

Proposition: 03-15/16: A Proposition to Change the Degree Name from “The Master of Science in Wildlife Science” to “Master of Science in Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology.”

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Proposed Committee: Scholastic Affairs

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals:

Date	Approving Group	Result of Vote
3/06/2015	Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology Faculty Meeting	Unanimous Approval
3/26/2015	Lowell, Catlett, Dean, ACES	Approve
4/ 23/2015	ADAC, Sonya L. Cooper	Approve
8/07/2015	Academic Dean’s Council, Provost Howard	Approve

Proposal: We propose to change the name of the Master of Science degree awarded by the Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology Department as follows:

The Master of Science in Wildlife Science should be changed to a Master of Science in Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology.

Rationale: The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology (recently changed from Wildlife Sciences) proposes to change the name of the degree offered by their department to better reflect the specialization represented by the degrees. This issue has been discussed among the departmental faculty, agency people that hire graduates from our department, and students. The consensus supported by all is that the name of the degree should be changed to reflect better the training of the students. Moreover, we reviewed similar programs in peer institutions and found that many have made similar changes in the names of the degrees they award. For example:

1. Colorado State University, Warner College of Natural Resources, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, M.S. in Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology.
2. University of Idaho, College of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife Sciences, M.S. Natural Resources.
3. The University of Arizona, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, M.S. Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation and Management