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## A Yeoman's Work

"We have to do Yeoman's work." So ends the article in this issue of *Fair Chase*, "What Will Change Bring?" by Dr. Steve Williams, president of the Wildlife Management Institute. "Are we serious about investing in wildlife

conservation?" asks Boone and Crockett Professional Member Melissa M. Simpson, former deputy undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment USDA, and vice president of Policy and Regulatory Affairs-PAC/West.

In his article, "What's all the Howling About? Managing Wolves and Elk in Idaho," Craig White reveals that the Lolo zone elk population that peaked in 1989 at an estimated 16,054 now sits at 2,178, showing that "wolves are having an unacceptable impact on elk herds" in this zone. Despite this and the resounding scientific evidence that we have an over-abundance of wolf breeding pairs to sustain the balance in nature, they remain on the endangered species list. Scott Farr relates to us "An Outfitter's Perspective on Wolf Reintroduction." President Lowell Baier tells us the alarming facts surrounding PETA and HSUS in his Part II exposé, "The Secret World Inside the Animal Rights Agenda." These and other articles in this

edition of *Fair Chase* help to define for our readers some of the challenges we face in the next decade.

The question might be asked if Boone and Crockett Club is up to the challenge. The answer is a resounding "Yes!" The dedicated members, Regular, Professional, and Associates are "the man in the arena" as our founder Theodore Roosevelt once referenced. We strive not only to sound the conservation warning bell but to work relentlessly in defense of our hunter-conservationist heritage. If you think the challenges today are overwhelming, imagine what it looked like in Charles Sheldon's day. Read in this issue, "Charles Sheldon's Fierce Fight," an excerpt from Douglas Brinkley's upcoming book *The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879-1960*. Club members like Sheldon worked tirelessly, never quitting despite numerous setbacks and defeats. We must—and will—do the same. Our conservation partners are with us and we're with them. We accept these challenges and pursue them with truth, facts and science. The greatness in America lies in the fact that if you pursue what's right, never wavering or giving in, you will ultimately win. Enjoy this issue of *Fair Chase* and may you have the happiest of Holidays and a prosperous New Year. ■

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