

**FIRST NOTICE and CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**  
**2012 Annual Winter Meeting**  
**Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

**Invasive Species Management: a waste of money or a sound public investment?** Can we afford to manage invasive species? Can we “afford” not to? Should invasive species management take a back seat during poor economies or budget cuts? Come explore these and other hot topics in wildlife management and research in Virginia at the annual winter meeting of The Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society **February 7-8, 2012 at the Airfield 4-H Conference Center in Wakefield, VA. Early registration will close on January 17<sup>th</sup>!**

Tentative Agenda:

**Tuesday, February 7**

10:00 AM Student and professional presentations  
12:00 PM Lunch Provided (provided Hamburger/Hotdog Cookout)  
12:45 – 3:00 PM Plenary: Invasive Species Management: A waste of money or a sound public investment?  
3:15-5:30 PM Invited/submitted professional presentations related to invasive species mgt and philosophical issues  
6:00 PM Social and informal poster review session  
7:00 PM Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, February 8**

8:30 AM Chapter Business Meeting (auditorium)  
10:45 AM -12:45 PM Professional and student presentations, TBA (auditorium)

This notice will also serve as our first call for oral and poster presentations. Presentations on all aspects of wildlife biology and management are welcome. Those presentations focusing on invasive species management and feasibility are actively being sought. University faculty and students are encouraged to participate, as are wildlife professionals who wish to report on ongoing or completed projects.

Oral presentations will be scheduled in **20-minute blocks**, which include 3-5 minutes for questions. The poster session will take place during the evening social on February 7. If an oral presentation cannot be accommodated due to time constraints, authors will be given the option of presenting a poster instead. Awards will be presented for best student presentations.

Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations will follow the same format, as follows:

- Title
- All authors' names, affiliations, and contact info (first author should be the presenter)
- Preference for oral or poster
- Student or professional presenter
- Abstract

The abstract title should be descriptive but brief. Provide postal, phone, and e-mail addresses for authors. The abstracts should be 250 words or less and should contain a statement of the issue, project objectives, a brief summary of the methods, major findings, and key conclusions.

The deadline for abstract submission is **December 31, 2011**. Please submit your abstracts to Galon Hall (galon.hall@va.usda.gov). We look forward to seeing you in February!

## Driving Directions to Airfield Conference Center

**From Richmond, VA:** Take I-95 or I-295 South to Petersburg. Take Route 460 East toward Suffolk / Virginia Beach, VA. In Wakefield, turn right at the stoplight onto Route 628. Follow Route 628 for 5 1/2 miles. Turn right on Turkey Pen Road (Route 729) and go 1 mile. Turn left at the gate and follow Airfield Road to the Gray Building.

**From Norfolk, VA:** Take I-264 or I-64 West to Bowers Hill area and pick up Route 58 West towards Suffolk. Follow Route 58 until you see the exit to 460 West. Turn on Route 460 West to Wakefield. In Wakefield, turn left at the stoplight onto Route 628. Follow Route 628 for 5 1/2 miles. Turn right on Turkey Pen Road (Route 729) and go 1 mile. Turn left at the gate and follow Airfield Road to the Gray Building.

**From Courtland:** Take Route 35 toward Petersburg. 3 1/2 miles outside of Courtland, turn right onto Route 628 to Wakefield. Go about 12 miles. You'll come to the Airfield Lake spillway (leave Southampton County enter Sussex County). Continue for 1 mile and turn left onto Turkey Pen Road (Route 729) and go 1 mile. Turn left at the gate and follow Airfield Road to the Gray Building.

**From Williamsburg, VA:** Take Route 31 (Jamestown Road) to the ferry. Off the ferry, continue on Route 31 to Wakefield. At the stoplight, continue straight through onto Route 628. Follow Route 628 for 5 1/2 miles. Turn right on Turkey Pen Road (Route 729) and go 1 mile. Turn left at the gate and follow Airfield Road to the Gray Building.

**From Newport News/Hampton via the James River Bridge:** Take the James River Bridge to Smithfield. Follow Route 17 to Highway 258. At Ben's Church, turn right onto Highway 10/258. Go three to four miles through three traffic lights. At the fourth traffic light, Route 258 turns left toward Windsor. Follow Route 258 10 to 15 miles to Windsor. Turn right onto Route 460 at the traffic light toward Wakefield. In Wakefield, turn left at the stoplight onto Route 628. Follow Route 628 for 5 1/2 miles. Turn right on Turkey Pen Road (Route 729) and go 1 mile. Turn left at the gate and follow Airfield Road to the Gray Building.

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