

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the New Journal of Wildlife Management

IN WITH THE NEW

Although the name was not changed, you are reading the first issue of a new journal. As you should all know by now, this issue represents the combination of *The Journal of Wildlife Management (JWM)* with the former *Wildlife Society Bulletin (WSB)*. We want to emphasize a point: **the content of WSB is included in the “new” JWM.** The easiest way to see this merger is to review the new Table of Contents; primary section headings are:

- Editorial (Editor-in-Chief)
- Research
- Articles
- Notes
- Management and Conservation
- Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management
- Techniques and Technology
- Student Voices
- Commentary
- Letter to the Editor
- Book Reviews
- Obituaries

At the end of this editorial we detail acceptable contents for each of these sections; here we provide a brief summary. “Management and Conservation” articles focus on reviews of issues pertinent to any topic covered by *JWM*; they are not opinion-based (see below) but rather based on a thoughtful review and analysis of the topic. “Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management” includes human–wildlife conflict management issues, human attitudes towards wildlife, and economics. “Techniques and Technology” is really self-explanatory; we welcome evaluations of software and field and laboratory devices. “Student Voices” transfers over from *WSB*; we welcome articles from current students (any grade level) concerning any aspect of wildlife ecology and conservation that is relevant to students. “Commentary” articles are opinion-based (relative to our other sections) and do not require the rigorous literature (as in a review) and data (as in a research article) support of other submissions. “Commentaries” may discuss any topic in wildlife, including issues such as the state of our science, educational programs, and professional societies. Naturally, commentaries in a scientific journal must be focused, concise, and rational. “Letter to the Editor” is a brief comment on any paper published recently in *JWM*. “Obituaries” are self-explanatory.

“Invited Papers” and “Special Sections” (these are articles submitted as a package) can be included in the following sections from above: Research Articles, Management and

Conservation, Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management, and Techniques and Technology. The *WSB* “From the Field” articles will be included in the appropriate major section.

WE ADD A CO-EDITOR

Please welcome Dr. William M. Block as a co-Editor-in-Chief (EIC). Morrison requested from TWS Council that a co-EIC be appointed to assist with the much larger flow of manuscripts following the merger of *WSB* and *JWM*. Block has served as a *JWM* Associate Editor for several EICs and thus brings an extensive background in manuscript review and editing. Block and Morrison will share all EIC duties by splitting new submissions (i.e., one EIC will handle a manuscript throughout the review process).

Block is currently a Project Leader and Research Wildlife Biologist with Rocky Mountain Research Station of the Forest Service. His research focuses on effects of wildfire and fuels-reduction treatments on birds and small mammals. He is also leader of the Mexican Spotted Owl Recovery Team. In his spare time, he coaches youth soccer and is an avid disc golfer.

ISSUE CONTENTS

This issue represents an initial step in the transition from the old to the new *JWM*. As such, we depart somewhat from the traditional *JWM* format to include submissions in Techniques and Technology and Management and Conservation, topical areas historically included in *WSB*. Technique papers address a range of topics: 5 evaluate methods and detection probabilities for conducting surveys, and 2 present new technologies to assist in field studies. The issue includes research papers covering a wide variety of taxa—from parrots to bats, and turkeys to Pyrenean chamois—illustrating both the breadth of species we study and demonstrating that this is truly an international journal. Finally, Fred Guthery provides an interesting essay comparing the efficacies of hypothetical-deductive (H-D) and inductive approaches to wildlife science. He concludes that both H-D and induction have important roles in providing reliable knowledge in wildlife science.

REFEREES NEEDED—A REMINDER

We encourage all of you to register with our on-line submission and review system, AllenTrack, and become a manuscript referee. We always need additional referees, but the need has grown because of the merger with *WSB*. Although we incorporated the former *WSB* referee database into the *JWM* database, we still require new people; and we need previous referees to visit our website (<http://jwm.allentrack.net>) and make sure your home page is valid and

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current. Please contact our staff (jwm@wildlife.org) if you need assistance.

We also realize that there are many people out there who have not been asked to review and would like the opportunity. Below we suggest how you can get involved as a referee. But first, let us outline how we assign referees—which will explain why some of you have never been asked.

First, our staff usually assigns the referees. Staff searches the referee database on keywords. This search produces a list of potential referees and their past history of reviewing with the journal (e.g., how many requested reviews, how many reviews conducted). On occasion we will ask the assigned Associate Editor to suggest additional referees; this sometimes adds new people to the database. Thus, we seldom go searching for referees outside the database.

So, for all of you who would like to serve as referees we ask that you do 2 things:

- First, go to AllenTrack and start a home page for yourself. This will include all of your contact information as well as your areas of expertise.
- Second, contact our staff via email (jwm@wildlife.org) and tell them you have entered your information and to please use you as soon as an appropriate manuscript is available. And please feel free to remind us if you do not get an assignment within a month or two—we get a lot of submissions and it is difficult to keep track of all requests.

We need everyone to become a referee. And this includes graduate students (have to start sometime); biologists working with state and federal agencies, non-government organizations, consulting firms, and other organizations; and anyone else who has interest and some expertise in an area of wildlife management and conservation. And as we expand the types of critters included in our pages, we will also need referees with expertise in invertebrate biology and related areas.

