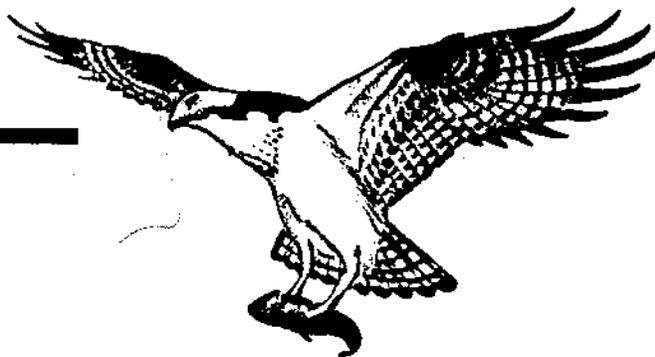


# THE FISH HAWK HERALD

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## CALENDAR CHECK! -

**MAY 19,  
1992  
5:30 PM**

**CONSERVATION MEETING** - The Conservation Committee will meet 5:30 p.m. at Santiago's La Casa Restaurant located at Government Way and Honeysuckle in Hayden Lake.

**MAY 19,  
1992  
7 PM**

**MAY MEETING** - location: basement of the Security Pacific Bank, NOW CALLED BANK OF AMERICA, in Hayden Lake. Dan Funsch from the Alliance for the Wild Rockies will present a program on the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act.

**MAY 19,  
1992**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for submitting articles, etc. Please try and have your items for the next newsletter ready to give me at the meeting on May 19th since I will be gone on vacation the last part of May. This will enable me to get the June newsletter out in time. Thank you!

**MAY 24,  
1992**

**MAY FIELD TRIP** - This will be a half-day field trip and will concentrate on the Cougar Bay and Mica Bay areas. Meet for breakfast at 6:45 a.m. at Rustler's Roost at 819 Sherman Avenue in Coeur d'Alene. We will leave to bird at 7:30 a.m. You may want to stick in a sack lunch if you want to spend more time. Call field trip leader, Shirley Sturts, at 664-5318 and let her know if you plan on attending.

**MAY 28,  
1992  
7 PM**

The Post Falls Public Library is presenting an arm chair tour of the wildlife viewing sites in the Idaho Panhandle. The combination slide show and lecture by wildlife specialist Beth Paragamian will be held at the Library at 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 28th. Beth Paragamian heads the "Watchable Wildlife" program for the Idaho Panhandle. Paragamian will have copies of the Idaho Wildlife Viewing Guide available for a five dollar purchase at the time of the arm chair tour. The evening presentation itself is free.

**JUNE 7,  
1992**

**JUNE FIELD TRIP** - On this field trip we will travel around Hayden Lake in search of avian wonders. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the southwest corner of Rosauer's parking lot. Bring a sack lunch, something to drink, and the necessary birding gear. Call Shirley Sturts, the field trip leader, at 664-5318 and let her know if you are attending.

## REMINDERS -

Please note that there will be no more styrofoam cups at our monthly Audubon meetings. Let's do a little to save our environment by bringing our own coffee cups!

ALSO, remember to take those recyclables to Panhandle Recycling Products, 4855 Industrial Way, (off Atlas Road in the Industrial Park) and put them on the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society account. Their hours are Mon. thru Fri. - 8:30am to 5pm and Sat. - 9am to 4pm.

**"Make 'tracks' to preserve OUR habitat - don't throw it away!"**



**FROM THE CONSERVATION CHAIR -**

If the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area is to become a reality we need to urge our Senators to introduce the bill (HR 2141) into the Senate. It passed the House of Representatives in November but Senators Craig and Symms have not taken any action and if they are not pressured to do so, permanent protection for this area, which provides nesting habitat and forage for approximately 600 pairs of 15 different species of birds of prey, including Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcons and a variety of hawks and owls, will die in this session due to neglect and indifference. Please drop a line or call our senators. Ask them also to set a time for a hearing on the bill in Idaho soon.

The Honorable Larry E. Craig  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1202  
(202)224-2752  
Boise Tel. (208)342-7985



The Honorable Steve Symms  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1202  
(202)224-6142  
Boise Tel. (208)334-1776

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Two places in our end of Idaho could be permanently protected if we can convince Congress to purchase them with Land and Water Conservation Funds in Fiscal year 1993. In the Idaho Panhandle National Forest, along the Upper Priest River, is a property encompassing an excellent example of old growth western hemlock, western red cedar and northern black cottonwood, including over 100 acres of trees in the 1,000-year-plus age class. The tract contains critical riparian habitat for cutthroat trout and bull trout, both sensitive species; riparian and old-growth habitat for the endangered bald eagle and sensitive harlequin duck; and recovery areas for the endangered woodland caribou and the threatened grizzly bear. Funds are essential for the permanent protection of this important area. With \$3.75 million the U.S. Forest Service could purchase this property.

