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FOREST GAME COMMITTEE REPORT

Victor Schmidt resigned as chairman of the Forest Game Committee. Walter Rosene, president of the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society, appointed Don Strode as the new chairman of this committee.

The Forest Game Committee consists of approximately 25 persons representing State and Federal agencies, private industry, and organizations interested in forest game management and research. This Committee and its chairman are appointed annually by the president of the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society, with the concurrence of the president of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners. The chairman of the Forest Game Committee appoints the various subcommittees which carry out the functions of the Forest Game Committee.

At the present time there are seven subcommittees. They are as follows: Wild Turkey, Deer Harvest, Forest and Woody Plants, Fire and Wildlife, Rare and Endangered Species, Deer Population Dynamics, and Steering Committees.

Wild Turkey Subcommittee

Tentative plans were developed to sponsor the Second National Wild Turkey Symposium. At this same time, the North Central Section of the Wildlife Society was formulating plans to hold a turkey symposium. After considerable exchange of ideas, the responsibility for planning and executing the Symposium was assigned to the North Central Section. The Wild Turkey Subcommittee will assist the North Central Section group in planning the Second National Wild Turkey Symposium.

Fruit and Woody Plants Subcommittee

This subcommittee was initiated in 1964 for the purpose of assembling and publishing information about fruit-producing woody plants and their importance to the deer, squirrel, timber, and grouse of the southern forests.

Regional assignments were made to 6 coordinators and to 37 other persons to prepare writeups and take photos of 105 woody species. As of October 1, 1968, 34 writeups have been received. Thirty species have been photographed, but only about 15 of the photographs meet the quality standards set for the publication.

If each person can complete his assignment in 1968 or 1969, the publication should be ready in 1970. On the other hand, if only a few contribute, the task will be delayed for several more years.

Fire and Wildlife Subcommittee

This subcommittee met in Blacksburg, Virginia, during April 1968. Tentative plans were made to develop guidelines for prescribed burning aimed at wildlife habitat improvement. Assignments were made and this project is underway.

Rare and Endangered Species

This subcommittee was recently reactivated with Harold Alexander as chairman. Committee members have been selected and subcommittee programs should be underway in the very near future.

Deer Population Dynamics Subcommittee

Stuart Critcher resigned as chairman of the subcommittee and was replaced by Jim Lewis. This group did not meet this past year.

Steering subcommittee

In order to provide continuity and guidance to the Forest Game Committee, a Steering Subcommittee was appointed with E. B. Chamberlain, Jr., as chairman. This group met several times this past year.

The functions of the subcommittee are as follows:

- (1) The Steering Subcommittee should serve at the pleasure of the Chairman, Forest Game Committee.
- (2) The Steering Subcommittee should serve in an advisory capacity only.
- (3) The Steering Subcommittee should concern itself with the scope and direction of Forest Game activities but not with administration of the Forest Game Committee.
- (4) The Steering Subcommittee should concern itself with any questions addressed to it by the Chairman, Forest Game Committee. It should also on its own motion consider any problems involving the direction and scope of Forest Game Committee operations and advise the Chairman on these matters.
- (5) It is desirable to appoint the Steering Subcommittee in a manner which will provide some continuity of guidance and advice to the Chairman, Forest Game Committee.

This subcommittee has formulated a Statement of Objectives for the Forest Game Committee. These are as follows:

- (1) Sponsoring regional conferences as symposia on various aspects of forest game management, research, and habitat.
- (2) Sponsoring and encouraging the publication of informational bulletins of regional interest.
- (3) Gathering and collating information on topics of general interest for the benefit of the committee membership.
- (4) Serving in an advisory capacity upon a request from any member.
- (5) Assaying forest game research and management needs within and between State, Federal, institutional, and private agencies in the Southeast.
- (6) Promoting research and management programs designed to meet these needs.

The general objective of the Forest Game Committee is to bring together those interest which are concerned with forest game and forest game habitat to improve the management of these resources. The committee serves as a means of exchanging information, discussing common problems, and resolving differences.

The Forest Game Committee is working with the Southeastern Section, The Wildlife Society; the School of Forestry, Stephen F. Austin State College; and the Wildlife Research Project, Southern Forest Experiment Station, U. S. Forest Service in sponsoring a symposium on white-tailed deer and its habitat in southern forests.

Respectfully submitted,
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