



**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
23rd ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
MARCH 27-29 2012  
HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER, BOZEMAN, MONTANA**

Dear Society Participants:

On behalf of the Great Plains Region, we would like to invite you to join us at our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Plains Regional Conference of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, which will be held at the Bozeman Convention Center. We have set aside a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn for your convenience. Those flying in can contact them for their free shuttle service. Please make your reservations by calling (406) 587-4561. The rooms are priced between \$82.00 for a single or double. Registration fees this year will be \$90.00 which includes the Banquet.

Those participating in the Shoot team competition will need to bring their own equipment and ammo. Also, you will need to be registered for the conference to participate. An extra fee of \$15.00 will be required to off-set range and targets fees. If you have any questions, call Troy Bettelyoun, Great Plains Regional Director at 605-441-0531.

Please come join us for this exciting event and as always, I guarantee you will have a good time. Oh, by the way we would greatly appreciate donation items for the auction they will be used for scholarships etc.

We still have openings for presentations, if your interested please call Ron Skates (406)-579-0116 or Diana Mann-Klager (605) 226-7621 as soon as possible.

Also, if any of you want to nominate anyone for Biologist or Conservation Officer of the year please contact Sally Williams at 303-466-1725, or Ron Skates at 406-579-0116.

See you in Beautiful Bozeman this spring!!

Ron Skates

Troy Bettelyoun

Great Plains Region Director

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**TENTATIVE**

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Monday – March 26

4:00-6:00P.M. Conference Registration

Tuesday - March 27

7:00 A.M. Conference Registration

9:00 A.M. Invocation: D. Fred Matt Executive Director, NAFWS

9:15 A.M. Welcome NAFWS  
Tribal Representative (TBA)  
Regional Directors:  
Ron Skates, Troy Bettelyoun  
NAFWS Executive Director:  
Fred Matt

9:30 A.M. State of the Society Address  
Ron Skates, Great Plains Regional Director, NAFWS

9:45 A.M. National “ONR” Initiative Update  
Fred Matt, Executive Director NAFWS

10:00 A.M. BIA–Fish and Wildlife Issues Great Plains Region  
Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Biologists, Diane Mann-  
Klager, Aberdeen, SD and Jarvis Gust, Billings, MT

10:30 A.M. Break

- 10:45 A.M. Bureau of Indian Affairs Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Dept,  
Funding Update.  
Ira Newbreast, Division Chief Natural Resources, BIA, Washington D.C.
- 11:15 A.M. Questions and Answers Update of Tribal Wildlife Grant Program  
Kim Greenwood, Region 6 Native American Liaison, USFWS
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00- 1:30 P.M. Law Enforcement Training Opportunities for Tribal CO's  
Terry Thibeault, USFWS, Resident Agent-In-Charge
- 1:30-2:30 P.M. Eagle Aviary, Fort Belknap Reservation  
Mark Azure, Director Fort Belknap Fish and Wildlife Dept
- 2:30-2:45 P.M. Break
- 2:45-3:15 P.M. Bird and Bat studies on Pine Ridge Reservation and Big Horn Sheep  
update.  
Trudy Ecoffey, Biologist Oglala Parks and Recreation Department
- 3:15-3:45 P.M. Missouri River Activities  
Catherine Warren, Native American Consultation Specialist, U.S. Army  
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
- 3:45-4:30 P.M. Update on Quarantine Buffalo in Yellowstone National Park  
Robert Magnan, Director, Fort Peck Natural Resources Dept. Mike Fox,  
Councilman, Fort Belknap Reservation, Mark Azure, Director Fish and Wildlife  
Department, Fort Belknap Reservation
- 4:30-4:45 P.M. Business Meeting /Election of Officers/Adjourn

Wednesday – March 28

- 9:00 A.M. Conservation Law Enforcement Shoot Team Competition  
Logan Firearms Range
- 9:00 A.M. Energy Development on Tribal Lands  
Jane Roybal, USFWS panel Moderator: Barney Whitman, BLM Petroleum  
Engineer
- 10:15 A.M. Break
- 10:30-11:15 A.M. Ecosystem Management of black-footed ferrets, badgers, and prairie dogs  
Shaun Grassel, Wildlife Biologist, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

11:15 AM	Wildlife Disease Update Emerson Bull Chief, NAFWS
12:00 P.M.	Lunch on your own
1:00 P.M.	2012 Tribal Fish and Game Day “Region 6 USFWS” Kim Greenwood Moderator
1:00 P.M.	National Fish Habitat Action Plan Larry Gamble, USFWS and Kelly Hepler, Chairman NFHAP
1:30 P.M.	Fish Stocking on Tribal Lands Mark Maskill, USFWS
2:00 P.M.	Fish Passage Projects on Tribal Lands Scott Roth and Steve Krentz USFWS
2:30 P.M.	Break
2:45- 3:15 P.M	Wolf Management Plan On Wind River Reservation, Wyoming Pat Hnilicka, USFWS
3:15 -3:45 P.M.	Native American Youth Conservation Corps Mark Maskill, USFWS
3:45-4:15 P.M.	Fish Necropsy Crystal Hudson, USFWS
4:15- 4:45P.M	Reintroduction of Black-footed Ferret, Northern Cheyenne Rerservation, Jane Roybal USFWS Adjourn!!!
6:00-7:00 P.M.	Banquet/Auction/Awards

Thursday – March 29

8:00-9:00 AM	Health Risks from Lead in Big Game Mari Eggers, Research Associate, Little Big Horn College Emerson Bull Chief, NAFWS_
9:00-9:30 AM	Northern Conservation Network-Tribal Interest Jonathan Proctor, Defenders of Wildlife
9:30-10-15 AM	World Wildlife Fund Programs and Projects with Tribes Kristi Bly, WWF
10:15-10:30 AM	Break
10:30-12:00	Montana/Wyoming Tribal Fish and Wildlife Commission

10:30-12:00

Great Plains Tribal Fish and Wildlife Commission

1:00-4:00 PM

Personal Self-Defense Techniques

Mike Kennedy, Conservation Officer, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

4:00 P.M.

Conference Adjourn. Thank You All for Coming!

See you all at our National Conference in Cherokee, North Carolina!!!