



# PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT (PAR)

## NWDP ANNUAL TRAINING



(*Harlequin Duck Capture Technique Used on Kodiak and Afognak Islands*), respectively. Scott Woodruff won first place in the long presentation category for “*Louisiana’s Tularemia Surveillance*”; Darren Bruning (*Wildlife Capture: Training Needs for Wildlife Services*) and Wes Gaston (*Hepatitis E Testing*

Turnage and Shannon Chandler tied for second. This year there was a tie for Wildlife Disease Biologist of the Year, and Darrell Kavanaugh and Darren Bruning received the NWDP’s highest honor. Coincidentally, Darren also received the NWDP’s most notorious award, the Gold Schwabber, in part for his efforts

The NWDP held its annual surveillance and emergency response training last week at Pingree Park, CO. Wildlife disease biologists received training and certification in sampling and biosafety protocols, respirator fit testing, immobilization and euthanasia, and emergency response. The biologists provided project updates on activities in each of their states, and the program office reviewed sampling protocols for ongoing projects and introduced new ones such as Baylisascaris, bluetongue/epizootic hemorrhagic disease, and Hepatitis E. First and second place in the poster competition were awarded to Jay Cumbee (*Wildlife Disease Biologists’ Deepwater Horizon Response*) and Dave Sinnett



in the U.S. Virgin Islands), tied for second place. For short presentations, Clint Turnage (*Using Dogs To Assist with Wildlife Disease Surveillance in Feral Swine*) took first, and Joe Caudell (*Green Ammunition*) received second place. In the Chemical Immobilization Competition, Dave Marks won first place, and Clint

with javelina to improve the human-animal “bond.” Thanks to all the wildlife disease biologists and their Wildlife Services programs for making the NWDP one of the most important programs in managing diseases at the human-animal-ecosystem interface. For more information on the meeting, contact Tom DeLiberto,

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