Group; former member of the Professional Development Committee (national level).

AFFILIATIONS: NC Prescribed Fire Council; Society for Conservation Biology (national and triangle chapter); former member of the Ecological Society of America and Ducks Unlimited; NC Certified Wildlife Damage Control Agent; NC Certified Environmental Educator.

VIEWS: As a wildlife professional, I believe it is my responsibility to participate in and contribute as much as possible to my professional society. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my local chapter by running for membership on the Executive Board. I hope this service will grow into many more opportunities to support TWS and its members.

4) NAME: M. Nils Peterson

PRESENT CAREER POSITION: *Assistant Professor, NCSU*

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS: *Graduate Student, Adjunct Instructor (Michigan State University), Graduate Student (Texas A&M University)*

EDUCATION: I received my Ph.D. in Fisheries and Wildlife Science from Michigan State University (MSU) in 2007; my M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University in 2003; and my B.S. in sociology Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University in 2000.

TWS ACTIVITIES:

I have been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1995. Since that time I've participated in the Human Dimensions and Urban Wildlife Working Groups. I'm currently a member of the Urban Wildlife Working Group. I was a member of the Texas Chapter of TWS between 1995 and 2000, and have been a member of the North Carolina Chapter since moving to the state in 2007. I am currently serving as the Southeastern Section Representative for our state chapter (contribute NCTWS news to SETWS newsletter). I just started co-advising the Leopold Wildlife Club, the North Carolina State University student chapter of The Wildlife Society, with Chris DePerno and Chris Moorman. I have been a reviewer for The TWS journals since 2000.

AFFILIATIONS:

In addition to my membership in various TWS organizations, I was a member of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (2004–2008), and I'm part of a steering committee forming a society for environmental communication professionals.

VIEWS:

I am running for Executive Board Member of the North Carolina Chapter to become involved and lend support for increasing awareness and appreciation of wildlife and wildlife values in North Carolina. I believe engaged learning is a key element of wildlife conservation. By engaged I mean students of all ages and backgrounds learning through research that engages the public. As a Human Dimensions of Wildlife practitioner my biased view is that understanding and improving human attitudes, beliefs, communication, and behavior in relations to wildlife present our society its greatest opportunities and challenges.

OFFICE: President-elect

1) NAME: Daniel K. Ray

PRESENT CAREER POSITION: *Forest Stewardship Biologist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission*

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS: *Small Mammal Survey Biologist, NCWRC; Graduate Student, UNC-Wilmington; Wildlife Technician III, NCWRC; Wildlife Technician II, NCWRC; Agricultural Research Assistant, NCSU*

EDUCATION: AAS – Fish and Wildlife Management, Haywood Community College; BS – Natural Resources Management, Western Carolina University; MS – Biology, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

TWS ACTIVITIES: I have been a member of TWS, SETWS and NCTWS since 1992. I received Associate Biologist recognition in the spring of 1998 and was certified in the TWS Wildlife Biologist program in March of 2007. I have served the NC Chapter as At-large Board Member in 2004 and Secretary from 2006 to 2010. I also served on the Program Committee in 2007.

AFFILIATIONS: I am not currently affiliated with other professional organizations outside of TWS; however I do participate in several wildlife-related efforts across NC. I serve on the Planning and Operations Subcommittee for the state's Forest Stewardship Program and I chaired the committee in 2007. I am involved with two conservation partnership groups and serve as co-chair for the Stewardship Committee in one of those partnerships. I am currently involved in the NC Forest Resource Assessment and Associated Strategic Plan project and served as task manager of a subgroup that addressed the assessment of conservation priority forest habitats.

VIEWS: Early in my career I received some very good advice from my 'then' immediate supervisor. His words were simple – "a successful wildlife career is one that contributes more to the resource than it takes." I didn't dwell too long on the statement at the time but now, as I've matured, I better understand the value of what he was talking about. A quality contribution is a lifelong commitment to do one's best to further the causes of wildlife conservation. Every one of us makes a professional contribution as we diligently do our jobs in the name of wildlife conservation. However, we oftentimes become complacent toward personal involvement outside our job environment. In 2004, I decided to expand my personal contribution by serving on the NCTWS Executive Board. As a result, I felt a sense of involvement and ownership in our state chapter beyond just merely paying my dues and reading the newsletters. I was actively taking part in the process that leads and builds our chapter. I have tried to stay involved in some way or another in the years that followed. Obviously, I am now running for president-elect. I accepted the nomination because I want to take advantage of every opportunity to further my contribution to wildlife conservation. My only regret is that the candidate pool for this and other elected Board positions is extremely small. With a membership of 180+, our elected office ballots should be teeming with interested candidates. If I am elected to the office, I will do my best to motivate others to step out of their comfort zones and contribute to our state chapter whether it be serving on the Executive Board or serving on a committee. It is important to remember that a person's contribution toward wildlife conservation doesn't solely lie in the professional job he/she holds. It is more of a lifestyle that includes both professional and personal commitment. I challenge each of us to take a good look at our own contribution and find ways to do more.

OFFICE: Secretary

1) NAME: Jennifer Archambault

PRESENT CAREER POSITION: Wildlife Biologist, Dr. J. H. Carter III & Associates, Inc. (Mar. 2005 – present)

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS: the rest were more like "jobs"...short term, assistant work before & just after earning my degree.

