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BYLAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY^{1/}

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of the organization shall be the California Central Coast Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the counties of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey.

Section 3 - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The California Central Coast Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (Hereinafter The Wildlife Society, Inc., may be referred to as The Society.)

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the California Central Coast Chapter objectives are:

Clause A - To encourage high standards of professional achievement and recognize and commend outstanding work in the profession.

Clause B - To focus the aims and objectives of The Wildlife Society upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events on the Chapter scene.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- a) Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, their Sections, and The Wildlife Society.
- b) Evaluate the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife.
- c) Encourage communication between members and non-members to create climates under which the resource management arts will be used effectively.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin March 1, although the Chapter's financial reporting must follow The Society's calendar year schedule.

^{1/}The Wildlife Society was incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the California Central Coast Chapter shall be available to any voting member of The Wildlife Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the boundaries of the Chapter as defined in Article I, Section 2. Only Chapter Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter; vote on matters affecting Chapter policy; vote on matters affecting The Society; and represent the Chapter or Section on Society business.

Section 2 - AFFILIATE MEMBER - Affiliate membership in the California Central Coast Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is approved by the Membership Committee. An Affiliate Member shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections, except those reserved for Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Section 3 - DUES - Annual dues to be determined at each Annual Meeting shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than March 1. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues shall lose their voting membership status in the California Central Coast Chapter.

Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society's headquarters, along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 4 - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer, or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 5 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues may be reinstated into membership in this Chapter upon reapplication and payment of appropriate dues.

Section 6 - CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and affiliate members in good standing on the membership rolls as of July 24, 1971, shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 7 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the California Central Coast Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all members of the Chapter, have been thus recognized for their achievements. An Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are Voting Members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1). Honorary Members who are not Voting Members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Affiliate Members (Article IV, Section 2).

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee selected by the Executive Board (See Article VII, Section 1) of the California Central Coast Chapter shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Chapter Representative, and three additional Executive Board members from the voting membership of the Chapter.

Clause A - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause B - Said nominations slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to mail balloting.

Clause C - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more Voting Members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause D - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Clause E - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Section 2 - BALLOTING - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot-counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold two elective positions simultaneously.

Section 3 - OFFICERS - Officers of the California Central Coast Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect (who shall serve as Vice-President), Secretary-Treasurer, and Chapter Representative. Their duties are:

Clause A - PRESIDENT - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers. The President shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section or Society boards, committees or meetings.

Clause B - PRESIDENT-ELECT - The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - SECRETARY-TREASURER - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports to the last meeting of the person's term of office. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, the recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting notices.

Clause D - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE - The Chapter Representative shall represent and serve as liaison to the Western Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Clause E - IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - The Immediate Past President shall serve as an advisor to the Executive Board and give counsel to assure continuity to Chapter activities.

Clause F - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above named officers, the Past President, the three duly elected Board members, and the Chapter Representative to the Western Section.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE

Clause A - PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND SECRETARY-TREASURER - The President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer must be voting members of The Wildlife Society, serve for approximately one year, be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Clause B - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE - The Chapter Representative must be a voting member of The Wildlife Society, serve for two years using even years as election years and be elected in time to be installed at the Western Section's Annual Conference.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETINGS - The regular meeting in March shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - The members must be notified at least one month prior to Annual Meetings and regular meetings and at least ten days prior to special meetings.

Clause C - QUORUM - The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over fifty percent of the voting membership or ten Voting Members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board Meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - The Rules contained in the latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are consistent with the Bylaws and/or other special rules of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

Clause E - BYLAWS - The Bylaws of this organizations shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved the The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call is given.

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The California Central Coast Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, the immediate Past President, the Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and three Chapter members duly elected to the Board.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Voting Members attending a meeting.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - Funds at the California Central Coast Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board, and shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer. The financial records of the Chapter shall be periodically examined the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2G).

Clause A - The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, and contributions.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3 - REPORTS - Within 20 days after an election or other official actions the Secretary-Treasurer of the Chapter shall report such actions to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Section. Annual financial statements and activity reports from the Secretary-Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting.

Section 4 - FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and of the Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports, financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the President of the Chapter and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - Two or more members may submit actions (resolutions or statements) to the Chapter's Resolutions and Public Statement Committee (Article VIII, Section 2E) for possible consideration by the Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board, and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues where there are not previously established Chapter policies and that demand action on a reasonably short notice, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public

Statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the California Central Coast Chapter may issue statement pertaining to subjects in its locale:

- a. when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society; and
- b. in the absence of existing Society position statements.

The Chapter will not publish statements which may be in conflict with the policy of The Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (Appendix 4.421b of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairmen of all regular standing committees [except the Nominating and Elections Committee (See Article V, Section 1)] and special committees such as awards and hospitality. Committee chairmen shall complete their committees with assistance of the President. All committee chairmen shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - (See Article V, Section 1).

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing in the area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and of the California Central Coast Chapter. As provided in Article IV, Section 2, the committee will receive nominations and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding approval of individuals seeking Affiliate Member status in the Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - EDUCATION AND INFORMATION - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic concepts of wildlife management and of Chapter and Society activities and interests.

Clause E - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - This committee shall receive proposed resolutions or public statements from two or more members at any time, and shall prepare, submit and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause F - CONSERVATION REVIEW - This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be

taken by the California Central Coast Chapter. The Chairman may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews.

Clause G - AUDIT - This committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Secretary-Treasurer at least annually. The Committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the California Central Coast Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of The Wildlife Society with a request that said assets be held for a period of not more than five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined best by the Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA NORTH COAST CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Organized: December 30, 1964
Amended: December 11, 1996

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of the organization shall be the California North Coast Chapter of The Wildlife Society (hereafter referred to as the North Coast Chapter).

Section 2 - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties of the State of California.

Section 3 - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The North Coast Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc.¹ (Hereinafter The Wildlife Society, Inc., may be referred to as The Society.) The Chapter has a regional affiliation with the Western Section of The Wildlife Society (hereafter referred to as the Western Section.)

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objectives of The Society, the Chapter objectives are to:

- a) Seek the highest standards in all aspects of the wildlife profession.
- b) Develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and habitats within the Chapter area.
- c) Increase awareness of The Wildlife Society and promote appreciation of wildlife values through science and education.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- a) Provide opportunities for better liaison among the individual members, the Western Section, and The Society.
- b) Evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats.
- c) Recognize and commend outstanding achievement in the wildlife field.
- d) Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and Western Section upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and local issues.
- e) Encourage communication between members and non-members to create climates under which the resource management practices will be used effectively.

¹ Incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin January 1st.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the North Coast Chapter shall be available to any voting member of The Wildlife Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational boundaries of the Chapter as defined in Article I, Section 2. Only Voting Members may hold elective offices in the Chapter, vote on matters affecting Chapter policy, vote on matters affecting The Society, and represent the Chapter on Society business by Board or other officer appointment.

Section 2 - AFFILIATE MEMBER - Affiliate membership in the North Coast Chapter shall be available to any person who, either is not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), yet has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is approved by the Membership Committee. An Affiliate Member cannot hold office, but shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Voting Members except as otherwise provided in Article IV, Section 1.

Section 3 - CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and Affiliate Members in good standing on the membership rolls as of June 1, 1966, shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the North Coast Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all members of the Chapter, have been thus recognized for their achievements. An Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary members who are voting members of The Society shall have the same rights and privileges of chapter Voting Members. Honorary Members who are not voting members of The Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Affiliate Members.

Section 5 - DUES - Annual dues are to be determined at each annual meeting. Annual dues cover the period from 1 January - 31 December. Chapter dues shall be payable by each member to the Secretary no later than 31 March. Members who have not paid their Society dues shall lose their voting membership status in the North Coast Chapter. Annual dues may also be paid to The Society along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 6- RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary, or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid by 31 March.