PUBLISHING AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

We encourage all readers of this journal to become members of The Wildlife Society (TWS). In fact, many authors of papers in *JWM* do not belong to TWS. If we are to continue publishing a high-quality journal, we need to be backed by a strong and well-supported Society. The success of all TWS products and the Society are linked, a fact that I know many contributors and readers overlook. We also hope that you join and become active in a Section and Chapter. Although membership in TWS has no influence on publishing in this journal, the viability of the journal—including the number of pages that we can publish—is directly linked with the viability of the Society. Thus, a growing membership does correlate with a growing journal. TWS Council and Staff are working diligently to improve the services provided to membership.

THANKS

We want to give special thanks to our lead editorial assistant, Carly Johnson. Carly has taken the lead role in

managing the transition to the new journal, including the identification and training of new staff. She is also coming up with many streamlined ways to manage your submissions, including processing through AllenTrack. Carly is assisted by Angela Hallock, Dawn Hanseder, and Anna Knipps, who are also essential components of what keeps the editorial process moving forward.

TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS: *Journal of Wildlife Management*

The editorial in *JWM* volume 70(6) detailed the types of material suitable for *JWM*. Below we present a simplification of the older categories that is reflected in this issue; please contact the editors if you have any questions on suitable material (but remember, everything suitable for *WSB* remains suitable for *JWM*).

- Research Article:** *JWM* publishes manuscripts containing information from original research that contributes to the scientific foundations of wildlife management. Suitable topics include the results and interpretations of investigations into the biology and ecology of wildlife that can be used for management. *JWM* papers also address theoretical and conceptual aspects of wildlife management, including development of new approaches to quantitative analyses, modeling of wildlife populations and habitats, and other topics that are germane to advancing the science of wildlife management. These manuscripts are generally 25–40 pages including tables and figures. All Research Articles must include the following sections: abstract, introduction, study area (if relevant), methods, results, discussion, management implications, acknowledgment, and literature cited.
- Research Note:** These manuscripts are shorter versions of Research Articles. They are generally 10–25 pages including all tables and figures. They contain all of the above-mentioned Research Article sections except that the abstract is brief.
- Management and Conservation:** Manuscripts relating to the effects of specific practices or policies on populations of animals, political or legal issues, special topics in wildlife management, environmental impacts, refinement of state or federal natural resource programs or policies, regional or national surveys of wildlife management programs or policies, social movements affecting wildlife management, and related topics.
- Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management:** Manuscripts on human–wildlife conflicts; manuscripts relating to practices, techniques, and procedures of wildlife law enforcement and their influence on human and wildlife populations; manuscripts relating to the education of natural resource stakeholders, hunter education, university curricula, and related topics; manuscripts relating to resource economics, cost effectiveness of management programs or practices, economic values of wildlife or outdoor experiences, and related topics; manuscripts relating to sociology, values, attitudes, perceptions, and psychology of natural resource stake-

holders and managers; manuscripts relating to administration of wildlife programs or agencies; and manuscripts relating to the principles, logic, and ethics under which wildlife managers and the profession operate.

- e. **Techniques and Technology:** Manuscripts relating to a significant evaluation of, or improvement upon, techniques used frequently in management (e.g., counting or surveying populations to determine effects of management; sexing, aging, capturing, and handling wildlife) or development of new tools for use in research or management (e.g., videography, noise measuring equipment). Also manuscripts relating to computer software that has application to wildlife management and research.
- f. **Student Voices:** These manuscripts discuss issues of particular relevance to students within the natural resources field or are award-winning or otherwise outstanding student-authored essays. Submissions are subject to full page charges. If you would like to request a page charge reduction, please send a request to the Editor-in-Chief before submission.
- g. **Commentary:** These manuscripts are essays that question values, priorities, precepts, and philosophical foundations under which wildlife management operates. These articles can uncover dogma, false assumptions, and misguided policy or stimulate thought and innovation. These papers do not need to follow the traditional section headings, but they *must* include a management implications section and an abstract.
- h. **Letter to the Editor:** These manuscripts are responses to an issue, movement, policy, or program that could impact wildlife or its habitat. These submissions must be well documented and prepared professionally. The purpose of this feature is to get important information in print in a timely fashion. Letters to the Editor are not subject to page charges and may not be subject to peer review.
- i. **Book Reviews:** These manuscripts provide a brief synopsis and commentary on a book relevant to some aspect of the natural resources field. Unsolicited reviews will be evaluated by our Book Review Editors and may or may not be published. Book reviews are not subject to page charges.
- j. **Obituaries:** Obituaries are published only for members of The Wildlife Society, with few exceptions. Obituaries are not subject to page charges.
- k. **Other Categories:**
 - **Invited Papers:** The Editor-in-Chief has the option to solicit invited papers that review and synthesize important topics that pertain to the scientific foundations of wildlife management. However, we encourage anyone to contact the Editor-in-Chief with potential topics and author(s). Invited Papers are not necessarily subject to peer review, and they are not subject to page charges.
 - **Special Section:** These are articles submitted as a package and can be included in the following sections: Research Articles, Management and Conservation, Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management, and Techniques and Technology. Organizers of a proposed Special Section must contact an EIC prior to submission; it is highly desirable to contact an EIC early in the development stage of the Special Section (and before manuscripts are drafted).
 - **From the Field:** Papers in the *WSB* category termed "From the Field" are welcome even though this category was not retained as a separate section. These manuscripts generally consist of ancillary but noteworthy observations relevant to natural resource managers and wildlife biologists. Format From the Field submissions as Research Notes; they will be inserted into the appropriate section.

—William M. Block and Michael L. Morrison
Editors-in-Chief