EDUCATION: B.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences (dual concentration) (Summa Cum Laude), North Carolina State, University, Raleigh, NC. Dec. 2004, A.S. Biological Sciences, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI. 2002.

TWS ACTIVITIES: Currently serving as an NCTWS At-large Executive Board member. Served the Leopold Wildlife Club (Student Chapter) as Treasurer for 3 semesters (2003-2004) while attending NCSU. Voting member of NCTWS since 2003.

AFFILIATIONS: North Carolina Native Plant Society, Sandhills Chapter, Volunteer, NC Calling Amphibians Survey Program, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Inducted 2004, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Inducted 2003.

VIEWS: I have enjoyed giving my service to the Chapter over the past year and participating in our Executive process. Over the years, our Chapter has accomplished great things and I believe that there is plenty more work to be done...and that we will get it done! Research, conservation, management and outreach are all necessary pieces that hold our fragile and valuable ecosystem together. Our Chapter is blessed with a membership diverse and rich in these qualities. I truly believe that our Society has a vital roll to fulfill in aiding North Carolina's environmental professionals (us! and so many others) to accomplish the tasks of wildlife research, conservation, management and outreach. Our Chapter and Board have been active in 2009, serving North Carolina with Conservation Review and serving our Chapter's needs with brainstorming the best ways to tackle long term goals in education outreach, mentoring and financial stability. To contribute in this process has been an honor for me. It would be a pleasure to continue serving our Chapter and the great State of North Carolina in helping to accomplish our goals.

Official Ballot

Candidates for the NC chapter of The Wildlife Society

Please submit your ballot *postmarked* by **Feb. 1, 2010** to:

NC Chapter of The Wildlife Society
PO Box 37742
Raleigh, NC 27627

You may also bring your ballot to the annual meeting at Eastern 4H Center in Columbia, NC and turn in by 5 pm on Feb. 10, 2010.

You may also vote for a write-in candidate for any office, but they must have been contacted prior to you nominating them and they must have approved being a nominee in advance

President Elect (*the only candidate for president elect is Danny Ray*)

_____ Danny Ray

_____ Write-in candidate

Secretary (*the only candidate for secretary is Jennifer Archambault*)

_____ Jennifer Archambault

_____ Write-in candidate

At Large Executive Board (PLEASE VOTE FOR TWO)

_____ Nils Peterson

_____ Kacy Cook

_____ Susan Miller

_____ Kelly E. Douglass

NCTWS 2010 Annual Meeting

Planning is already underway by the current executive board for the 2010 annual meeting at the coast with a meeting theme related to our hunting heritage in North Carolina currently being discussed. Contact Jamie Sasser if you'd like to be on the planning committee!



This year's annual meeting will be held at the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center

February 10-11, 2020



This 250-acre site faces beautiful Bulls Bay and includes woodlands, meadows, pocosin forests, wetlands, creeks and rivers. Boardwalks, nature trails and boat piers give easy access to natural areas.

The state-of-the-art facility offers climate-controlled living quarters with private showers and flush toilets. While the outdoors provides an optimal background for [education](#) and [recreation](#), bright music and art centers and a well-equipped science lab offer year-round experiences in fun and learning.

Spacious conference facilities, exciting recreational opportunities and outstanding meals at the Center make the perfect setting for retreats and training.



NCTWS ANNUAL MEETING

“Keeping Our Outdoor Heritage Alive!”
 Eastern 4-H Environmental Education
 Conference Center
 February 10-11, 2010
REGISTRATION FORM

Registration must be **postmarked by January 20, 2010**

Return To: Jonathan Shaw
 NCTWS Treasurer
 44392 Dennis Road
 Albermarle, NC 28001
 “NCTWS Annual Meeting”

Name: _____ Affiliation: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Annual Meeting Registration:

Motel style (Executive Lodge) and cabin rates include dinner and lodging on Wednesday night, breakfast and lunch on Thursday, and all breaks. A commuter rate is available that includes meals and all breaks.

An additional \$10 will be charged for late registration (if postmarked after Jan 20, 2010). Registration will be from noon to 12:45 PM on Wednesday, Feb 10. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM with our keynote speaker, Dr. Randall Eaton. Lunch on Thursday is included in the registration fee.

Make checks payable to NCTWS

Please mark which option you prefer and add the appropriate \$ amount at the end. Executive Lodge (Quad occupancy/ 4 bunk beds + 3 meals) 6 rooms	\$90	<input type="checkbox"/>
Executive Lodge (Double occupancy/ 2 queen beds + 3 meals) 14 rooms	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cabin (+ 3 meals, No linens provided) 12 persons per cabin room/ 4 rooms	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commuter Rate (+ 3 meals)	\$40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Late Registration (postmarked after 20 Jan 2010)	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting Registration Total	\$	

Double occupancy rooms, specify roommate choice: _____
 Quad occupancy rooms/ and cabins, specify roommates: _____

We encourage all of you to submit future articles for consideration for publishing in our Chapter's newsletter. Remember, it's your newsletter!

*Jamie Sasser, President
John Stanton, Newsletter Editor*

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