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Message from President Howard Golden

Annual Meeting with the Northwest Section

We had a very successful annual meeting in Fairbanks on April 7th and 8th. I want to thank the organizing committee for all their hard work and motivation in putting together an outstanding program. Kris Hundertmark chaired the organizing committee, Scott Brainerd ramrodded the conference program and keynote speaker arrangements, Tom Paragi and Kimberlee Beckmen orchestrated the plenary session, Tricia Wurtz coordinated the special session on invasive plants, and the UAF Student Chapter TWS provided logistic, front desk, and audiovisual support. Thanks also to all the presenters who gave oral or poster papers. Great job by everyone!

Some highlights of the meeting were:

- The plenary session on "Emerging diseases and climate change impacts on Alaskan wildlife"
- A special session on the extent and potential effects of invasive plants in Alaska
- Sessions on large carnivore and moose management
- A varied mix of papers and posters on ungulates, small mammals, parasites, DNA-based population modeling, habitat modeling, and more
- A timely and captivating banquet keynote address by Shane Mahoney: "Conservation in the 21st century: relevance and challenge for the North American model"
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If you were unable to attend this year's meeting, please be sure to take a look at the program posted on the Chapter website.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Kalin Kellie, Christine Hunter, Dave Person, Kevin White, and the other members who organized the moose workshop that had to be cancelled. We hope that much of their efforts will be put to use in arranging a big game modeling workshop in the near future as a joint project with state and federal agencies. We'll keep you posted as plans are developed.

This was also the first joint meeting with the Northwest Section since 2004. This presented a great opportunity for the Chapter and Section to share information and issues important to both groups. President Sanjay Pyare passed leadership over to Terry Bowyer, who is now the President of the Northwest Section.

Joint Resolution Regarding TWS Member Contact Information and Privacy

At the business meeting on April 8th, the Alaska Chapter and Northwest Section members passed a resolution directing the executive boards of each group to draft a joint letter to TWS Council to address member concerns about the privacy of member contact information and the dissemination of that information to outside organizations. We hope to convince Council that members should be asked at the time they renew their membership (or become members for the first time) if they would be willing to have their contact information available to other TWS members or sold to outside organizations approved by TWS. We also hope to have Council clarify which potential outside organizations may be given member contact information.



Member poll on timing of the annual meeting

Several Alaska Chapter members expressed disappointment at not being able to attend the Chapter's annual meetings due to perennial conflicts with field work. Traditionally, the meetings have been held in early to mid April to avoid most field activities as well as exam periods for university students. On the other hand, TWS holds the national conference in September and the American Society of Mammalogy conference is typically in June. Both of those conferences are well attended by professionals and students.

The Alaska Chapter Executive Board wants to provide an opportunity for as many members as possible to participate in the annual meetings. However, the timing of the meeting has never been decided through a formal poll of our members. We need to hear what works best for you. So, please help the Chapter decide how we should proceed with the annual meeting schedule in the future.

Please indicate your three preferred 2-week time periods for annual meetings, in order of preference (1, 2, and 3). Send your choices to Karyn Rode by June 30th (karyn_ode@fws.gov).

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Next annual meeting

Although we just finished the last annual meeting, planning for the 2010 meeting in Anchorage will begin in the next few months. The first thing to do is select a conference committee chair and key members to help with the program and accommodations. The Chapter needs your help and energy to make our annual meetings interesting and productive. If you want to volunteer to help with the 2010 meeting, in any capacity, please contact Kris Hundertmark (ffkh@uaf.edu), myself, or any of the other members of the Executive Board.

News from Southeast:

By Dave Person, Southeast Representative

People

Dale Rabe leaves his position as SE Alaska regional supervisor for the Division of Wildlife Conservation to become Deputy Director of the Division at HQ in Juneau. Neil Barten is filling in as acting regional

supervisor and full time management coordinator until a replacement is found. Karen Blejwas left her position as permit coordinator at HQ to take the position of non-game wildlife biologist for SE Alaska. Lem Butler has been hired as the new Douglas assistant area biologist replacing Ryan Scott who was promoted to Douglas area biologist. Jim Cariello is retiring as ADFG habitat biologist in Petersburg after working for the agency for 21 years.

