



41st Annual Native American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference

May 13 – 16, 2024

Treasure Island Resort and Casino, Welch, MN

Sponsor: Great Lakes Region, Tribal Host: Prairie Island Indian Community

THEME: “Sovereignty to Sustainability – Echoing our Elders and Nurturing our Next Seven Generations”

National Conference Agenda

Sunday, May 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Tahiti

NAFWS Board of Directors Meeting

Coordinator: Donald Reiter, President – NAFWS

Monday, May 13, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Red Wing Sportsman’s Club,
966 Hall Strom Drive, Red Wing, MN
55066

National CLEO Competition Shoot

Coordinators: Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer – Little Transverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
Kevin Modlin, Conservation Officer – Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

*Carpooling Available

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer

Exhibitors/Vendors Set-Up

Coordinator: Andy Edwards, ATBC Field Liaison – NAFWS

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer

Registration

Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office Manager & Membership Coordinator—NAFWS
Jennifer Bills, Financial Advisor – Management Partners

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Tahiti Room

Meeting: NAFWS Research/Publication Committee

Coordinator: Hannah Golden, Fish & Wildlife Biologist – NAFWS

-SEE ATTACHED AGENDA-

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Wolf/Eagle

Workshop: Wildlife Health/Personal Protective Equipment

Coordinators: Tolani Francisco, DVM, Wildlife Disease Coordinator – NAFWS

Shailyn Wiechman, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator – NAFWS

—SEE WORKSHOP AGENDA—

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Tahiti Room

Meeting: Federal & State Relations Committee

Coordinator: Julie Thorstenson Ph.D., Executive Director – NAFWS
-SEE ATTACHED AGENDA-

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Bear/Buffalo

Workshop: NASA Earth Observations for Habitat Monitoring

Coordinators: Laurel James Ph.D.(c), Director of Programs – NAFWS
Emily Hagler, Fish & Wildlife Biologist – NAFWS
—SEE WORKSHOP AGENDA—

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Capri

Workshop: Invasive Species Management Planning

Coordinator: Mitzi Reed, Invasive Species Coordinator – NAFWS
—SEE WORKSHOP AGENDA—

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Tahiti

Workshop: Project Management for ATBC

Presenter: John Hendrix, Facilitator, First Nations Development Institute
Coordinator: Megan Hawkins, Grants Coordinator – NAFWS
—SEE WORKSHOP AGENDA—

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bear/Buffalo

Meeting: NAFWS Great Lakes Region Business Meeting

Coordinators: Donald Reiter and Terry Metoxen, GL Regional Directors – NAFWS
*Hot Hors D'Oeuvres Will Be Served
—SEE MEETING AGENDA—

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Island Xtreme Bowling

Professional Mixer (*networking opportunity*)

*Hot Hors D'Oeuvres Will Be Served

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer

Registration

Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office Manager & Membership Coordinator – NAFWS
Jennifer Bills, Financial Advisor – Management Partners

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer

Exhibitors/Vendors

Coordinator: Andy Edwards, ATBC Field Liaison – NAFWS

General Session

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Location: Island Event Center	Opening Ceremony Master of Ceremonies – Donald Reiter, President & Great Lakes Regional Director - NAFWS Posting of the Colors – Conservation Law Enforcement Officers Invocation – Johnny Johnson, Prairie Island Indian Community Elder <i>Welcoming Remarks:</i> Prairie Island Indian Community Representative – Johnny Johnson, Prairie Island Indian Community Elder Minnesota Lieutenant Governor - Peggy Flanagan NAFWS Executive Director – Julie Thorstenson, Ph.D. NAFWS President, Great Lakes Region Director – Donald Reiter NAFWS Great Lakes Region Director – Terry Metoxen
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Location: Island Event Center	Conference Overview <i>Presenter:</i> Gabriel Miller, Environmental Program Manager - Prairie Island Indian Community
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Location: Island Event Center	Keynote Address: <i>Presenter:</i> Linda Black Elk, Ethnobotanist <i>Moderator:</i> Donald Reiter, Great Lakes Regional Director & President & Great Lakes Regional Director – NAFWS
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Location: Island Event Center	Presentation: Prairie Island Indian Community – Fisheries and Wildlife Management Overview <i>Presenter:</i> Gabriel Miller, Environmental Program Manager - Prairie Island Indian Community
11:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Presentation: Experience of Prairie Island Community Members Restoring/Harvesting Wild Rice on the Mississippi River <i>Presenters:</i> TBD
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Location: Island Event Center	Presentation: NAFWS National Conference Update <i>Presenter:</i> Julie Thorstenson Ph.D., Executive Director – NAFWS
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Island Event Center	Presentation: Framing Tribal Conservation Science: Research on Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA) and medica relations for Indigenous Scientists <i>Presenter:</i> Ryan Comfort, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Indiana University – The Media School
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	BREAK – Sponsored by Center of Large Landscape Conservation
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Presentation: Funding Opportunities for Tribal Fish and Wildlife