Section 7 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues may be reinstated into membership of the Chapter upon reapplication and payment of appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three member Nominating and Elections Committee shall consist of the Past President and two other members selected by the Executive Board (See Article VII, Section 1) of the North Coast Chapter. In the event that the Past President cannot serve, a replacement shall be selected by the Executive Board. The Committee shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect,, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and Student Representative to the Chapter from the voting membership of the Chapter.

Clause A - All candidates must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B- Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - Said nominations slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

Clause D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee

Clause E - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Clause F - Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2 - **BALLOTING** - Ballots of the members shall be received by the Secretary and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot-counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an elective position. Voting will take place at the Annual Business Meeting.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot (proxy) may be submitted to the Secretary by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes (a plurality) on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold two elective positions simultaneously.

Section 3 - **OFFICERS** - Officers of the North Coast Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Clause A - **PRESIDENT** - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers. The President shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive board, Chairpersons of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairperson at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section or Society boards, committees or meetings.

Clause B - **PRESIDENT-ELECT** -- If the president is absent or unable to serve, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President. The President-Elect shall perform any duties assigned by the President. (Such duties might include chairing specific committees).

Clause C - **PAST PRESIDENT** - In the event the President and President-Elect are unable to serve, the Past President shall assume the duties of the president. In the event the Past President cannot serve in the absence of the President and President-Elect, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, *pro tempore*. The Past President shall chair the Nominating and Elections Committee.

Clause D - **SECRETARY** - The Secretary shall be responsible for the files, correspondence, and records of public statements. The Secretary's duties also shall include recording the minutes of all meetings, maintaining the membership rolls, and posting incoming correspondence.

Clause E - **TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of funds and maintenance of the financial records of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall submit financial reports at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Clause F - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above named officers, the duly elected Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and the duly elected Student Representative to the Chapter.

Clause G - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION - The Chapter Representative shall represent the North Coast Chapter in Western Section affairs. This person shall serve as a liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter and its area, and serve as a contact for members from other chapters within the Section or the Society.

Clause H - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CHAPTER - The Student Representative shall represent the students of colleges and universities within the Chapter's organizational boundaries. This person shall serve as a liaison to the Chapter for the students, inform the students of the goals and objectives of The Society, encourage student involvement in The Society, and keep the students informed of Chapter and Society activities.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE - The officers and elected Board members must be Voting Members of the Chapter, are installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and, unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of their term, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Clause A - The President-Elect shall serve one year as President-Elect and shall assume the office of President immediately following for a period of one year. The President shall assume the office of Past President immediately following for a period of one year.

Clause B - The Treasurer shall serve a two-year term.

Clause C - The Secretary, Chapter Representative, and Student Representative shall serve one-year terms.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election when the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETINGS - The regular meeting in December shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of electing and installing a new Executive Board, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - The members must be notified at least one month prior to Annual and regular meetings and at least seven days prior to special meetings.

Clause C - QUORUM - The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over fifty percent of the membership or ten Voting Members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board Meetings, at least three members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Chapter meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision.

Clause E - BYLAWS - Chapter Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call are given.

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

ARTICLE VII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The North Coast Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, the Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and the Student Representative to the Chapter.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Voting Members attending a membership meeting.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - The funds of the North Coast Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board, and shall be handled by the Treasurer. The financial record of the Chapter shall be periodically examined by the Audit Committee, and at the time the Treasurer takes office.

Clause A - The Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, workshops, symposia, special assessments (promotion of wildlife-related articles and services), work projects, and contributions.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3 - REPORTS - Within 20 days after an election or other official action(s) the Secretary of the Chapter shall report such action to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President. An annual report from the President shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted to the Executive Director of The Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by The Society.

Section 4 - FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and of the North Coast Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to the Chapter affairs; all committee reports; financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary. "The Wildlife Society Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the Chapter President and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - One or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Conservation Affairs Committee (Article VIII, Section 2d) for consideration by the Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues that demand action on a reasonably short notice, where there are not previously established Chapter policies, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the North Coast Chapter may publish statements pertaining to issues in its locale:

- a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Society; and
- b) in the absence of existing position statements by The Wildlife Society. The North Coast Chapter will not publish statements which may be in conflict with the policy of The Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Wildlife Policy Activities" (Appendix 4.421 of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairpersons of all regular standing committees (except the Nominating and Elections Committee - see Article V, Section 1) and special committees such as awards or hospitality. Committee chairpersons shall complete their committees with the President's assistance. All committee chairpersons shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - (see Article V, Section 1).

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working within the Chapter's organizational area to become members of The Society, the Western Section, and of the North Coast Chapter. As provided in Article IV, Section 2, the committee will receive nominations and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding approval of individuals seeking Affiliate Member status in the Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAMS - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least one month prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - CONSERVATION AFFAIRS - This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Chapter. The Chairperson may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews. In addition this committee shall receive proposed resolutions and public statements from one or more members at any time, and

shall prepare, submit, and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause E - EDUCATION AND INFORMATION - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic concepts of wildlife management and of Chapter and Society activities and interests.

Clause F - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - This committee shall be responsible for coordinating all facets of the Chapter's Professional Development Program. This includes providing a liaison between the Chapter and the Section Professional Development Program, overseeing the development of workshops and symposia, identifying future topics for workshops and symposia by polling the members of the Chapter, submittal of workshop and symposia syllabi to the Society's Professional Development Committee for determination of applicable Contact Hours and inclusion on The Society's Professional Development Approved Activity List; and identifying and entering into negotiation with providers of professional development courses to provide these courses under Chapter sponsorship, with the Chapter sharing in course profits (final approval of contracts between the Chapter and the course provider is the responsibility of the Executive Board).

Clause G - AUDIT - The audit committee shall consist of a chairperson and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Treasurer at least annually. The committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Treasurer.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been completed or discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the North Coast Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to The Council of The Wildlife Society with a request that said assets be held for a period of not more than five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined best by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted that results in conflict with The Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE DAVIS STUDENT CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of this organization shall be the Davis Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - AREA - This Student Chapter shall have as its area of organization the campus and environs of The University of California at Davis.

Section 3 - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The Davis Student Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. The Student Chapter also shall maintain appropriate affiliation with the campus or student government organizations required by University of California at Davis regulations.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the Davis Student Chapter objectives are:

- to provide students interested in wildlife and fisheries a realization of the careers available to Wildlife Biologists and Fisheries Biologists and help create a good understanding of employers' objectives and needs.
- to supplement and enhance the students' course work with programs designed to be of practical value to the students.
- to promote communication between the students and the faculty in non-classroom, relaxed environments.
- to spread and encourage an interest in wildlife biology.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Student Chapter proposes to:

- provide opportunities for the students and faculty to get together outside of the classroom by organizing activities that will be enjoyable, interesting and educating to both, such as field trips and inviting guest speaker.
- evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats.
- provide opportunities for better liaison among members, their Chapters, Section, The Society, and other organizations with similar interests.
- emphasize public relations to familiarize as many students as possible with The Wildlife Society, its aims and objectives.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

The Student Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin June 1, although the Student Chapter's financial reporting must follow The Wildlife Society's calendar year schedule.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the Davis Student Chapter shall be available to any Voting Member of The Wildlife Society who is a registered student at University of California at Davis. Only Student Chapter Voting Members may hold elective offices in the Student Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Society, and officially represent the Student Chapter on business of The Society by Board or officer appointment.

Section 2 - OTHER MEMBER - Other membership in the Davis Student Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or not a registered student at University of California at Davis, has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Student Chapter. Other Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Student Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Student Chapter elections, except those reserved for Voting Members.

Section 3 - CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and Other Members in good standing on the membership rolls as of February 17, 1975 shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the Davis Student Chapter shall be non-students who, by a majority vote of all Student Chapter members, have been recognized for their achievements. A Student Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Student Chapter dues and may not vote and hold office.

Section 5 - STUDENT CHAPTER ADVISOR - At least one faculty member who is a current Voting Member of The Wildlife Society shall serve as Student Chapter Advisor.