Wini Kessler, director of wildlife, fisheries, ecology, watershed, and subsistence management programs for the U.S. Forest Service Alaska regional office in Juneau, received good news from TWS headquarters. She has been selected as a TWS Fellow in recognition of "exceptional service to the wildlife profession" over the course of her career. A member of TWS since the early 1970s, Wini has fulfilled numerous committee and task group assignments, served as an associate editor for the Wildlife Society Bulletin for 5 years, and represented the Northwest Section on TWS Council for 6 years. She's been a Certified Wildlife Biologist since 1979. The award will be given at the TWS Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA, this September. Congratulations Wini, and thank you for so many years of service to our society.

Projects and Events

The Nature Conservancy and Audubon Alaska, with support from our chapter, convened the Tongass Science Conference during February "to integrate fundamental concepts of conservation biology into management strategies for conserving the biodiversity and ecological integrity of the Tongass National Forest." The symposium followed the Dahlem format in which a small group of key scientists was commissioned to draft papers dealing with ecological, economic, and social issues facing management of the national forest. Each paper was assigned at least 2 reviewers or "commentators" who wrote critiques of the papers. Papers and reviews were then distributed to all authors, commentators, and other invited participants before the symposium. At the meeting, each paper was summarized, including the reviews, and then discussed by the entire group for more than an hour. The group's comments and discussions were used by authors to revise their papers and prepare them for submission as chapters in a book potentially to be published by Island Press. Alaska Chapter members participating in the conference included, John Schoen, Matt Kirchhoff, Bill Hanson, Steve Brockmann, Wini Kessler, Tricia O'Connor, Rod Flynn, Dale Rabe, Tom Hanley, Dave Person.

This winter followed 3 others in southeast Alaska in which deep snow persisted well into spring. As a



result, mortality of deer was significant, particularly in the northern portions of the Southeast region. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U. S. Forest Service will be conducting deer pellet count surveys and deer mortality surveys to assess the impact of the winter on populations.

The Alaska Board of Game convened in Juneau during last November to address proposals for regulation changes. One of the most significant regulation changes was to restrict non-resident black bear hunters from using vehicles on roads to access hunting areas in game management unit 2 (which includes Prince of Wales Island). The regulation only applies during September and is intended to reduce harvest of bears in heavily roaded watersheds in the unit. Bear harvest in September generally includes a higher proportion of sows than other times of the year; therefore the regulation should reduce harvest of females. Harvest of black bears in unit 2 by nonresident hunters increased rapidly over the last decade and ADFG biologists have concerns that bears are being harvested unsustainably.

Finally, **Kris Hundertmark** (UAF) and **Dave Person** (ADFG) will begin a study examining habitat factors affecting mortality of deer fawns on Prince of Wales Island. The project has recently hired a Ph D. student, **Sophie Gilbert**, to work on the project. She will be moving to Fairbanks during summer and should begin preliminary field work this fall.

News from Southcentral:

By Todd Rinaldi, Southcentral Representative

People

Stacy Crouse and her husband John gave birth to a 7 lbs. 12 oz. baby girl named Isla Rae on 10 March 2009. In addition to being a new father, John Crouse will be busy with his new position as the Director of the ADFG Moose Research Center in Sterling. John has been living and conducting research out of the MRC since 1997 and will continue to work on moose productivity and survival in Unit 16B as he transitions into his new role.

News

The Board of Game convened in Anchorage in March and approved several new approaches for expanded predator control. Most notable was the allowance of foot snares for black bears, and the use of helicopters to access baiting and foot-snaring camps in GMU 16. In GMU 19D residents with a control permit will now be able to use foot-snares to take both brown and

black bears, and to sell the tanned hides of both bear species provided a sale tag is attached. The Board also voted to allow private pilots to use helicopters to recover wolves killed from fixed-wing planes used in existing aerial wolf control programs, and authorized state employees to use carbon monoxide gas in wolf dens to exterminate orphaned wolf pups.

If you have any noteworthy events, projects, promotions, births, retirements, writings, and/or opinions that you would like to share with the Chapter please email them to me at todd.rinaldi@alaska.gov. And don't forget, our Chapter Website now has an [opinion page](#) specifically dedicated for the discussion of topics pertinent to TWS that complements our newsletter.

