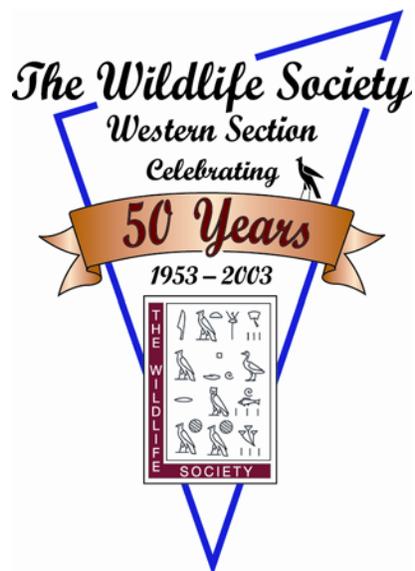


2006 Annual Conference

**The Western Section of
The Wildlife Society**

Plenary Theme:

*Monitoring Wildlife Populations:
State of the Science*



Program and Abstracts

February 8-10, 2006
Doubletree Hotel
Sacramento, California

Thursday, February 9, 2006
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
(Salons A&B)

PLENARY SESSION:
Monitoring Wildlife Populations: The State of the Science

9:00 to 9:10 a.m.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Kevin Hunting, President-Elect, California Department of Fish and Game

9:10 to 9:25 a.m.

The Wildlife Society Executive Director's Message
TWS: Where do we go from here?
Michael Hutchins, Executive Director, The Wildlife Society

9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Keynote Address
Are we Clearing the way to Future Understanding through Monitoring?
Dr. Judd Howell, Director, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, U.S. Geological Service, Biological Resource Division, Laurel, Maryland

9:45 to 10:05 a.m.

Forest Service Perspective
Adaptive Management within the Sierra Nevada Ecoregion: Can it be done?
Dr. Peter Stine, Director, Sierra Nevada Research Center, Pacific Southwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service

10:05 to 10:25 a.m.

Planning Perspective
Designing Science-Based Monitoring Programs for Regional Multiple Species Conservation Plans
Dr. Brenda Johnson, Conservation Planning Program, California Department of Fish and Game, Sacramento, CA

10:25 to 10:40 a.m. Break

10:40 to 11:00 a.m.

Southern California Perspective
The complexities of developing and implementing monitoring for conservation plans
Dr. Robert Fisher, Zoologist and Research Professor of Biology, U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resource Division, San Diego, CA

11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion
All Plenary Session Speakers