

# Terry L. Blankenship

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2000. Major: Wildlife Science, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas A&M University-College Station, Joint Program. Dissertation title: Ecological response of bobcats to fluctuating prey populations on the Welder Wildlife Foundation Refuge.
- M.S. 1979. Major: Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University. Thesis title: Reproduction and population dynamics of the bobcat in Texas.
- B.S. 1977. Major: Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University.

## EXPERIENCE

**Director**, Welder Wildlife Foundation, 2009 to Present. Oversees the daily activities of the Welder Wildlife Foundation. Administers the fiscal, physical, personnel, programmatic, and policy matters of the Foundation and its 7800-acre wildlife Refuge. Responsible for preparation of an annual budget for the Foundation's activity, and plans expenditures for maintenance of the physical plant, for recurring operations, research projects, educational and outreach extensions, and for requirements of the land use activities of the Refuge. Orients and designs the research program and selects students for projects to meet the Foundation's priorities. Participates in the Foundation's research, educational, and outreach activities. Works with NGO's, universities, state and federal agencies on research and topics important to natural resource management.

**Assistant Director**, Welder Wildlife Foundation, 1999 to 2008. Assist with preparation of annual budget, selection of research projects, and management of Foundation property. Responsible for overseeing financial records of Foundation and preparation of financial reports. Review proposed oil and gas activities to determine impacts to Foundation property and work with company representatives to accomplish Foundation goals. Developing GIS system for Foundation property for use in research and maintenance of long-term records. Continue responsibilities of wildlife biologist.

**Wildlife Biologist**, Welder Wildlife Foundation, 1990 to 1998. Initiated and conducting long term research on the ecology of the bobcat on the Foundation. Conducting monitoring programs for rodents, rabbits, turkeys, predators, and deer. Organizing and conducting field days and seminars on wildlife management topics for ranchers, landowners, and interested individuals. Assisting with grazing, burning, brush control, vegetation sampling and other management activities on the Foundation. Teaching wildlife ecology to 6th grade – college groups. Teaching predator-prey relationships and wildlife ecology in teacher workshops. Responsible for purchases and maintaining computer hardware and software.

**Biologist**, Texas General Land Office, 1987 to 1990. Developed management plans and made management decisions for state lands. Set harvest quotas for deer and set stocking rates for

cattle. Monitored grazing activities, range condition, and range improvements. Conducted aerial surveys of deer. Coordinated and assisted in research projects on state lands. Reviewed proposed oil and gas and commercial development projects on state land to determine impacts to fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Prepared and reviewed mitigation plans. Assisted with development of management plan for Matagorda Island.

**Environmental Scientist**, TXO Production Corp, 1984 to 1986. Conducted field inspections in Rocky Mountain region to determine the impacts of oil and gas construction activities on the environment. Implemented procedures to reduce impacts. Compiled geology, engineering, and environmental data required for government permits. Prepared reclamation plans for disturbed sites. Directly supervised survey crews, dirt contractors, and reclamation contractors to ensure that construction and subsequent rehabilitation met engineering specifications and was in compliance with government permit requirements. Developed good working relationships with government personnel and private landowners.

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

Certified Wildlife Biologist

The Wildlife Society, Member 1977 - Present

Publications Award Committee, Member 1986, Chairman 1988

Jim McDonough Award Committee, Member 1995, Chairman 1996

Registration Committee - Austin 1999, Chairman 1998-99

Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Member 1986 – Present

President 2003-2004, President Elect 2002-2003, Vice-President 2001-2002

Treasurer 2004-Present

Clarence Cottam Award Committee, Member 1994

Conservation Review Committee, Member 1990, Chairman 1994

Excellence in Wildlife Conservation Award Committee, Member 1991

Membership Database Manager, 1994 to Present

Scholarship Committee, Member 1991, 1997, Chairman 1992, 1995

Site Selection Committee, Member 1993, Chairman 2004

Wildlife Ecology Camp, Member 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

American Society of Mammologist, Member 2002-Present

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Blankenship, T.L. and W.C. Swank. 1979. Population dynamic aspects of the bobcat in Texas. Bobcat Research Conference, National Wildlife Federation Science Technical Series. 6:116-122

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- Blankenship T.L. and J.T. Anderson. 1993. A large concentration of masked ducks (Oxyura dominica) on the Welder Wildlife Refuge, San Patricio County, Texas. *Bulletin Texas Ornithological Society* 26:19-21.
- Blankenship, T.L., D.L. Drawe, and J.G. Teer. 1994. Reproductive ecology of white-tailed deer on the Welder Wildlife Foundation, Texas. *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies* 48:69-77.
- Blankenship, T.L. 2000. Ecological response of bobcats to fluctuating prey populations on the Welder Wildlife Foundation Refuge. Ph.D. Dissertation. Texas A&M Univ.-Kingsville and Texas A&M Univ.-College Station. 123pp.
- Blankenship, T.L., A. Haines, M.E. Tewes, and N.J. Silvy. 2006. Comparing survival and cause-specific mortality between resident and transient bobcats. *Journal of Wildlife Biology* 12:297-303.
- Janecka, J.E., T.L. Blankenship, D.H. Hirth, C.W. Kilpatrick, L.I. Grassman, and M.E. Tewes. 2007. Evidence for male-biased dispersal in bobcats using relatedness analysis. *Journal of Wildlife Biology* 13:38-47.
- Janecka, J. T.L. Blankenship, D. H. Hirth, M.E. Tewes, and C.W. Kilpatrick. 2006. Kinship and social structure of bobcats (*Lynx rufus*) inferred from microsatellite and radio telemetry data. *Journal of Zoology* 262:494-501.
- Teer, J.G., D.L. Drawe, T.L. Blankenship, W.F. Andelt, R.S. Cook, J.G. Kie, F.K. Knowlton, and M. White. 1991. Deer and coyotes: the welder experiments. *Transactions of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference* 56:550-560.