News from the North:

By Kyle Joly, North Representative

People

Marci Johnson was hired as a wildlife biologist by the National Park Service, Western Arctic Parklands in Kotzebue. Also in Kotzebue, **Charlotte Westing** was hired as a wildlife biologist by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

News

Dragonfly/Damselfly Identification Workshop

Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge will be coordinating several dragonfly activities in June. John Hudson and Bob Armstrong, co-authors of the *Dragonflies of Alaska* field guide, will train people in dragonfly identification in the Fairbanks area June 18-19. They will be presenting a public talk on dragonflies at the University of Alaska Museum the evening of June 18. The second annual Dragonfly Day will be held at Creamer's Field on June 20 and will feature dragonfly walks, children's craft activities, and other dragonfly information. If interested in attending the training or volunteering at Dragonfly Day, please contact Lisa Saperstein at lisa_saperstein@fws.gov or 456-0508.

USFWS introduces new rules to protect declining Steller's eider populations

The Steller's eider (*Polysticta stelleri*), a threatened species, is the smallest of four eider species found on the North Slope. The male has a white head with a greenish tuft and small black eye patches, a black back, white shoulders, and a chestnut breast and belly; females are mottled dark brown. It is a small diving sea duck whose breeding numbers in the United



States have dropped to hundreds, possibly low hundreds. They were once common on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta but for decades breeding pairs have not been seen anywhere except the Arctic Coastal Plain, with most nesting near Barrow. After breeding, individuals that nest in Alaska migrate to southwest Alaska, where they mix with members from the more numerous Russia-breeding population of Steller's eiders (which is not classified as threatened).

Steller's eiders are not sought for meat by Inupiat hunters, but they use the same habitats as the white-fronted geese, black brant and king and common eiders prized by hunters. Despite years of education efforts, federal officials found 27 dead Steller's in 2008, including 20 that had been shot.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has recently proposed regulations for subsistence hunting to protect Steller's eiders, which include shortening hunting hours to reduce hunting in poor light and banning shooting along roads near Barrow. Final regulations, which will reflect discussion with the affected communities, will be issued soon. In addition to possible changes in regulations, there will be increased outreach and the USFWS will increase law enforcement presence in villages where Steller's eiders occur. In the event that efforts to protect Steller's eiders are not successful, the agency's Alaska regional director could close all subsistence hunting in Barrow and three other villages where Alaska-breeding Steller's eiders are vulnerable.

The situation presents a challenge in balancing the conservation of a unique species with the preservation of subsistence practices and a way of life. Both the USFWS and residents of Barrow remember the 1961 "Duck-In" when over a hundred hunters turned themselves in for spring-hunting ducks in protest of the prohibition against it. They received national sympathy and federal officials eventually dropped charges and backed down from halting a spring hunt.

Causes of the decline of Alaska's breeding Steller's eider are not known. Lead poisoning (caused by eiders ingesting spent lead shot as they feed) human-related increases in populations of predators (such as ravens, large gulls, and foxes), and hunting may have contributed. Other possible causes of decline or constraints to recovery include marine contaminants and changes in the Bering Sea ecosystem affecting food availability, but these factors are currently poorly understood.

Adapted from a 4/4/2009 Associated Press story and information from the USFWS and ADFG.

Announcements

3RD International Bear-People Conflicts Workshop
Preventing and managing bear-people conflicts is a major task for government agencies, municipalities, industry, homeowners, and others that live, recreate or work in bear country. Practical methods and strategies that are feasible and effective for resolving conflicts have been developed over the years from a variety of sources. Building on the success of previous workshops, we are holding a third workshop in 15-17 November 2009, in Canmore, Alberta. The format will emphasize participation, with a few formal presentations preceding discussions facilitated by experts in the topic. An open poster session will feature visual presentations of topics relevant to bear conflict management. This workshop will include discussion of polar bear conflicts and community-based approaches to bear conflict management. The conference has a website sponsored by Red Deer College in Alberta with registration, lodging and travel, contact details and preliminary agenda at: http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future_students/continuing_education/conferences_events/international_bear/index.html. Alaska members of the organizing committee include Dick Shideler (dick.shideler@alaska.gov), Terry DeBruyn, (terry_debruyn@fws.gov) and Craig Perham, (craig_perham@fws.gov).