Section 6 - DUES - Annual dues of \$2.00 shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than November 1. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues shall lose their Voting Member status in the Davis Student Chapter. Annual Student Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society's Washington, D.C. office, along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Student Chapter.

Section 7 - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Student Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer, or will be considered to have resigned if annual Student Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 8 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Student Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in the Student Chapter upon payment of appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (Article VII, Section 1) of the Davis Student Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely, President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, one Executive Board member, and a Student Chapter Representative to the Western Section from the Student Chapter voting membership.

Clause A - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - Nomination slate shall be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the membership at least 14 days prior to the annual business meeting.

Clause D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E - A member may hold the same elective position for no more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2 - BALLOTING - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot-counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.

Section 3 - OFFICERS - Officers of the Davis Student Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Their duties are:

Clause A - PRESIDENT - The President shall have general supervision of the Student Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Student Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section, or Society boards, committees or meetings.

Clause B - VICE-PRESIDENT - The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the Vice-President cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - SECRETARY-TREASURER - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Student Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports to the last meeting of the person's term of office. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, the recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.

Clause D - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Student Chapter and shall consist of the above named officers, the Past President, the duly elected Board member, and the Chapter Representative to the Western Section.

Clause E - STUDENT CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION - The Student Chapter Representative shall represent the Davis Student Chapter in the Western Section affairs. This person shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Student Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Student Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE - The officers and Board members and the Student Chapter Representative must be voting members of The Wildlife Society, serve for approximately one year, be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Student Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board. There shall be no less than nine meetings each school year..

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETINGS - The regular meeting in May shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for electing or installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - The members must be notified at least ten days prior to Annual, regular, and special meetings.

Clause C- QUORUM - The quorum for the Annual, regular, and special meetings of the Student Chapter shall be over 50 percent of the membership or ten members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board Meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Student Chapter meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition .

Clause E - BYLAWS - Student Chapter Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved the The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call are given.

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All clauses under Section 1 of the Article also apply to special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Davis Student Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, the immediate Past President, the Student Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and one Chapter member duly elected to the Board.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Student Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any Board action may be overridden by two-thirds of the Voting Members attending a membership meeting.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - Funds of the Davis Student Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board and shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer. The financial records of the Davis Student Chapter shall be periodically examined the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2G).

Clause A - The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, and contributions.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3 - REPORTS - Within 20 days after an election or other official action the Secretary-Treasurer shall report such action to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President. An annual report and activity time sheets from the Secretary-Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by The Society office.

Section 4 - FILES - The Student Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Davis Student Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Student Chapter affairs; all committee reports, financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Student Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the Student Chapter President and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee (Article VIII, Section 2F) for possible consideration by the Student Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Student Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Student Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Student Chapter policies may be carried out by any Student Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues that demand action on a reasonably short notice, where there are not previously established Student Chapter policies, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement on behalf of the Student Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after the issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the Davis Student Chapter may issue statement pertaining to subjects in its locale:

- a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society; and
- b) in the absence of existing position statements by The Wildlife Society.

The Davis Student Chapter will not publish statements which may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (Appendix 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to The Society's policy regarding conservation affairs (Appendix 4.421a of the Operations Manual). The Student Chapter membership, The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The Student Chapter President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairmen of all regular standing committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee (Article V, Section 1), and all special committees such as awards and hospitality. Committee chairmen shall complete their committees with the President's assistance. All committee chairmen shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer before the close of each annual Student Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - See Article V, Section 1.

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons attending University of California at Davis to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Davis Student Chapter. This committee shall maintain a list of all students at University of California at Davis who list wildlife management or related fields as their major subject and encourage them to be active in the Student Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - CONSERVATION REVIEW - This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the

Student Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Davis Student Chapter. The Chairman may ask any Student Chapter member to assist with reviews.

Clause E - EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic wildlife management concepts and of Student Chapter and Society activities and interests.

Clause F - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - This committee shall receive proposed resolutions and public statement from two or more members at any time, and shall prepare, submit and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause G - AUDIT - This committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Secretary-Treasurer at least annually. The committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Davis Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of The Wildlife Society with the understanding that said assets be held for a maximum of five years from the date of dissolution of the Student Chapter, for redistribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as best determined by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of Student Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE HAWAII CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, INC.^{1/}

(as revised and approved by
The Wildlife Society, March 1994)

ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. - NAME - The name of this organization shall be the Hawaii Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2. - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the State of Hawaii.

Section 3. - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The Hawaii Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (Hereinafter, The Wildlife Society, Inc. may be referred to as The Society.)

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Section 1. - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objectives of The Wildlife Society, the Hawaii Chapter objectives are to:

- Promote the sound stewardship of Hawaii's valuable wildlife resources.
- Promote the conservation of indigenous and endemic Hawaiian wildlife and their habitats.
- Promote the professionalism of the wildlife biologist in the State of Hawaii.

Section 2. - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, their Section, the The Society.
- Evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats.
- Recognize and commend outstanding achievements in maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats for wildlife.
- Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and the Western Section upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events in local situations.
- Encourage communication between members and non-members to facilitate understanding the effectiveness of research and management of wildlife resources.
- Provide information on wildlife or its habitat to all segments of society, as needed or requested.
- Provide Chapter opinions on issues concerning wildlife or its habitat, as needed or requested.
- Promote professionalism in the field of wildlife biology and management in Hawaii.

^{1/}The Wildlife Society was incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia

ARTICLE III. CHAPTER YEAR

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin January 1st.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. - VOTING MEMBER - Upon payment of dues to The Society and the Chapter (Article IV, Section 5), any person shall be qualified for voting membership who is a professional in the biology, management, or conservation of wildlife, and who resides in the organizational area of the Chapter. Graduate students in these fields qualify for membership. Only Society members may hold office in the Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Society, and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Society by Board or Officer appointment.

Section 2. - ASSOCIATE MEMBER - Associate membership in the Hawaii Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is approved by the Membership Committee. Associate Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges and responsibilities of Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections, except those reserved for Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1)

Section 3. - CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and Associate Members in good standing on the membership rolls as of April 1, 1969 shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4. - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the Hawaii Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter members, have been thus recognized for their achievements. A Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are voting members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1). Honorary Members who are not voting members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Associate Members (Article IV, Section 2).

Section 5. - DUES - Annual dues, to be determined at each annual meeting shall be payable by each member to the Treasurer no later than March 31. Members who have not paid their Society dues shall lose their Voting Member status in the Hawaii Chapter. Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society's Washington, D.C. office, along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter. Annual Chapter dues from Associate Members may be paid directly to the Chapter Treasurer.

Section 6. - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary, or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 7. - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in the Chapter upon reapplication and payment of appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (Article VII, Section 1) of the Hawaii Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one additional Executive Board member from the voting Chapter membership who will also act as Chairperson of the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee.

Clause A - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - Nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to mail balloting.

Clause D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more Chapter members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 2. - **BALLOTING** - Ballots will be sent by mail to each Chapter member, and written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - Any signed absentee ballots must be received by the Secretary prior to or on the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving a simple majority of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected.

Clause D - No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.

Section 3. - **OFFICERS** - Officers of the Hawaii Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect (who shall serve as Vice-President), Secretary and Treasurer. Their duties are:

Clause A - **PRESIDENT** - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, Island Representatives for the major islands not represented on the Executive Board, shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be and ex officio member of all committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section, or Society boards, committees, or meetings, including the Executive Board of the Western Section.

Clause B - **PRESIDENT ELECT** - The President-Elect (Vice-President) shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - **TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports annually as well as at the last meeting of the person's term of office. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds.

Clause D - **SECRETARY** - Duties shall include the recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance and management of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.

Section 4 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the four above-named officers, the Past President, and the duly elected Executive Board Member and the Chapter representative to the Western Section.

Clause A - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER - The duly elected Executive Board Member will be the chairperson of the resolutions and Public Statements Committee.

