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March/April 2004

NADCA Meetings at the VPC

ADCA President, Art Smith, arranged a meeting of NADCA members who were attending the 21st Vertebrate Pest Conference in Visalia, CA on March 2, 2004. Although there were few members in attendance, participants included: President Art Smith, Past-President, Mike Conover, Treasurer Nicki Frey, Secretary and *The Probe* Editor Larry Sullivan, and Regional Directors Mike Dwyer and Scott Hyngstrom.

President Art Smith opened the meeting and called for a Treasurer's report. Nicki Frey presented the following: As of March 8, 2004, the balance of the NADCA account is \$2981.99.

Currently, we have 109 members. Members are represented in 39 states and Canada. Within the United States, Arizona, California, Colorado, New York, and Pennsylvania have the highest representation, with 7 members in each of these states. There are 93 active members, 2 patrons, 11 introductory members, and 3 students currently involved with NADCA. We had 63 persons take advantage of our introductory offer of 1-year free membership. Of these 63, 9 are now active members, 1 is a patron, and 11 are still enjoying the introductory offer. The majority of our professionals work in the nuisance wildlife and/or pest control arena or USDA/APHIS/WS.

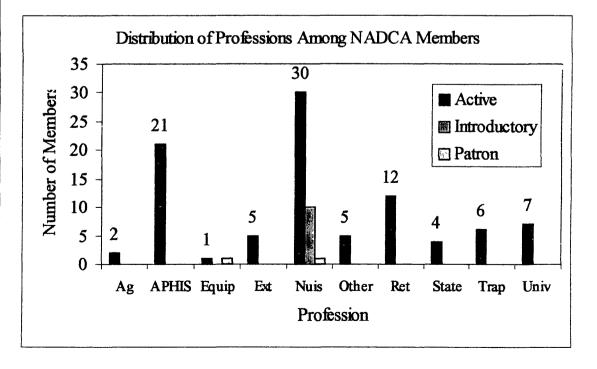
The President's report included of a review of some recent NADCA history including the summary of a survey of NADCA members conducted in late 1999. The survey was conducted as a result

of some members questioning the role of NADCA in relation to the roles of the Wildlife Damage Working Group of The Wildlife Society and the, then newly formed, National Wildlife Control Operators Association. The survey also asked members if NADCA should merge with one of these other two entities or did NADCA have a unique role to contribute to the wildlife damage management profession.

In summary, the results of the survey indicated that NADCA did serve a unique role and should continue as a separate entity. Subsequently, the role of NADCA was defined as fostering communications within the wildlife damage profession and to serve as "the voice of professionals in wildlife damage management."

The meeting continued with the discussion of some issues regarding our newsletter, *The Probe*. These issues included the difficulty of getting articles submitted. Ideas presented to secure articles included asking the officers and directors to each take the responsibility for writing, or otherwise securing, a lead article for one issue. Another idea was to try to get individuals to be responsible for a feature article that would appear in *The Probe* on a regular basis - or least whenever there was new material for that particular feature. Suggestions for these features included updates on: laws and regulations; the private wildlife control operator segment; research; animal welfare; and new products. Art Smith will pursue these ideas with the officers and directors.

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Federal Lawsuit Filed

The California Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Association (CNWCOA) has joined Urban Wildlife Management, Inc. and its President, Alan Merrifield in a civil rights lawsuit against the State of California. The complaint, filed in the Northern District of the U.S. District Court on February 6, 2004, asserts that the State employees violated the Plaintiffs' Constitutional rights guaranteed under the Due Process, Equal Protection and Privileges or Immunities Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment by enacting and/or subsequently enforcing an unlawful wildlife control statute.

Merrifield, and the other Plaintiffs who filed the federal civil rights complaint, seek to challenge the constitutionality of Section 8555(g) of the California Business and Professions Code, which effectively prohibits and criminalizes any act to control rats, mice or pigeons in, on, or under any house, building or other structure when that control is performed by someone other than an Exterminator possessing a Branch 2 Structural Pest Control License.

The plaintiffs' response maintains that the Branch 2 licensing requirement is irrational, arbitrary and capricious and is based on no compelling public interest or clear and present danger and that the Branch 2 license requirement is nothing more than a protectionist economic measure meant to benefit a politically-favored class by restricting the freedom of others to compete.