The **5th International Martes Symposium** will be held at the University of Washington in Seattle during the week of September 8-12, 2009. Deadline for submitting abstracts for contributed oral and poster presentations is **29 May 2009**. For all information regarding the symposium, including on-line registration forms, please visit: <http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/buskirk/martes5/>

The **44th North American Moose Conference and Workshop** will be held from 14 to 17 June 2009 at Idaho State University (ISU) in Pocatello, Idaho, USA. Information concerning the conference, including registration and abstract forms, is available at: <http://www.isu.edu/departments/bios/>.

TWS Council seeks member review and comment on the following revised position statement, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, prior to renewing it. Comments must be received by 15 June 2009 to be considered in a final position statement. http://joomla.wildlife.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=117&Itemid=187

Please send comments to: Laura Bies, Director of Government Affairs, The Wildlife Society, 5410



Grosvenor Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814- 2144, or via email to laura@wildlife.org. Seven other draft position statements are open for comment until July:

- Environmental Quality Through Resource Management
- Firearms Legislation
- Human Populations
- Hunting
- Livestock Grazing on Federal Rangelands in the Western U.S.
- Management and Conservation of Brown Bears
- Petroleum Development in Arctic, Subarctic, and Coastal Regions

The latest issue of **Wildlife Policy News**, at the **TWS website**, contains several items pertinent to Alaska, including:

Obama Memo on Scientific Integrity

President Obama issued a [memorandum](#) on scientific integrity on 9 March 2009 that outlined the Administration's philosophy of the role of science in policy formation and gave specific directives for executive departments and agencies. The memo gave Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy Dr. John Holdren until July to develop specific recommendations to "guarantee scientific integrity throughout the executive branch."

State of the Birds Report. At a press conference on 19 March, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar released a comprehensive report on bird population trends in the United States. The report, entitled [The U.S. State of the Birds](#), synthesized long-term datasets from the North American Breeding Bird Survey, the Christmas Bird Count, and the Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey.

According to the report, nearly a third of the 800 bird species in the United States are threatened, endangered, or species of conservation concern. The report highlighted several groups exhibiting particularly strong declines, including seabirds, shorebirds, Hawaiian endemics, and grassland and aridland-nesting species.

Regional Hearings on Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing

On 11 March 2009, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced regional public meetings to discuss the five-year draft development plan of the outer continental shelf (OCS) released by the Bush Administration on 16 January 2009. The draft OCS

plan's original comment period was scheduled to end 23 March, but Secretary Salazar extended it 180 days, to 21 September 2009. A regional hearing was held in Anchorage on April 14th. Comments may be submitted in writing at <http://www.MMS.gov> or by mail to Ms. Renee Orr, Chief, Leasing Division, Mineral Management Service, MS 4010, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817.

A tribute to an Alaskan wildlifer and friend—Albert W. “Al” Franzmann

By Wayne Regelin

Alaska and the wildlife profession lost a pioneer moose research biologist on February 13, 2009 when Dr. Albert Franzmann died at his winter home in Green Valley, Arizona.

Al was director of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Moose Research Center near Soldotna, Alaska from 1972 until 1987. During this period Al made a lasting and impressive mark on moose management in Alaska. His work had a major influence on moose management through out North America. Al published over 250 papers in scientific journals, primarily on moose physiology and assessment of moose physical condition, but he also published his research results on predator-prey relationships, moose nutrition, animal immobilization techniques, and moose population health. In 1989, he compiled and edited the definitive book on moose. It was titled "Ecology and Management of the North American Moose" and published by the Smithsonian Institute Press.

Al was born in Hamilton, Ohio in 1930. He attended Ohio State University and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1953. Following graduation, Al served for two years as a captain in the United States Air Force Veterinary Corps. Al practiced veterinary medicine in Ohio from 1956 to 1968 and then decided to change careers. He enrolled in the graduate program at the University of Idaho and earned his Ph.D. in Forest Science in 1971. His Ph.D. dissertation was on the physiology of Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep.

In 1972, Al and his family moved to Soldotna, Alaska where Al began his illustrious career as a moose research biologist at the Moose Research Center. He was also appointed as an affiliate associate professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Institute of Arctic Biology. Following his outstanding career with the Department, Al pursued his long-time desire



to work in international wildlife management. He formed the International Wildlife Veterinarian Service, Inc. and served as its director for the next decade. Al conducted wildlife research in 11 foreign countries as well as the United States. He did notable work in India, Argentina, Indonesia, and Zimbabwe. Due to his tremendous knowledge about immobilization methods he was often asked to participate in projects to relocate wildlife species.