Clause B - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION - The Chapter Representative to the Section will be the Chapter President of an official appointed by the Chapter President. the Chapter Representative shall represent the Hawaii Chapter in Western Section affairs. This person shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The representative will assist the section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Section 5 - ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE - An island representative shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall be a point of contact between the executive Board and the Chapter member residing on that particular island. The island representative will pass information from Chapter members to the Executive Board and from the Board to members on that island, as needed.

Section 6 - TERM OF OFFICE - The Officers and Board members and the Chapter Representative must be voting members of The Wildlife Society. The new Officers will be installed immediately following the expiration of the previous Board's term, or as soon thereafter as elections can be held, and serve for approximately one year.

Section 7 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board or as specific as desired or tied in with a group meeting or event, but at least two times per year.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETING - The regular meeting, (tied in with annual meeting opportunities on one island such as the Forestry and Wildlife Conference or other specific group meetings) shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purposes of electing or installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - Members must be notified at least one month prior to Annual and regular meetings and at least ten days prior to special meetings, except as stated under Article VI, Section 2.

Clause C - QUORUM - Quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over 50 percent of the membership or ten members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Chapter meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws.

Clause E - BYLAWS - Chapter Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call are given. executive Board meetings may be called by the President at any time.

Clause A - Only items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All Clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well as to special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Hawaii Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, the immediate Past President, the Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and one Chapter member duly elected to the Board.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Voting Members attending a meeting.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - Funds of the Hawaii Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board and shall be handled by the Treasurer. The financial records of the Chapter shall be periodically examined the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2G).

Clause A - The Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, contributions or other fund source such as "publication and special activity sales", etc.

Clause C - Funds of \$1,000 or less shall be placed in a federally insured bank or savings and loan association. Funds in excess of \$1,000 may be invested in a mutual fund asset management account.

Clause D - All checks must be signed by the treasurer and at least one other designated officer.

Section 3 - REPORTS - Within 20 days after an election or other official actions(s) the Secretary shall report such action(s) to the executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President. An annual report and activity time sheets from the Secretary shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted by the treasurer to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by The Society office.

Section 4 - FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and of the Hawaii Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports, financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the Chapter President and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Chapter's Resolutions and Public Statement Committee (Article VIII, Section 2F) for possible consideration by the Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board, and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues where there are not previously established Chapter policies and that demand action on a reasonably short notice, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the Hawaii Chapter may issue statement pertaining to subjects in its locale:

- a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society; and
- b) in the absence of existing position statements by The Wildlife Society.

The Hawaii Chapter will not publish statements that may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (Appendix 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to The Society's policy regarding conservation affairs (Appendix 4.421a of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairpersons of all regular standing committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee (See Article V, Section 1) and special committees such as awards and hospitality. Committee chairmen shall complete their committees with assistance of the President. All committee chairmen shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - See Article V, Section 1.

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall consist of a chairperson and any other members in order to encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working within the Chapter's organizational area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Hawaii Chapter. As provided in Article IV, Section 2, the

committee will receive nominations and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding approval of individuals seeking Associate Member status in the Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee, chaired by the Secretary, shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date. The agenda proviso may be shifted to the Secretary.

Clause D - CONSERVATION REVIEW - This committee shall consist of a chairperson and any other members in order to review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statement, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Hawaii Chapter. The Chairman may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews.

Clause E - EDUCATION AND INFORMATION - This committee shall consist of a chairperson and any other members in order to seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic concepts of wildlife management and of Chapter and Society activities and interests.

Clause F - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - This committee shall consist of a chairperson (the elected Executive Board Member) and any other members in order to receive proposed resolutions or public statements from two or more members at any time, and shall prepare, submit and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause G - AUDIT - This committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Treasurer at least every two years. The committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Treasurer.

Clause H - PROFESSIONALISM - This committee shall consist of a chairperson and any other members who will work to promote the profession of wildlife biology and management in Hawaii.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Hawaii Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of The Wildlife Society with a request that said assets be held for a period of not more than five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined best by the Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1, B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE NEVADA CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

(Approved with Amendment by the Wildlife Society:
January, 1982)

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of the organization shall be the Nevada Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the State of Nevada as well as Inyo and Mono Counties of California.

Section 3 - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The Nevada Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (hereinafter The Wildlife Society, Inc. may be referred to as The Society and the Western Section).

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objective of The Wildlife Society, the Nevada Chapter objectives are:

1. Undertake an active role in protecting wildlife population and habitat values against human induced population or habitat degradation.
2. Increase public awareness and appreciation of wildlife values, including habitat.
3. Keep Chapter members informed and aware of plans by agencies, groups, etc. to alter, modify or degrade habitat.
4. Support wildlife species and habitat management plans prepared by individuals, groups or agencies, if the plans are biologically sound and technically feasible.
5. Support non-wildlife policies of land management agencies where these policies will benefit wildlife resources, including habitat.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

1. Prepare Chapter position statements or resolutions either for or against specific planned human activities which will enhance or degrade wildlife values. The position statements may be presented in person by Chapter representatives, or in writing to the agencies concerned, news media, and/or Congressional delegations. These actions will implement Chapter Objectives 1, 4, and 5.
2. Maintain an ad hoc speakers bureau on an area by area basis to meet requests from all publics. This will meet Chapter Objective 2.
3. Use all methods of communication to keep Chapter members informed on issues and news: letters, telephone, personal contact. This will implement Objective 3.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin with the January meeting.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the Nevada Chapter shall be available to any Voting Member of The Wildlife Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational area of the Chapter as defined in Article I, Section 2, and is a paid member of the Chapter. Only Chapter Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Society, and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Society by Board or officer appointment.

Section 2 - OTHER MEMBER - Other membership in the Nevada Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area, as defined in Article I, Section 2, has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter, is approved by the Membership Committee, and has paid their current Nevada Chapter. Other Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges and responsibilities of Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections, except as detailed in Section 1 of this article.

Section 3 - DUES - Annual dues to be determined at each Annual Meeting shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than March 1. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues or Nevada Chapter dues shall lose their Voting Member status in the Nevada Chapter. Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society along with Section and Society dues to be subsequently remitted to the Chapter.

Section 4 - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 5 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in the Chapter upon reapplication and payment of appropriate dues.

Section 6 - CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and Other Members in good standing on the membership rolls who signed the Chapter Charter shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 7 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the Nevada Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter members, have been thus recognized for their achievements. A Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are Voting Members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members, as defined in Article IV, Section 1. Honorary Members who are not Voting Members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Other Members, as defined in Article IV, Section 2.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (Article VII, Section 1) of the Nevada Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Chapter Representative to the Western Section from the Chapter voting membership.

Clause A - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual January business meeting.

Clause D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Clause F - If a student is nominated for office that person must be in upper division standing.

Section 2 - BALLOTING - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.

Section 3 - OFFICERS - Officers of the Nevada Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect (who shall serve as Vice-President), and Secretary-Treasurer. Their duties are:

Clause A - PRESIDENT - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, chairmen of all regular and special committees including the Area Coordinators, shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Executive Board and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section, or Society boards, committee, or meetings including the Executive Board of the Western Section.

Clause B - PRESIDENT-ELECT - The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - SECRETARY-TREASURER - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports at last

meeting of the person's term of office. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, the recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes, as well as the Chapter newsletter.

Clause D - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above named officers, with the immediate Past-President, the Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and the Newsletter Editor.

Clause E - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION - The Chapter Representative shall represent the Nevada Chapter in the Western Section affairs. This person shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapter, and members in their respective areas. The Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Clause F - NEWSLETTER EDITOR - The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the President with concurrence of the Executive Board. This person shall be responsible for the editing, production and distribution of quarterly newsletters as well as any special newsletter publications deemed necessary by the Executive Board. The Newsletter Editor shall be assisted by the entire membership through their timely contribution of news and items of interest.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE - The Officers and the Chapter Representative must be Voting Members of The Wildlife Society, serve for approximately two years, be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter meeting where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETINGS - The regular meeting in January shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - Members must be notified at least one month prior to Annual and regular meetings and at least ten days prior to special meetings.

