Thursday, October 29, 2020

**Trade Show open from 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM**

11:00 AM  **REGISTRATION & TRADE SHOW**

1:00 PM  **Welcome & Introductions**

1:15 PM  **Recognizing Successful Management**
*Clay Mathis, PhD: Director, King Ranch*® *Institute for Ranch Management; Kingsville, TX*
Success of any business is contingent upon achieving the goals and objectives of ownership. Beyond stewardship of animal and natural resources, what might ownership expectations look like?

1:35 PM  **Future Challenges of Balancing Ranch Resources**
*Dave DeLaney: General Manager of Ranching and Wildlife, King Ranch*® *Inc.; Kingsville, TX*
Managing resource use among overlapping enterprises is seldom as easy as prescribed in the annual ranch plan. Speaking from a career’s worth of experience, here are some challenges coming over the horizon.

2:10 PM  **The Changing “Nature” of Hunting**
*Greg Simons: Owner, Wildlife Systems, Inc.; San Angelo, TX*
Traditional hunters are retiring. Those coming behind have interests greater than the harvest. Successful and experienced outdoor managers anticipate and will capitalize on these expectations.

2:45 PM  **BREAK & TRADE SHOW**

3:15 PM  **“Walking in Your Boots”**
Clearly communicating expectations can eliminate many resource management conflicts. Listen closely as a wildlife manager and a stockman share their expectations of the other’s enterprise.

**Wildlife in the Context of a Cattle Operation**
*Tyson Johnson: General Manager, Sooner Cattle Company; Pawhuska, OK*

3:45 PM  **Cattle in the Context of a Wildlife Operation**
*Marc Bartoskewitz: General Manager, Cook Canyon Ranch; Ranger, TX*
4:15 PM  Speaker Panel Q&A

5:30 PM  Social Hour at Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Center

6:30 PM  Prime Rib Dinner and Recognition and Texas Farm Credit Certificate Awards

7:30 PM  Private Screening of American Ocelot, a documentary by Fin & Fur Films

American Ocelot tells the story of the most endangered and beautiful wild cat in the United States, a species so secretive that high quality images and video have never been taken, until now. American Ocelot is a glimpse into the lives of our most endangered cat and aims to invigorate ocelot recovery efforts to ensure the long term survival of the species.

8:00 PM  ADJOURN

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7:00 AM COFFEE & TRADE SHOW

8:00 AM Chronic Wasting Disease: Myths versus Reality
Clayton Wolf: Director of Wildlife, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Austin, TX
Despite the attention it has garnered, CWD is still not well understood. Here is an opportunity for listeners to clear some of the confusion.

8:30 AM Transition to Breakout Sessions

Quail & Whitetail Deer Session

8:40 AM Implications of Recent Advances in Quail Management
Fidel Hernandez, PhD: Endowed Professor for Quail Research; Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute
Novel research by CKWRI scientists and students offers new insights, advances the understanding of population dynamics, and sheds light on the impact of hunting pressure on wild quail populations.

9:20 AM Implications of Recent Advances in Whitetail Deer Management
David Hewitt, PhD: Endowed Director of Wildlife Research; Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute
The effects of supplementation and genetic management (culling) have long been debated in scientific conferences and hunting lodges. Results of CKRWI supplementation and genetic management research projects provide insights to the impact of these management decisions/practices.

Western States Session

8:40 AM Managing Public Resources on Private Lands
Scott McFarlane: Wildlife Manager, Deseret Land and Livestock; Woodruff, UT
In most states, wildlife are a public resource inhabiting most private land. Consequently, private land managers are often caught in a quandary as to how best to manage wildlife and the natural resources they (and domestic livestock) depend on.

9:20 AM Hunting on Private Lands in Predominately Public Land States
Rick Danvir: President, Basin Wildlife Consulting, LLC; Casper, WY
Pressure for public access to hunt private lands continues to rise. Invariably, legal issues arise regarding licensing and tag ‘metering’ regulations. This consultant has a career’s-worth of experience navigating this territory.

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| 10:30 AM | The Future of Hunting and Wildlife Management  
Carter Smith: Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Austin, TX  
Symposium discussion concludes with a big-picture look at how resource managers might combine symposium learning with personal experience to position their operations for environmental, social, and economic success. |
| 11:15 AM | Speaker Panel Q&A |
| 12:00 PM | LUNCH |
| 1:00 PM | King Ranch® Inc. Habitat Management Tour (Transportation Provided by KRIRM)  
There is no better living laboratory for observing habitat management anywhere in the southern US than the famous King Ranch®. Plan to stay for this tour and experience some of the management practices that have been implemented, learn what was involved, and how well it appears to be working for wildlife, livestock, and the people responsible for their stewardship. |
| 5:00 PM | ADJOURN |