Al was very active in professional activities throughout his career. He was a long-time member of The Wildlife Society, served on the council and Emeritus member of the Wildlife Disease Association, was a founding President and council member of the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians, he helped organize the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians and was selected by the I.U.C.N. Species Survival Commission to their deer, bear and veterinary specialty groups.

Over his career Al was honored with numerous awards, some of the most noteworthy were: In 1983, Al was recognized by his peers and awarded the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award “in recognition for outstanding contributions to the field of moose management. He received the Einarson Award from the Northwest Section of the Wildlife Society “in recognition of long-standing unselfish dedication and professionalism to wildlife resources. He was awarded the first Honorary Diplomat by the American College of Zoological Medicine in 1990 “in recognition as a specialist with extensive experience who has provided important service to and achieved eminence in the field of zoological medicine.” In 1992, The Wildlife Society awarded the Moose Research Center its Group Achievement award for “outstanding achievements benefiting wildlife and objectives of The Wildlife Society.” He was recognized as an outstanding Alumnus at both Ohio State University and the University of Idaho.

Al was appointed to the Alaska Board of Game by Governor Walter Hickel in 1992 and he served on the Board until 1995. Al was active in many organizations that promoted wildlife conservation. He was a life member of Isaac Walton League, The Nature Conservancy, The National Rifle Association, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Alaska Outdoor Council. He served on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Al was a dedicated professional through out his distinguished career. He greatly enjoyed his work and served as a mentor to many young biologists who went on to productive careers in wildlife management. I will always remember sitting with Al on the cabin porch at

the Moose Research Center as we listened to the wolves howl or watched the Arctic loons. Al would often remark that he could not believe we were getting paid to do such fun things. I have lost a valued friend and the wildlife profession has lost one of its giants. Al is survived by Donna, his wife of 55 years, his son Karl, daughter Louise Billaud, and 3 grand children.

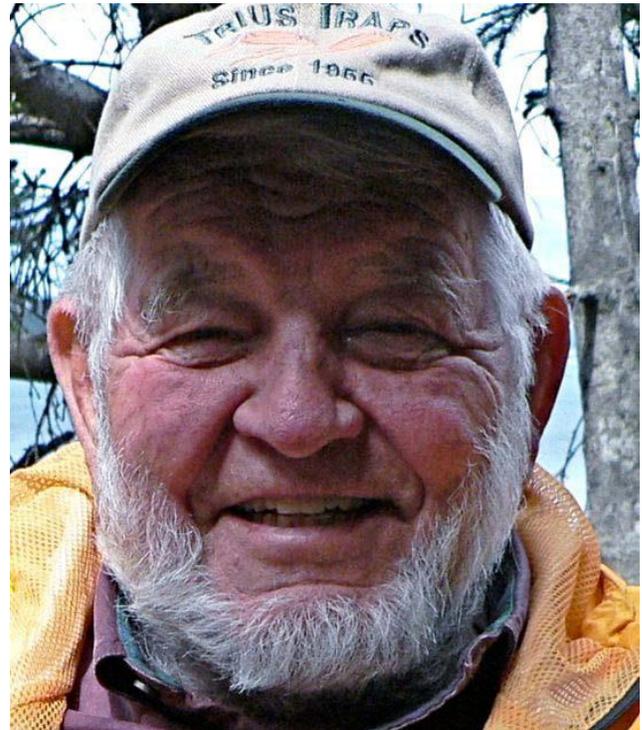


Photo by Chuck Schwartz

Alaska Chapter and Northwest Section TWS joint business meeting.

University of Alaska - Fairbanks, 8 April 2009.