Clause C- QUORUM - The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over 50 percent of the membership or 10 members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Chapter meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision.

Clause E - BYLAWS - Chapter Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call are given.

Clause A - Only items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All Clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Nevada Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of the officers plus the immediate Past-President, the Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and the Newsletter Editor.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any Board action may be overridden by two-thirds of the Voting Members attending a membership meeting.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - Funds of the Nevada Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board, and shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer. The financial records at the Chapter shall be periodically examined by the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2G).

Clause A - The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessment, work projects, and contributions and special activity sales..

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3 - REPORTS - Within 20 days after an election or other official actions, the Secretary-Treasurer shall report such actions to Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President. An annual report and activity time sheets from the Secretary-Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Executive Director in January of each year for federal tax reporting by the Society office.

Section 4 - FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Nevada Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports; financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the Chapter President and a written record of transfer of this

manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee (Article VIII, Section 2F) for possible consideration by the Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by of a quorum of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by the Chapter President upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues where there are no previously established Chapter policies and that demand action on a reasonably short notice, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by it prior to public issuing of the statement and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the Nevada Chapter may issue statement pertaining to subjects in its locale:

- a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society;
and
- b) in the absence of existing Society position statements by The Wildlife Society.

The Nevada Chapter will not issue statements which may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (Appendix 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to The Society's policy regarding conservation affairs (Appendix 4.421a of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Wildlife Society, Western Section Representative, and Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 20 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairmen of all regular standing committees, including Area Coordinators except the Nominating and Elections Committee (Article V, Section 1), and all special committees such as awards, and hospitality. Committee chairmen shall complete their committees with the President's assistance. All committee chairmen shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - See Article V, Section 1.

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working within the Chapter's organizational area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Nevada Chapter. As provided in Article IV, Section 2, the committee will receive nominations and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding approval of individuals seeking Other Member status in the Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - CONSERVATION REVIEW - This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Nevada Chapter. The Chairman may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews.

Clause E - EDUCATION AND INFORMATION - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic wildlife management concepts and of Chapter and Society activities and interests.

Clause F - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - This committee shall receive proposed resolutions and public statements from two or more members at any time, and shall prepare, submit and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause G - AUDIT - This committee shall consist of a Chairman and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Secretary-Treasurer at least annually. The Committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Nevada Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Executive Board of the Western Section with the understanding that said assets be held for a maximum of five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for re-distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Executive Board of the Western Section may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as best determined by Executive Board of the Western Section in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2E).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE SACRAMENTO CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

(Approved by the Wildlife Society: September 20, 1983)

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of the organization shall be the Sacramento Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of influence the central portion of the State of California in the vicinity of the City of Sacramento.

Section 3 - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - This Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc., and to the current Bylaws of the Western Section of The Wildlife Society, Inc.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objective of The Wildlife Society, the Sacramento Chapter objectives are:

- 1) to develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend;
- 2) to undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation;
- 3) to increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values;
- 4) to seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- 1) Encourage and provide an opportunity for better liaison among the individual member and the Western Section together with associated chapters, the Western Section Representative, and the Society;
- 2) recognize and commend outstanding work in the profession;
- 3) Focus the aims and objectives of The Society upon professional wildlife needs, problems, and events.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin January 1.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the Sacramento Chapter shall be available to any Voting Member of The Wildlife Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organization area of the Chapter (Article I, Section 2). Only Chapter Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Society, and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Society by Board or officer appointment.

Section 2 - OTHER MEMBER - Other membership in the Sacramento Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter. Other Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections, except those reserved for Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Section 3 - CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and Other Members in good standing on the membership rolls as of July 11, 1966, shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the Sacramento Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter members, have been thus recognized for their achievements. A Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are Voting Members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1). Honorary Members who are not Voting Members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Other Members (Article IV, Section 2).

Section 4 - DUES - Annual dues of \$3.00 shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than March 1. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues shall lose their Voting Member status in the Sacramento Chapter. Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society's headquarters, along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 5 - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer, or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 6 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in the Chapter upon payment of appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (Article VII, Section 1) of the Sacramento Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and a Chapter Representative to the Western Section from the Chapter voting membership.

Clause A - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting.

Clause D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 2 - BALLOTING - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.

Section 3 - OFFICERS - Officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Chapter Representative. Their duties shall be:

Clause A - PRESIDENT - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers; he shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, chairpersons of all regular and special committees, shall preside at meetings of the Executive Board and Chapter and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to attend appropriate meetings or functions requiring the views of the Chapter.

Clause B - VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the Vice President cannot serve as the President, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - SECRETARY-TREASURER - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the Chapter files, records, and funds, and shall submit a complete financial report at last meeting of the person's term of office. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, recording of the minutes of all meetings, maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and issuance of meeting minutes.

Clause D - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above named officers, the Past President, the Chapter Representative to the Section, and chairpersons of the standing committees (Article VIII).

Clause E - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE - The Chapter Representative serves as a member of the Section's Executive Board and shall submit reports on progress, programs and problems of the Chapter, and shall report back to the Chapter on Society business conducted at the Board meetings. Other duties include (a) assuring that all officers of the Chapter are members of the Chapter and the Society, and (b) that the Chapter annually submits financial statement to the Section Secretary-Treasurer for Federal income tax requirements.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE -The term of office of the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be for one year. The term of office for the Chapter Representative shall be for two years, beginning on even numbered years. All officers shall be installed at the Annual Meeting,

and take office immediately following. They shall terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings of the Chapter shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETINGS - The regular meeting in December shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - Members must be notified at least two weeks prior to any meeting when special, unusual, or particularly important business action is to be taken, and the notice must contain reference to the business to be considered. For Annual and regular meetings, members must be notified at least one month in advance.

Clause C- QUORUM - The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over 50 percent of the membership or 20 members in good standing, whichever is less; for regular meetings, over 25 percent of the membership or ten members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board meetings, seven members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - The rules contained in the latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the special rules of order of the Chapter or the Society.

Clause E - BYLAWS - Chapter Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1, Clause B) and the purpose of the call are given.

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All Clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of the officers, the immediate Past-President, the Chapter Representative to the Section, and chairpersons of the standing committees designated in Article VIII.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Wildlife Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between Chapter meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members

at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote of the members.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - Funds of the Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board, and shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer. The financial records of the Sacramento Chapter shall be periodically examined the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2, Clause G).

Clause A - The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessment, work projects, and contributions.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3 - REPORTS - The Secretary-Treasurer shall, within ten days after an election or other official action taken by the Chapter, provide a copy of such action to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President. These same parties will receive a copy of the annual financial statement prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by the Society office.

Section 4 - FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Sacramento Chapter; minutes of all regular and special Chapter meetings, and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports; financial statements and records; and all other material designated by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the Chapter President or a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee (Article VIII, Section 2, Clause D) for possible consideration by the Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues where there are no previously established Chapter policies and that demand action on a reasonably short notice, the President, or designated representative, may present a public statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the Sacramento Chapter may issue statement pertaining to subjects in its locale:

a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society;
and

b) in the absence of existing Society position statements by The Wildlife Society.

The Sacramento Chapter will not issue statements which may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (Appendix 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to The Society's policy regarding conservation affairs (Appendix 4.421a of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The President shall appoint chairpersons or all regular standing committees and special committees as the need arises. Such committee chairpersons shall serve at the pleasure of the President. Committee chairpersons shall complete their committees with assistance or the President. All committee chairpersons shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES:

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - See Article V, Section 1.

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing in the Chapter area to become members of The Wildlife Society and of the Western Section and the Sacramento Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least one month prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - This committee shall receive proposed resolutions from two or more members at any time, prepare, submit and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause E - AUDIT - This committee shall consist of a chairperson and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Secretary-Treasurer at least annually. The Committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Sacramento Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of The Wildlife Society with the understanding that said assets be held for a maximum of five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for re-distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as best determined by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY²

(Approved by The Wildlife Society: February 19, 2002)

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of the organization shall be the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of The Wildlife Society. (Hereafter, referred to a The Bay Area Chapter.)

