

# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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June 24, 1966

Mr. Edward Dale Crider  
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Dear Dale:

It was a pleasure to meet you at Port St. Lucie this week, and I am sorry that we didn't have more time to chat.

I believe you will find that the organization of a Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society can be a relatively simple matter. The legal procedure involved is submission to me of a petition for Chapter formation signed by a minimum of 10 current members of The Wildlife Society. At the same time or later, you may submit the bylaws which you have adopted for the new Chapter. I am enclosing two copies of the Model Bylaws adopted last year by Council. You must follow these in a reasonably close manner with whatever variations you may wish.

If you are to form a chapter, I hope it will be done in such a way that the chapter membership will feel that they belong to a live group. In other words, you should have good purposes and a reasonably active program. Most state chapters are able to accomplish this, and I am sure that you can, too.

If I can be of any further assistance in your organizational steps, please call upon me.

Most Sincerely,

Fred G. Evenden  
Executive Secretary

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cc: Maurice Baker  
O. Earle Frye

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November 30, 1967

Mr. Fred G. Evenden,  
Executive Secretary  
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Dear Fred:

If George Cornwell has not already informed you, we are planning to organize a State Chapter of the Wildlife Society with our organizational meeting scheduled for the second week in January. We will more than likely decide to have annual or semi-annual meetings and the first one will be held in conjunction with the Florida Academy of Science meeting in March.

I hope we will be the first to organize a State Chapter in the southeast, but I understand that Louisiana is running us a close race. Perhaps you can attend the meeting. We would be happy to have you if you can work it into your schedule.

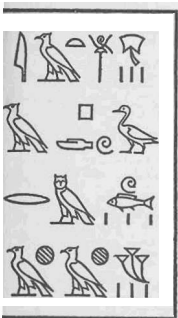
Sincerely,

FLORIDA GAME AND FRESH WATER  
FISH COMMISSION

E. Dale Grider  
Waterfowl Biologist

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December 7, 1967

Mr. E. Dale Crider  
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Dear Dale:

I was very pleased to have the good news contained in your November 30th letter.

So far as I know you will be the very first state to organize a Chapter in the Southeast. Louisiana State University is organizing a Chapter, but I am not aware that one is actively under way on a state-wide basis for the professional members.

*U of La petition came in yesterday too.*

January will be a mighty busy travel month for me since I will be on Ottawa and in New Hampshire plus attending Public Land Law Review Commission hearings here in Washington all prior to departing late in the month for California and Section meetings out there.

It looks as if you will have to skip me during your organization, but I would like to suggest that you contact our Regional Representative, Harold Warvel, up in Tennessee and see if it might be possible for him to attend. Try him-- you never know.

If I can fill you in with any additional help, please let me know, Dale.

Most sincerely,

Fred G. Evenden  
Executive Secretary

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cc: Harold Warvel

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June 7, 1968

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Dear Dale:

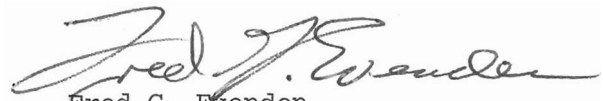
It is a real pleasure to inform you that the petition for formation of the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society has been approved.

The effective date of this chapter charter will be June 7, 1968. I will have an appropriate chapter charter lettered which can be presented to you at a later date.

As soon as you have chapter officers established, please see that our office knows who they are and their proper mailing addresses, Dale. Also, I am looking forward to receiving a proposed bylaws from you fellows which will be in substantial conformity with the model bylaws.

Again, Dale, congratulations on your good work in getting the chapter established in Florida.

Most sincerely,



Fred G. Evenden  
Executive Secretary

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cc: O. E. Frye, Jr.  
H. E. Warvel

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Fellow Members of The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society:

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society is off to a most promising beginning. The need for a Florida organization of wildlife professionals is indicated by the strong initial support of a membership rapidly approaching 100 individuals. The Executive Board is keenly aware of its responsibility in developing a program to meet the high expectations of the membership. We intend to do our best to see that the Florida Chapter is more than just "another organization".

If our chapter hopes to represent the working wildlife community, we must find a way to identify our program with wildlife law enforcement officers and wildlife managers with the hope they will embrace the Florida Chapter with enthusiasm. It's widely recognized that enforcement and management personnel find little satisfaction in participating in the Parent Society and in the Southeastern Section. I believe the greatest hope for their inclusion in a professionally-oriented wildlife program is at the Florida Chapter level. Thus, I urge each present member to sit down and discuss with enforcement and management personnel their professional needs and to help determine the ways in which the Florida Chapter can meet those needs. Our great opportunity in the Florida Chapter is to bring about a unity in the community of wildlife professionals which clearly does not exist today. I hope this will be a topic for discussion at our 1969 Annual Meeting.

Since this Newsletter will probably be our primary instrument of communication until the Annual Meeting, I hope each of you who wishes a topic placed on the agenda to make his needs known to any member of the Executive Board. (Editorial Note: (to Al) I believe the membership of the Editorial Board should be included in the list of Committee Assignments - We probably should provide addresses for the Executive Board members and for the Chairmen of the various committees, telephone numbers too.).

For those of you who may be confused by the rapid turn over of officers, the elected President, E. Dale Crider, is off on a lengthy waterfowl expedition in Argentina, hence I assumed his responsibilities as President. Gordon Spratt, who was our Representative to the Southeastern Section, assumed the office of Vice President. Lovett Williams joined the Executive Board as our Representative to the Southeastern Section. We are now faced with the impending loss of our Secretary, Mr. Fred Lesser, who will be returning to his northern homeland in September. I hope the Florida Chapter will exhibit a greater permanence than its initial officers!

In most parts of Florida, our natural environments are facing accelerated developmental pressures. As the environment goes, so goes the wildlife populations with which we work. I believe we can all see where the human population, with which we also work, is headed. Each of us must face with some concern

a degree of personal involvement in the work being done in Florida to perpetuate our wild, semi-wild, and at least underdeveloped elements of the landscape. It is difficult to lose sight of the fact, that long-range planners are talking of a megalopolis from Key West to Atlanta to Charleston(South Carolina) which is predicted to occur within the next forty years. We already see housing developments in Florida covering 80 to 100 square miles. There is no denying we face a most serious problem and challenge to see that any wildlands are to survive into the 21st century. I urge you to read Lamont Cole's challenging article "Can The World Be Saved?" (Bioscience 18(7): 679-684). I have a copy I'll circulate among the members who lack access to Bioscience.

Please pass on the enclosed membership application to an associate in your locale who has not identified in the past with The Wildlife Society as his professional umbrella.

Also, lend me your thoughts on how you want the Florida Chapter to develop.

Sincerely,

George W. Cornwell  
President

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