Since Merrifield and the other Plaintiffs are "Wildlife Control Operators" (not "Structural Pest Control Operators"), they

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Your contributions to *The Probe* are welcome and encouraged. The deadline for submitting materials is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of NADCA.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2-6, 2004 - International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Keystone, CO. Information at www.cnr.colostate.edu/2004issrm/ Note: There will be a session dealing with human-wildlife conflicts.

September 13-16, 2004 - Bird Strike Committee - USA/Canada Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Baltimore, MD. See www.birdstrike.org or contact Richard Dolbeer, USDA Wildlife Services, 419-625-8465, email: Richard.a.dolbeer@aphis.usda.gov.

September 18-22, 2004 -11th Annual Conference, The Wildlife Society, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Go to www.wildlife.org or phone 301-897-9770.

September 26-29, 2004 - Annual meeting, The Society for Vector Ecology, Double Tree Guest Suites, Boston, MA. Information at www.sove.org

October 18-22, 2004 - Second National Rodent Summit, Ft. Collins, CO. Hosted by USDA/APHIS National Wildlife Research Center. For information contact John Eisemann at John.D.Eisemann@aphis.usda.gov, phone (970) 266-6158

November 14-17, 2004 - Defenders of Wildlife, Carnivores 2004: Expanding Partnerships in Carnivore Conservation, Santa Fe, NM. Go to www.carnivoreconference.org.

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NADCA Addresses USFWS

Permitting Process

Art Smith, President NADCA

At the NADCA annual meeting at the VPC in Visalia, I brought up the topic of regional inconsistencies between USFWS Permits Offices. After discussions, it was decided that I would bring a letter from NADCA with me to the IAFWA Human/Wildlife Conflict working group.

The text of final draft of the letter:

To: IAFWA Human Wildlife Conflict Working Group

69th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources

Conference

17 March, 2004, 3-5pm, Parkside 2 Room

DoubleTree Hotel, Spokane, WA

Date: 15 March, 2004

Subject: US Fish and Wildlife Service Permits Office Inconsis-

tencies

The National Animal Damage Control Association (NADCA) has represented professionals concerned with or working to resolve human/wildlife conflicts since 1979. NADCA is the only organization today that represents federal, state, and private-sector professionals involved in research, management, extension, and commercial operations on wildlife damage management By means of this letter, NADCA wishes to share its concerns about perceived inconsistencies in the US Fish and Wildlife Service Permit Program with the IAFWA and encourages the IAFWA to conduct a thorough, unbiased investigation into this matter.

Inconsistencies in how depredation permits are awarded, or whether policies and procedures are followed consistently and in a timely manner, have been brought to our attention. For instance, a permit request submitted to one US FWS region may require applicants to define a specific number of species to be involved in depredation work conducted at airports, whereas in another region, applicants are not required to define specific numbers of animals or species. Similarly, some regions respond to permit requests quickly, whereas others' response times may be unpredictable and quite long. Different regions also seem to adhere differently to established policies and procedures at various stages of the permit review process.

These inconsistencies have caused frustration for applicants when they try to acquire and use depredation permits. Although this appears to be a nationwide problem, it is especially problematic along USFWS regional boundaries where regional differences are amplified. Further, difficulties in obtaining relevant permits in a timely manner have caused some field managers to not request some depredation permits. When agency personnel, private operators and others no longer pursue relevant permits due to administrative and operational barriers, the system needs examination. It is also a concern of NADCA that permit delays and inconsistencies create an environment whereby agency and private sector clients may ultimately take action themselves with results contrary to the environmentally sound intent of the permitting process.

Therefore, we encourage the IAFWA Human/Wildlife Working Group to investigate USFWS Permits Office regional inconsistencies and assist in the process of developing consistent policies and procedures, with realistic response times, that all USFWS regional permits offices will adopt and follow. Thank you.

Art Smith
NADCA President

I am happy to report that our attempt at getting the USFWS to look at their regional inconsistencies was successful!

At the IAWFA Human Wildlife Conflict working group, a motion was made to forward the letter to the Wildlife Resources Policy Committee. The motion was created by Allan Clark, Ollie Torgenson (sp?), Mike Conover, and myself. I mention specifically who was involved with the motion to point out that none of us are APHIS-WS employees; Allan is the Utah Wildlife Chief, Ollie is the former Wildlife Chief for Missouri and is now the representative for a national bowhunter organization.