Introduction of NW Section officers - Howard Golden
Thanks to conference organizers - Howard Golden

Major projects since April 2008 - Howard Golden

- annual meeting location preference vote;
 - decision: Anchorage-Fairbanks-Anchorage-Juneau-Anchorage
- enhanced support to wildlife students via an increase in dues from \$5 to \$10



- received no requests for travel funding from students this year
- polar bears - no position advanced because USFWS made a listing decision
 - currently, a TWS committee is being established to review this decision and the status of polar bears
- extended COWCH (Celebrating Our Wildlife Conservation Heritage)
 - contract - \$1000 to UAF to interview/record "legacy" biologists
- established new committees to revise existing position statements
- created an opinion piece: "Reliable knowledge should guide wildlife decisions"
- improvements made to website

Treasurer's report

Student Chapter report - Micah Miller

- New advisor - Perry Barboza; Thanks to Falk Huettmann for serving last 3 years
- Students working on several research projects
- Continued fundraising activities
- 50 members
- Updated website
- Coordinate several annual events

Committee Reports -Howard Golden - committee chairs/members listed below

- Legislative Affairs (Dave Yokel). Bills considered in 2009 session include:
 - HB 12: establish AK council on invasive species
 - HB 179: expand Kenai River Special Management are
 - HB 183: require no acreage lost to sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, hunting, and trapping
 - SB 144: Eliminate resident big game fees for some muskox
- Membership (Jimmy Fox & Kim Klein) Plans being developed to recruit, retain, and rejoin members
- COWCH (Thomas McDonough & Kyle Joly) Completing final year of interviews with retired wildlife biologists
- Student Participation (Tom Paragi & Cortney Pylant) Developing plans to improve student participation and opportunities to attend conferences
- ANWR position statement (Dick Shideler)

- Statement approved by membership; revised version under review by TWS National for adoption
- Pack goat/disease risk position statement (Jim Herriges)
 - Draft position statement written and out for review to the committee
- Tangle Lakes Letter of Support (Dave Tessler, Bob Tobey, Kyle Joly)
 - Background: Staking of mining claims allowed near Tangle lakes (after land conveyed from BLM to State) without public support; locals petitioned Board of Game to make it a State Refuge; BOG supported protection and wrote a letter to Governor Palin requesting a review by ADFG but there was no further action
 - this is a caribou wintering area
 - currently no action taken by the committee
- TWS Review of Predator Control (Bruce Dale is a member)
 - nothing to report
- Newsletter Editor (Jim Herriges) - nothing to report
- Webmaster (Liz Solomon) - needs photos for the website

New Business

- Annual meeting date preference - opinion poll in May newsletter
- Sponsor moose workshop
- Member privacy contact lists
 - Issue of concern that TWS National is making member names and contact information available upon request and is also selling lists to certain groups.
 - Sheila Dufford moved and Perry Barboza seconded that the Executive Boards of the Alaska Chapter and NW Section draft a letter to request that National ask for member approval before providing their names/contact information to anyone and to let members know who lists are being sold to. Members present voted to approve motion.

NW Section - Sanjay Pyare

- New President: Terry Bowyer
- NW Section Rep: Ellen Campbell
- Revisions to NW Section bylaws are being considered
- Discussing using NW Section to disseminate info from TWS to chapters and members of the NW Section.



Alaska Chapter Leadership

Executive Board

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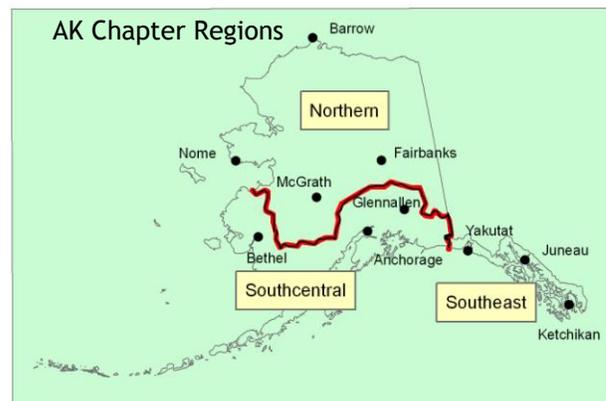
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2009 Membership Subscription and Renewal--Online

New memberships and renewals for the 2009 calendar year are available on-line at The Wildlife Society's store (<https://store.wildlife.org/>). An individual may renew their TWS membership (\$69 regular, \$35 student/retired; \$112 family) as well as their NW Section (\$5.00) and Alaska Chapter memberships (\$10).

Membership in TWS is required in order to be a member of the Alaska Chapter. In addition, journals can be ordered (delivered on-line or on-line and print) and TWS members can join one or more of the 18 TWS working groups. All members will receive *The Wildlife Professional* magazine in addition to *The Wildlifer* newsletter.