

# The Wildlife Society Code of Ethics

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**Section 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS** All members of the Society must pledge upon application, renewal, or recertification to uphold and conduct their professional and membership-related activities in accordance with the Code of Ethics as prescribed by the Society in the TWS Code of Ethics as prescribed by the Society and set forth in Sections 2 and 3 below. A person accepting membership in the Society incurs the obligation to conduct his or her professional and membership-related activities in a responsible and ethical manner. The Code of Ethics sets forth the required principles of conduct for Society members.

**Section 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS** Members of the Society have a responsibility for contributing to an understanding of human society's proper relationship with natural resources and in particular for determining the role of wildlife in satisfying human needs and addressing the management of wildlife-related impacts. All members of the Society shall adhere to the following principles and practices in the conduct of their professional and primary goals.

3. Encourage and sustain the use of sound biological, physical, and social science information in management decisions.
4. Disseminate information to promote understanding of, and appreciation for, values of wildlife
6. Promote competence in the field of wildlife management by supporting high standards of

education, employment, and performance.

7. Support fair and uniform standards of employment and treatment of those professionally engaged in the practice of wildlife management.
8. Refrain from speaking for or representing the Society or any of its Chapters, Sections or Working Groups in anyway, or implying such representation, without appointment or approval by the Council of the Society, its officers, or the Executive Board of Chapters, Sections or Working groups.

**Section 3. STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT** Members of the Society who are employed or otherwise engaged in professional activity shall adhere to all provisions of the Code of Ethics, including the following Standards for Professional Conduct. These standards express the intent, practices and procedures of the Code of Ethics as they particularly apply to wildlife professionals. Wildlife professionals shall at all times:

1. Uphold the dignity and integrity of the wildlife profession. They shall endeavor to avoid even the suspicion of dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or unprofessional demeanor.
2. Refrain from plagiarism in verbal or written communications and shall give credit to the works and ideas of others.
3. Refrain from fabrication, falsification, or suppression of results, and shall not deliberately