The statement was motioned by Ollie and seconded by me. It was agreed that Allan would present the motion at the Policy Committee, as he is a member of that committee. At both the working group and committee, the motions were carried unanimously - at the committee with no discussion!! Within 1.5 hours of the committee's accepting the motion, I was informed that an Ad Hoc group of USFWS Regional Directors had the motion in hand, as well as the supporting documentation I first provided to the working group and the NADCA letter.

The motion read as follows:

Human Wildlife Conflict Working Group Motion Regarding the Issuing of Migratory Bird Permits (3/19/2004)

Motion: To ask the staff of the IAFWA to request a meeting with the Director of the USFWS to resolve regional inconsistencies in policy interpretation and application requirements as well as unrealistic response times in the issuance of permits to states to resolve conflicts between humans and wildlife.

Background:

- 1) Overall responsibility for issuing permits dealing with depredation by migratory birds was switched from Law Enforcement to the Migratory Bird Office several years ago.
- 2) Regional Offices of the Service interpret policy and issue permits to the states.
- 3) States are unable to resolve human wildlife conflicts because permits are not issued in a timely manner or different interpretations to regulations and policy are applied by Regional Offices leading to unworkable restrictions in permits. This regional difference is particularly apparent to states on the boundary of USFWS regions.

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NADCA Meetings at the VPC

Larry Sullivan brought up the issue of archiving copies of *The Probe*. He stated that he has at least one paper copy of most all issues. Historically, these copies have been passed from editor to editor. Larry asked if there should be a permanent repository for these copies. Mike Conover offered to house these copies in the Utah State University Library and in the Berryman Institute Library. Members present agreed to accept Mike's gracious offer. Larry will determine which issues are missing from the collection and include a request for missing issues in the next issue of *The Probe*. (See "HELP! NEED BACK ISSUES OF THE PROBE" on page 5 in this issue.)

Mike Conover suggested that, over time, these copies could be scanned and made available in PDF format on the NADCA website.

Position Available

WILDLIFE EXTENSION ASSOCIATE

Jack H. Berryman Institute and Utah State University Extension are seeking a Wildlife Extension Associate. This is a permanent, 12-month position, located in the College of Science, Southern Utah University (SUU), Cedar City, Utah.

The specialist will be responsible for developing a regional integrated extension, teaching, and research program. The individual will work closely with extension specialists, Berryman Institute faculty, and county agents to identify community needs and coordinate program development and implementation. Applicants must possess strong interpersonal communication skills, a good technical background in wildlife ecology, wildlife damage management, and range management principles and techniques and an ability to work with diverse stakeholders. The individual must be a team player. Applicants must possess a M.S. or preferably a Ph.D. in wildlife or range management or a closely related field. Previous work experience in wildlife extension is highly desirable.

Anticipated Employment Date: July 1, 2004. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. To apply, please submit one copy of a current vitae that details educational background and related work experiences and arrange for transcripts and five letters of reference to be sent to us.

Applicants should enclose a personal letter discussing their interest in the position, long-term goals and aspirations, how they would reduce human-wildlife conflicts if hired. The review of applications will start April 15, 2004 and will continue until a satisfactory applicant is identified. Send application materials to Dr. Michael Conover, Director, Jack H. Berryman Institute, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84322-5230. AA/EOE

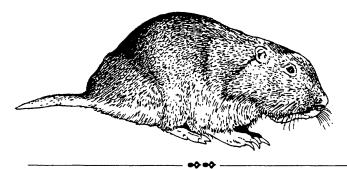
Participants at this meeting agreed that NADCA should continue the offer of a free one-year membership to new member prospects. In addition, all the registered participants, who are not NADCA members, at this year's VPC and at the 10th Wildlife Damage Management Conference held in Hot Springs AR, April 2003, will be provided with the free one-year membership. All recipients of this offer will be sent an invitation to join NADCA along with their 3rd and 4th copy of *The Probe*.