Section 2 - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the San Francisco Bay Area including the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, and San Francisco.

Section 3 - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The Bay Area Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (Hereinafter The Wildlife Society, Inc., may be referred to as The Society.)

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objective of The Wildlife Society, the Bay Area Chapter objectives are:

- 1) to encourage high standards of professional achievement;
- 2) to develop a better liaison among individuals in The Chapter and in the Society;
- 3) to undertake an active role in preventing human induced environmental degradation;
- 4) to further public awareness of the high standards, intent, and professionalism of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- 1) Provide opportunities for members to meet and develop a sense of community both professionally and socially through meetings and special events;
- 2) evaluate proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife;
- 3) Recognize and commend outstanding achievements in wildlife biology and management;
- 4) Focus the aims and objectives of The Wildlife Society and the Western Section upon wildlife needs, problems, and events in the San Francisco Bay Area;
- 5) Encourage communication between members and non-members to promote better resource management.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

² The Wildlife Society was incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia.

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin January 1.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the Bay Area Chapter shall be available to any Voting Member of The Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational area of the Chapter (Article I, Section 2). Only Chapter Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter, vote on official matters affecting The Society, and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Society by Board or officer appointment.

Section 2 - OTHER MEMBER - Other membership in the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Wildlife Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter. Other Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections, except those reserved for Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Section 3 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the Bay Area Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter members, have been thus recognized for their achievements. A Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are Voting Members of The Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1). Honorary Members who are not Voting Members of The Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Other Members (Article IV, Section 2).

Section 4 - DUES - Annual dues of \$10.00 shall be payable by each member to the Secretary-Treasurer. Annual membership will be for the calendar year from January 1 through December 31. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues shall lose their Voting Member status in the Bay Area Chapter. Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society's headquarters, along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 5 - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer, or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 6 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in the Chapter upon payment of appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (Article VII, Section 1) of the Bay Area Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and one additional Executive Board member from the Chapter voting membership who shall be a Chapter Representative to the Western Section.

Clause A - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least two weeks prior to the fall meeting at which officers will be elected. The Nominations and Elections Committee may organize mail balloting as an alternative to holding elections at the fall meeting. The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the date of mail balloting.

Clause D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 2 - BALLOTING - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elective position simultaneously.

Section 3 - OFFICERS - Officers of the Bay Area Chapter shall consist of a President, President-Elect (who shall serve as Vice President), and Secretary-Treasurer. Their duties are:

Clause A - PRESIDENT - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section or Society boards, committees or meetings.

Clause B - PRESIDENT-ELECT - The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - SECRETARY-TREASURER - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the files, records, and funds of the Chapter, and shall submit complete financial reports to the last meeting of the person's term of office. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds, and recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.

Clause D - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall consist of the above named officers, the Past President, and the Chapter Representative.

Clause E - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION - The Chapter Representative shall represent the Bay Area Chapter in Western Section affairs. This person shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE - The officers and Board members and the Chapter Representative must be Voting Members of The Wildlife Society, serve for approximately one year, be installed at the regular meeting in January, take office immediately following this meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the next January meeting, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETINGS - The regular meeting in November or December shall be known as the Annual Meeting, and shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - Members must be notified at least two weeks prior to Annual and regular meetings and at least seven days prior to special meetings.

Clause C- QUORUM - The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over 50 percent of the membership or ten members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board Meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Chapter meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, latest revision.

Clause E - BYLAWS - Chapter Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call are given.

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Bay Area Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, the immediate Past President, and the Chapter Representative to the Western Section.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each

succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by two-thirds of the Voting Members attending a membership meeting.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - Funds of the Bay Area Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board and shall be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer. The financial records of the Bay Area Chapter shall be periodically examined the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2G).

Clause A - The Secretary-Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessment, work projects, contributions, and special activities.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or savings and loan association.

Section 3 - REPORTS - Within 20 days after an election or other official action(s) the Secretary-Treasurer shall report such action(s) to the Executive Director of The Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President. An annual report and activity time sheets from the Secretary-Treasurer shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Executive Director of The Wildlife Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by The Wildlife Society office.

Section 4 - FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Bay Area Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports, financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary-Treasurer. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the Chapter President and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - Two or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Resolutions and Public Statements Committee (Article VIII, Section 2F) for possible consideration by the Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues where there are no previously established Chapter policies and that demand action on a reasonably short notice, where there are not previously established Chapter policies, the President, or designated representative, may present a public statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership within 15 days after public issuing of the statement. Furthermore, the Bay Area Chapter may issue statement pertaining to subjects in its locale:

a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Wildlife Society; and

b) in the absence of existing Society position statements by The Wildlife Society.

The Bay Area Chapter will not publish statements which may be in conflict with the policy of The Wildlife Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (Appendix 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to The Society's policy regarding conservation affairs (Appendix 4.421a of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Wildlife Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairmen of all regular standing committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee (Article V, Section 1), and special committees such as awards and hospitality. Committee chairmen shall complete their committees with the President's assistance. All committee chairmen shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - See Article V, Section 1.

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working within the Chapter's organizational area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Bay Area Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - CONSERVATION REVIEW - This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Bay Area Chapter. The Chairman may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews.

Clause E - EDUCATION AND INFORMATION - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic wildlife management concepts and of Chapter, Section and Society activities and interests.

Clause F - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - This committee shall receive proposed resolutions and public statements from two or more members at any time, and shall prepare, submit and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause G - AUDIT - This committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Secretary-Treasurer at least annually. The Committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Bay Area Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of The Wildlife Society with the understanding that said assets be held for a maximum of five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for re-distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as best determined by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY^{1/}

(Adopted June 15, 1993)

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of the organization shall be the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

Section 3 - CRITERIA FOR AFFILIATION - The San Joaquin Valley Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (Hereinafter The Wildlife Society, Inc., may be referred to as The Society.)

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Consistent with the objective of The Wildlife Society, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter objectives are:

1. Seek the highest standards in all activities of the Wildlife Profession.
2. Develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and habitats in the Chapter area.
3. Keep Chapter members well informed and provide opportunities for further education.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- a) Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, their Section, and The Wildlife Society.
- b) Evaluate and respond to the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife or its habitats..
- c) Recognize and commend outstanding achievement in the maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats for wildlife.
- d) Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and Western Section upon wildlife needs, problems, and events in local situations.
- e) Encourage communication between members and non-members to facilitate understanding and effectiveness of research and management of wildlife resources.

^{1/} The Wildlife Society was incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

The Chapter operating and fiscal year shall begin January 1.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the San Joaquin Valley Chapter shall be available to any voting member of The Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational area of the Chapter (Article I, Section 2). Only Chapter Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter; vote on official matters affecting The Society; and officially represent the Chapter on business of The Society by Board or officer appointment.

Section 2 - OTHER MEMBER - Other membership in the San Joaquin Valley Chapter shall be available to any person who, although either not a member of The Society and/or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter. Other Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Chapter Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections, except those reserved for Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Section 3 - CHARTER MEMBER - Voting and Other Members in good standing on the membership rolls as of July 30, 1966 shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary Members of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all Chapter Members, have been thus recognized for their achievements. An Chapter Honorary Member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are Voting Members of The Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1). Honorary Members who are not Voting Members of The Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Other Members (Article IV, Section 2).

Section 5 - DUES - Annual dues of \$5.00 shall be payable by each member to the Treasurer no later than May 31. Members who have not paid their Society dues shall lose their voting membership status in the San Joaquin Valley Chapter. Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society's Bethesda, Maryland office, along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 6 - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter's Secretary or will be considered to have resigned if annual Chapter dues are not paid.