In the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness several parcels are available for acquisition within the wilderness, including lands along popular whitewater stretches of the Selway Wild & Scenic River. The areas contain towering cedars, abundant wildflowers, and diverse forms of wildlife, including large herds of elk and some 200 species of

birds. Plans for development threaten the wild and rugged character of these lands and will irreparably damage the scenery and wildlife habitats. \$2.36 million is needed for the Forest Service to purchase this property. Please write the Senators as well as Representative LaRocco asking them to support the funding for these projects. Tell them how important it is to protect these areas from development and to preserve the wildlife found there. Call or write soon.

The Honorable Larry LaRocco  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202)225-6611



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The last Idaho legislature session stands out as being particularly anti-environment. Nearly every important conservation bill failed. Two exceptions were the bare bones funding (\$25,000) for the Clean Lakes Coordinating Council and passage of funding for the Priest Lake water quality management plan. Among some of the failures was HB 693, which would have required the state to purchase recycled paper if the cost was no more than 70% of regular prices. Senator Mary Lou Reed's bill to establish minimum stream flows to protect recreation, fish and wildlife habitat on north Idaho lakes and rivers didn't make it past the House Resources and Conservation Committee. Several bills giving protection to critical waterways (Henry's Fork of the Snake River, the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and the Selway River) failed.

In contrast a bill establishing a fee to set up a state sponsored lobby for the timber industry passed both the House and Senate. So did a bill which requires a 10% bond for an appeal of any timber sale on state land and another which prohibits local governments from establishing forest practice rules and regulations that are more stringent than those of the state land board. Another bill was introduced which stated that those who warn of environmental or safety hazards would be subject to multi-million dollar civil lawsuits.

If we are going to get legislation that will safeguard the environment in Idaho we are going to have to get environmentally sensitive candidates to represent us. This means giving them our show of support on May 26th. It also means helping with our time and money to ensure that those legislators who have proven their concern are re-elected and that new people who really care about what makes Idaho great get voted in.

[Ellen Scriven]

***"It's not the difference between people that is the difficulty, it's the indifference."***

**ELECTION TIME --**

**There's still time to contact Ronn Rich before our May 19th meeting if you're interested in an officer position -- President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or serving on a committee! His phone number is: 772-4512(h). Please consider this carefully. Last year we were without a vice president. In order for our chapter to run effectively, we need people to volunteer a small amount of their time for these positions. The more positions that are filled, the less time required from each individual!**

**BIRD NOTES --**

- Yellow-rumped Warbler [4] - 4/12/92 seen by the Cavanaugh family at their home on 2nd Street in Post Falls
- Red Crossbills [2] - 4/12/92 seen by the Cavanaugh family at their home on 2nd Street in Post Falls
- Wood Duck [1] - 4/14/92 to present, seen by Kit and Harley Barnhart at their home on the Spokane River near old Greenferry Bridge (this is the first time they have observed a Wood Duck [male] on this portion of the River -- appears to be in the company of Mallards)
- Rufous Hummingbird [1] - 4/10/92, seen by Bee Finne at her feeder (first this spring)
- Turkey Vulture [1] - 4/92, seen by Mike Blackbird at Signal Point
- Broadtail Hummingbird [1] - 4/21/92, seen by Phil Waring at his feeder
- Lazuli Bunting [1] - 4/26/92, heard by Pam Gontz at Clark Fork Field Station, Clark Fork, ID (first heard this spring)
- Solitary Vireo [2] - 4/26/92, heard by Pam Gontz at Clark Fork Field Station, Clark Fork, ID (first heard this spring)
- White-crowned Sparrow [1] - 4/27/92, seen by Pam Gontz at her feeder -- (1st one this spring)

**LEAD "SINKS" LOON POPULATIONS --**

The May-June 1992 *International Wildlife Magazine* published by the National Wildlife Federation reported that "evidence is mounting that lead from lost fishing sinkers may be responsible for a decline among loons in North America."

One wildlife specialist, Mark Pokras, at Tufts University says that sixty percent (60%) of the loons he has autopsied have had lead sinkers in them. The Fish and Wildlife Service in the Midwest indicates that a ten-year study suggests that more than thirty percent (30%) of loon deaths may be caused by ingesting lead sinkers.

Other birds that are known to die from eating fishing sinkers are Gulf Coast herons and pelicans.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send this application and your check to  
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