Another idea to recruit members was to prepare a tabletop display promoting NADCA membership that could be shipped to any NADCA member attending wildlife damage management related meetings and conferences. It was noted that NADCA already had such a display. Art Smith will try to locate this display and determine whether it will serve this purpose or if a new display is needed. It was also noted that NADCA had produced a member recruitment brochure some years ago. Since this meeting, Mike Fall, USDA-WS, Ft. Collins, located a copy of the brochure, which will be updated and used to accompany the existing display or a new one. A link to a PDF copy of the brochure will also be put on the NADCA website so any member will be able to print it out.

President Art Smith brought up the issue of regional inconsistencies between USFWS Permits Offices in issuing Migratory Bird Depredation Permits. Art related that based on responses in an e-mail discussion on this topic, it is apparent that the permit process is a source of frustration for many wildlife professionals.

Art informed the members present that he would be attending the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA), Human/Wildlife Conflict working group meeting at the 69th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Spokane, WA, later this month and this may be a forum to address the permitting issue. After much discussion, it was decided that Art should draft a letter to the IAFWA Working Group and send the draft to the officers and directors of NADCA for comments. Art would then present the final draft of the letter to the Working Group.

(The above process was completed with very positive results. See "NADCA ADDRESSES USFWS PERMITTING PROCESS" on page 3 in this issue of **THE PROBE**.)



The editor of The PROBE thanks contributors to this issue: Art Smith and Mike Conover.



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do not use poisons or other pesticides to control birds or other vertebrates in buildings. Instead, they rely on physical exclusion measures to prevent nuisance wildlife from getting in, on, or under buildings. If the animals are already inside, the WCOs use humane physical measures to capture and remove them. Whenever possible, as with bats, WCOs construct one way doors that allow the animals to leave the building but prevent them from re-entering. WCOs also perform preventative or restorative animal damage control work in addition to attempting to control the nuisance wildlife.



Permitting Process

- 4) Attempts to solve this problem at the regional level have been unsuccessful.
- 5) Budget shortfalls in the USFWS may increase the problem in the future.

Thanks to everyone who helped on this project. It appears that we got the right message to the right people, which is the best we could do. Now only the right decision just needs to be made.

Help! Need Back Issues of The Probe

As mentioned in the article in this issue about the NADCA meeting at the VPC, we are trying to assemble a complete set of all back issues of The Probe. These will be archived at The Berryman Institute, Utah State University. Listed below are issues I do not currently have.

- (1) Issue numbers 1 through 4 (Number 5 was March 1980)
- (2) Issue numbers 6 through 98 (April 1980 through December 1989)
- (3) Issue number 107 (January/February 1991)

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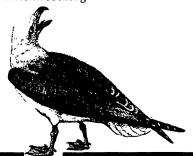
The Legislature created the Structural Pest Control Board to regulate the application of hazardous pesticides in places where people live and work. The Department of Consumer Affairs, which oversees the SPCB, was created to protect California consumers against unscrupulous and incompetent providers of goods and services. These regulatory agencies were not created to protect the bottom line of Pest Control Companies by eliminating their competition or by sponsoring legislation to criminalize the non-pesticide control of nuisance wildlife. The Plaintiffs hope this case will serve to rectify these matters.

Plaintiffs charge the State, its Departments, and it regulatory employees, with conspiring to prevent Merrifield, Urban Wildlife Management, Inc., and others similarly situated, from pursuing their fundamental rights to life, liberty and property when they acted in concert to prevent Plaintiffs from submitting and/or winning bids for public works projects or barring them from attending bidders meetings, or when these Defendants threatened WCOs with fines, jail terms, loss of phone service and business closure for engaging in, or offering to engage in, non-pesticide control of rats, mice and/or pigeons.

Ironically, Merrifield is a state-licensed Contractor specializing in Animal Damage and Bird Control, he is a state-licensed Animal Trapper and he has operated a state-license Pest Control Business for many years. He is also a Nationally Certified Wildlife Control Professional and a Certified Installer of Bird Exclusion Products. Nevertheless, without having the Branch 2 license this Wildlife Control Operator faces an uncertain future when it comes to controlling rats, mice and pigeons in structures.

The National Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) has come out in support of the legal action undertaken by its California affiliate organization. The NWCOA Board of Directors, meeting at their national conference in Biloxi, Mississippi in February, unanimously endorsed a motion to launch a nationwide campaign aimed at creating public awareness and financial support for the CNWCOA civil rights lawsuit. The national association is currently considering adding its name to the complaint as it too has members in California affected by the legal issues to be litigated in court.

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