Section 7 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in the Chapter upon payment of appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (See Article VII, Section 1) of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

Clause A - All nominees must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Clause B - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 15 days prior to the annual business meeting.

Clause D - Additional nominees may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Clause F - Nominations can also be made from the floor at the annual business meeting.

Section 2 - **BALLOTING** - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot-counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold more than one elective position.

Section 3 - **OFFICERS** - The officers and Executive Board members of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter must be Voting Members of The Society. Officers shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their duties are:

Clause A - **PRESIDENT** - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairpersons of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairperson at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section or Society boards, committees or meetings, including the Executive Board of the Western Section. The President shall appoint a Chapter Representative to represent the San Joaquin Valley Chapter in Western Section affairs. This person shall serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Chapter Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Clause B - **PRESIDENT-ELECT** - The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the President-Elect cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - **TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of funds and maintenance of the financial records of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall submit financial reports at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Clause D - **SECRETARY** - The Secretary shall be responsible for the files and records of the Chapter. Duties will include the recording of minutes at all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.

Clause E - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall consist of the above named officers, the Past President, and the Chapter Representative to the Western Section.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE - The newly elected officers and Board members shall be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of their term or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Clause A - The President-Elect shall serve one year as President-Elect and shall assume the office of President immediately following for a period of one year.

Clause B - The treasurer and Secretary shall serve two year terms, and be elected in even numbered years beginning in 1994.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed President-Elect shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at least quarterly.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETINGS - The Annual Meeting shall coincide with the annual Western Section meeting, and shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Clause B - MEETING NOTICE - The members must be notified at least one month prior to Annual and regular meetings and at least ten days prior to special meetings.

Clause C - QUORUM - The quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over fifty percent of the membership or ten Voting Members in good standing, whichever is less; and for Executive Board Meetings, three members of the Board.

Clause D - MEETING RULES - Order of business and parliamentary procedures at Chapter meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition .

Clause E - BYLAWS - Chapter Bylaws shall be available for inspection during every meeting. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved the The Wildlife Society before becoming effective.

Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call is given.

Clause A - Only those items listed in the call for a special meeting shall be acted upon at the special meeting.

Clause B - All clauses under Section 1 of this Article apply as well to special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII - MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES

Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The San Joaquin Valley Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, the immediate Past President, and the Chapter Representative to the Western Section.

Clause A - CONDUCT - The Executive Board shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the provisions of these Bylaws, and those of The Society. The Board is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and shall report its interim actions to the members at each succeeding membership meeting. Any action of the Board may be overridden by two-thirds of the Voting Members attending a membership meeting.

Clause B - ATTENDANCE - Members may attend Board meetings, but may participate therein only when asked to do so, and they may not vote at such meetings.

Section 2 - FINANCE - Funds of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board, and shall be handled by the Treasurer. The financial records of the Chapter shall be periodically examined the Audit Committee (Article VIII, Section 2F).

Clause A - The Treasurer need not be bonded.

Clause B - Funds shall be derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, and contributions.

Clause C - Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured financial institution.

Section 3 - REPORTS - Within 20 days after an election or other official action(s) the Secretary of the Chapter shall report such action(s) to the Executive Director of The Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President. An annual report and activity time sheets from the Secretary shall be forwarded to these same parties. A statement of calendar-year income and expenses, together with starting and ending balances, must be submitted to the Executive Director of The Society in January of each year for federal tax reporting by The Society.

Section 4 - FILES - The Chapter shall maintain a file containing: Bylaws of The Society, the Western Section, and the San Joaquin Valley Chapter; minutes of all regular and special meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board; correspondence pertinent to Chapter affairs; all committee reports, financial statements and records; and all other material designated as pertinent by the Executive Board. A "procedure for filing" shall be kept in the Chapter file for the guidance of each succeeding Secretary. A Chapter "Operations Manual" provided by The Society will be maintained by the Chapter President and a written record of transfer of this manual to the incoming President will be maintained and The Society will be notified of each such transfer.

Section 5 - RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS - One or more members may submit resolutions or statements to the Conservation Affairs Committee (Article VIII, Section 2D) for possible consideration by the Chapter's Executive Board. These shall be accepted or rejected by the Board and, if involving new policy, prepared for submission to the Chapter membership. Such new items must be approved by two-thirds of the Chapter membership voting and must be transmitted to The Society, the Western Section Representative, and Western Section President, if approved. Actions falling within previously established Chapter policies may be carried out by any Chapter officer upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board. On issues that demand action on a reasonably short notice, where there are not previously established Chapter policies, the President, or designated representative, may present a Public Statement on behalf of the Chapter provided that: 1) the concept of the statement be brought to the Executive Board's attention and is accepted by them prior to public issuing of the statement; and 2) copies of the statement are sent to the membership at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the issuing of the statement.

Furthermore, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter may issue statement pertaining to subjects in its locale:

- a) when the content of the statement falls within the established policy of The Society; and
- b) in the absence of existing Society position statements. The San Joaquin Valley Chapter will not publish statements which may be in conflict with the policy of The Society without prior approval of The Society's Council. All statements will follow the "Guidelines for Conservation Affairs Activities" (Appendix 4.421b of the Operations Manual) and conform to The Society's policy regarding conservation affairs (Appendix 4.421a of the Operations Manual). The Chapter membership, The Society, the Western Section Representative, and the Western Section President must receive copies of any Resolution or Public Statement within 15 days of such action.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - APPOINTMENTS - The President shall consider suggestions of the Executive Board in appointing chairpersons of all regular standing committees, except the Nominating and Elections Committee (Article V, Section 1) and special committees such as awards and hospitality. Committee chairpersons shall complete their committees with the President's assistance. All committee chairpersons shall submit a written summary of committee activities to the President and the Secretary before the close of each annual Chapter business meeting.

Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - See Article V, Section 1.

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working within the Chapter's organizational area to become members of The Society, the Western Section, and the San Joaquin Valley Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least two months prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - CONSERVATION AFFAIRS - This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Chapter. The Chairman may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews. In addition this committee shall receive proposed resolutions and public statements from one or more members at any time, and shall prepare, submit, and recommend action on such items to the Executive Board in accordance with Article VII, Section 5.

Clause E - EDUCATION AND INFORMATION - This committee shall seek and employ methods of informing the public of basic wildlife management concepts and of Chapter and Society activities and interests.

Clause F - AUDIT - This committee shall consist of a chairperson and at least two additional members. It shall review the financial records and support documents of the Treasurer at least annually. The Committee also shall review these records and documents prior to any change in the office of the Treasurer.

Section 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY - All committees shall be accountable to the Executive Board, under general supervision of the President.

Section 4 - TENURE - All committees shall serve until new committees are appointed in their stead or until the duties assigned to the committee have been discharged.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to the Council of The Wildlife Society with the understanding that said assets be held for a maximum of five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for redistribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five-year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as best determined by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

Section 2 - CONFORMANCE - No amendment to these Bylaws shall be enacted which results in conflict with The Wildlife Society Bylaws. If these Bylaws are revised, the new revision must be approved by The Society before becoming effective.

BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY^{1/}

ARTICLE I - NAME, AREA, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1 - NAME - The name of the organization shall be the Southern California Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Section 2 - AREA - This Chapter shall have as its area of organization the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego of the State of California.

Section 3 - CRITERIA AND AFFILIATION - The Southern California Chapter shall conform to Bylaws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (Hereinafter The Wildlife Society, Inc., may be referred to as The Society.)

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - OBJECTIVES - Principal objectives of the Chapter are: (1) to develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and environments upon which wildlife and humans depend; (2) to undertake an active role in preventing human-induced environmental degradation; (3) to increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values; and (4) to seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

Section 2 - IMPLEMENTATION - To aid in the achievement of these objectives, this Chapter proposes to:

- a) Provide opportunities for better liaison among individual members, their Sections, and The Wildlife Society.
- b) Evaluate the principles involved in proposed or enacted societal actions that could affect wildlife.
- c) recognize and commend outstanding achievement in the wildlife environment.
- d) Focus the aims and objectives of The Society and Western Section upon wildlife needs, problems, and events on the local scene.
- e) Encourage communication between members and non-members to create climates under which the resource management practices will be used effectively.

