



If you go back many years, conservationists used to be men and women who hunted and fished. If you go back a century, you'll find former President Teddy Roosevelt helped lead the charge on this front too.

Sportsmen and women were historically called the true conservationists. Hunters, anglers, and shooters have been paying most of the freight since the enactment of The Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (Pittman-Robertson aka PR) and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950 (DJ). The PR and DJ tax revenue has funded wildlife and fisheries conservation efforts across the country ever since.

When you couple the PR and DJ money with our state wildlife agencies and those same sportsmen and women who want to make a difference for wildlife and fish, you get a concentrated force for good taking that conservation ethos and getting it on the ground and in the water. Our wildlife and fish are the beneficiaries. This [video](#) is a great example of that effort.

If you take a look at our AZSFWC member groups, you'll arguably find the most diverse group of "conservationists" you could gather. They aren't just hunters, anglers, shooters, or recreationists, they collectively care about all of Arizona's wildlife; game, and non-game alike.

There was a simpler time not long ago where you either supported hunting or fishing, or you did not. None of what we do or what we like is clearly defined anymore. The shades of gray and the acceptable limits of what once was considered normal and okay is no longer the case. Technology and social awareness has accelerated across all fronts, some of that good, and some of that not good depending on your perspective.

Conservation was always considered a good thing. Merriam Webster says: "planned management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect."

Preservation while good in some cases, also brought with it limitations. Merriam Webster says: "the activity or process of keeping something valued alive, intact, or free from damage or decay."

Environmentalism emanating from the 1960's and 1970's began to change the narrative of what's "good or not" in society. Merriam Webster says: "advocacy of the preservation, restoration, or improvement of the natural environment."

What's the point? If you haven't noticed everyone is a conservationist now! The true conservationists continue to put their money into habitat improvement projects. The new conservationists concentrate on funding social advocacy.

Some have complained about how the word conservationist has been hijacked and that may be true. It was done very subtly, right under our noses and is now a given. Even the rabid anti-hunters consider themselves conservationists; not preservationists or environmentalists. They have won the messaging contest and it's now engrained daily by your media of choice.

Even if we've lost the rights to the moniker, it doesn't mean we end our efforts at improving

wildlife habitat, advocating for the conservation of wildlife and fish, working to restore access to our public lands, or the myriad of other things we've historically had a passion for. It simply means we have to collectively do a better job of communicating our mission, objectives and follow through.

We have to resurrect the conservation ethos that got us here. We have to adhere to the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. We need to instill an impeccable degree of ethics amongst our hunting, angling, and shooting circles. We need to educate not only the folks that don't hunt or fish or shoot about what we do, but we also need to reeducate many of our own for some of the same reasons!

We need to quit sweating some of the small stuff and focus on the big picture. Philosophers have been ruminating on "change" for centuries. I'll defer to Benjamin Franklin, who is credited with this, "*When you are finished changing, you are finished.*"

The new conservationists are constantly changing.

The true conservationists need to recognize that and in turn; improvise, adapt, and respond.

Yours in Conservation,  
Jim Unmacht  
Executive Director

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The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonan's an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. **Step up and support "Wild Arizona"**.

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