ARTICLE III - CHAPTER YEAR

The Chapter operating year and fiscal year shall begin January 1.

1/ The Wildlife Society was incorporated in 1948 under the laws of the District of Columbia

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - VOTING MEMBER - Voting membership in the Southern California Chapter shall be available to any member of The Wildlife Society who resides or conducts professional activities within the organizational area of the Chapter (Article I, Section 2). Only Voting Members may hold office in the Chapter; vote on matters affecting Chapter policy; vote on matters affecting The Society; and represent the Chapter or Section on Society business.

Section 2 - OTHER MEMBER - Other membership in the Southern California Chapter shall be available to any person who, either is not a member of The Wildlife Society or resides and works outside of the Chapter's organizational area (Article I, Section 2), but has an interest in the objectives and activities of the Chapter and is approved by the Membership Committee. Other Members shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Voting Members, including voting in Chapter elections except those reserved for Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1).

Section 3 - CHARTER MEMBER - Members in good standing on the membership rolls as of February 28, 1966, shall be considered Charter Members.

Section 4 - HONORARY MEMBER - Honorary members of the Southern California Chapter shall be persons who, by a majority vote of all members of the Chapter, have been thus recognized for their achievements. An Honorary member need not pay Chapter dues. Honorary Members who are voting members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Chapter Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1). Honorary Members who are not voting members of The Wildlife Society shall have the same rights and privileges as Other Members (Article IV, Section 2).

Section 5 - DUES - Annual dues to be determined at each annual meeting. Chapter dues may be paid by each member to the Treasurer no later than February 1. Members who have not paid their Wildlife Society dues shall lose their voting membership status in the Southern California Chapter. Annual Chapter dues also may be paid to The Society along with Section and Society dues, and subsequently will be remitted to the Chapter.

Section 6 - RESIGNATION - Members may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chapter Secretary.

Section 7 - REINSTATEMENT - Persons who are dropped from the rolls of the Chapter for non-payment of dues or resignation may be reinstated into membership in this Chapter upon reapplication and payment of appropriate dues.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - The three-member Nominating and Elections Committee, selected by the Executive Board (See Article VII, Section 1) and chaired by the Past President of the Southern California Chapter, shall prepare a slate of two candidates for each of the elective positions, namely: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one additional Executive Board Member-at-Large, and a Chapter Representative to the Western Section from the voting membership of the Chapter.

Clause A - All candidates must be Voting Members (Article IV, Section 1)

Clause B - Prior approval shall be obtained from said candidates.

Clause C - The nomination slate shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

Clause D - Additional candidates may be added to the Nominating and Elections Committee's slate upon the signed support of six or more members, provided prior approval has been obtained from each nominee.

Clause E - A member may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same elective position.

Section 2 - BALLOTING - Written ballots shall be received from the members by the Secretary and shall be counted by the Nominating and Elections Committee. For ballot-counting purposes, the President shall appoint a replacement for any member of the Nominating and Elections Committee who has been nominated for an office.

Clause A - Members in arrears shall forfeit their rights to vote during the period of their delinquency.

Clause B - A signed absentee ballot may be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by a member prior to the scheduled time for counting ballots.

Clause C - The candidate receiving the largest number of votes on the written ballot shall be declared elected. No one may hold two elective positions simultaneously.

Section 3 - OFFICERS - Officers of the Southern California Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their duties are:

Clause A - PRESIDENT - The President shall have general supervision of the Chapter officers, shall appoint, with the advice of the Executive Board, Chairmen of all regular and special committees, shall preside as Chairman at meetings of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections Committee. The President may represent the Chapter or appoint alternate representatives to other Chapter, Section or Society boards, committees or meetings.

Clause B - VICE PRESIDENT - The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or upon the inability of the President to serve, and shall perform any duties assigned by the President. In the event the Vice President cannot serve in the President's absence, the Executive Board shall appoint a President, pro tempore.

Clause C - SECRETARY - The Secretary shall be responsible for the files, and records, the recording of the minutes of all meetings, the maintenance of the membership rolls, correspondence, and the issuance of meeting minutes.

Clause D - TREASURER - The Treasurer shall be responsible for Chapter funds, and shall submit complete financial reports at each regularly scheduled Executive Board Meeting. Duties also shall include the receipt and disbursement of funds.

Clause E - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Executive Board shall act as the governing body for the Chapter and shall be made up of the above named officers, the Past President, the duly elected Member-at-Large, the Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and the Conservation Affairs Chairman..

Clause F - CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN SECTION - The Chapter Representative shall represent the Southern California Chapter in Western Section affairs. This person shall represent and serve as liaison to the Section for the Chapter, provide the editor of the Section newsletter with news and items of interest from the Chapter area, and serve as a contact among the Section, Chapters, and members in their respective areas. The Representative will assist the Section President by verifying mailing addresses, conducting membership drives, polling individual members, and assisting in routine Section business.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE - The officers, Chapter representative, Member-at-Large and the Conservation Affairs Chairman must be members of The Wildlife Society, serve for two years, be installed at the Annual Meeting, take office immediately following the Annual Meeting, and unless re-elected, terminate their duties at the conclusion of the Annual meeting two years later, or at such time as their successors are elected and installed.

Section 5 - VACANCIES - If the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the balance of the unexpired term of the President. All other vacancies in any unexpired term of an elected office shall be filled through appointment by the Executive Board, although an appointed Vice President shall serve only until the next scheduled Chapter election where the membership shall elect the next President. All appointees must be Voting Members of the Chapter and The Wildlife Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1 - REGULAR MEETINGS - Regular membership meetings shall be held at such times and places as determined and published by the Executive Board.

Clause A - ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting shall be for the purpose of installing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

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Clause C- QUORUM - Quorum for the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be over fifty percent of the membership or ten members in good standing, whichever is less, and for Executive Board Meetings, three members of the Board.

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Section 2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS - Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board at any time, provided due notice (see Article VI, Section 1B) and the purpose of the call is given.

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Section 1 - EXECUTIVE BOARD - The Southern California Chapter shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of its officers, the immediate Past President, the Chapter Representative to the Western Section, and Chapter Member-at-Large.

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succeeding membership meeting. Any Board action may be overridden by two-thirds vote of the Chapter Members attending a membership meeting.

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Section 2 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Clause A - NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS - (See Article V, Section 1).

Clause B - MEMBERSHIP - This committee shall encourage the maximum number of qualified persons residing or working within the Chapter's organizational area to become members of The Wildlife Society, the Western Section, and the Southern California Chapter. As provided in Article IV, Section 2, the committee will receive nominations and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding approval of individuals seeking Other Member status in the Chapter.

Clause C - PROGRAM - This committee shall arrange programs of all regular and Annual meetings and provide the President with a proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting at least one month prior to the meeting date.

Clause D - CONSERVATION AFFAIRS - This committee shall review legislative proposals, administrative regulations, environmental assessments and impact statements, and other subjects or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat within the organizational area of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Executive Board for any action that should be taken by the Southern California Chapter. The Chairman may ask any Chapter member to assist with reviews.

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ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Southern California Chapter of The Wildlife Society, its Executive Board shall transfer all assets, accrued income, and other properties to The Council of The Wildlife Society with a request that said assets be held for a period of not more than five years from the date of dissolution of the Chapter, for distribution to another chapter that may be established in approximately the same geographical area within said five year period. If another chapter is not established within said area and period of time, the Society Council may use or distribute all assets, accrued income, and other properties as determined best by The Council in accordance with Society Bylaws.

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Section 1 - PROCEDURE - These Bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority of the Chapter members voting at any Annual or special meeting if due advance notice of the proposed changes (Article VI, Section 1, B) is followed. A member who will be absent from the meeting may file an absentee ballot (Article V, Section 2B).

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