Location: Island Event Center

Presenters: Arielle Mion, Program Manager, Coastal Resilience – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Rachel Dawson, Program Director, National Programs – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation,
Estakio Beltran, Partnership Advisor, Office of Strategic Partnerships, Department of the Interior

Moderator: Megan Hawkins, Grants Coordinator – NAFWS

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Island Event Center

Presentation: Federal Partner Updates

Presenters: BIA – Johnna Blackhair, Deputy Bureau Director of Trust Services
USFWS – Gary Frazer, Deputy Director - Operations
USDA-FS Office of Tribal Relations – TBD
USGS – Jennifer Lacey, Regional Director of Region 3: Great Lakes Missouri Basin
BLM – Brian St George, BLM Deputy Assistant Director for Resources and Planning

Moderator: Terry Metoxen, GL Region Director – NAFWS

ADJOURN 5:00 p.m.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Bear/Buffalo

Meeting: CLEO Committee – ALL NAFWS CLEO’s Invited

Coordinator: Mitzi Reed, Invasive Species Coordinator – NAFWS

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Island Event Center

Traditional Feast

Host: Prairie Island Indian Community

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer

Registration

Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office Manager & Membership Coordinator – NAFWS
Jennifer Bills, Financial Advisor – Management Partners

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer

Exhibitors/Vendors

Coordinators: Andy Edwards, ATBC Field Liaison – NAFWS

Concurrent Sessions I

Topic	Fisheries Management	Climate	Wildlife Management	Federal Partnerships	CLEO Training
Moderator:	Donald Reiter, GL Regional Director	T. Jason Mitchell, NE Regional Director	Shailyn Wiechman,	Matt Gamble, SE Regional Director	Terry Metoxen,

Location:	Bear/Buffalo	Capri	Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator Wolf/Eagle	Tahiti	GL Regional Director Event Center
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Habitat Assessments and Modeling to Support Artic Grayling Reintroduction <i>Zachary Locklear, Graduate Research Assistant</i> University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	Indigenous partnerships to support name (lake sturgeon) fisheries climate adaptation <i>Holly Embke, Research Fish Biologist</i> USGS Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center	Monitoring moose and other culturally important wildlife on Penobscot Indian Nation Lands using remote cameras <i>Benjamin Simpson, Wildlife Resource Manager</i> Penobscot Department of Natural Resources	Collecting and Integrating Indigenous Knowledges into the Yellowstone Bison Species Status Assessment <i>Jim Boyd, Fish and Wildlife Biologist</i> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Training: Human Trafficking Awareness & Identification <i>Stephanie Greaf, s7 Consulting</i>
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Elevating Tribal Voices to Restoring Watershed Functions and Conserve the Clear Lake Hitch <i>Daniella Santana Cazares, Environmental Director</i> Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake	Ganawenindiwag: Working with plant relatives to heal and protect Gichigami shorelines <i>Rob Croll, Policy Analyst/Climate Change Program Coordinator</i> Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission	Collaborative aerial surveys for monitoring Mooz in the 1854 Ceded Territory <i>Morgan Swingen, Wildlife Biologist</i> 1854 Treaty Authority	Metabarcoding Aquatic Invasive Species: Early Detection and Monitoring in the Great Lakes Basin <i>Rachel Brown, Deputy Project Leader, Whitney Genetics Laboratory</i> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Human Trafficking Awareness & Identification Cont'd
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Restoration of Buffalo Slough Island in the Mississippi River for Native Mussel Protection <i>Gabriel Miller, Environmental Program Manager</i>	BIA's Tribal Climate Resilience Program <i>Zachary Jorgenson, Regional Climate Resilience Coordinator</i> Bureau of Indian Affairs	Population dynamics of black bears (<i>Ursus americanus</i>) on the Red Cliff Reservation and Apostle Islands <i>Monica Cooper, PhD Student</i>	The Collaborative Great Lakes Manoomin (Wild Rice) Project <i>Lara O'Brien, Geospatial Analyst</i> NOAA	Human Trafficking Awareness & Identification Cont'd

BREAK 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions I (cont.)

Topic	Fisheries Management	Biodiversity	Wildlife Management	Threatened and Endangered Species	CLEO Training
Location	Bear/Buffalo	Capri	Wolf/Eagle	Tahiti	Event Center
Moderator	<i>Hope Roberts, AK Regional Director</i>	<i>Michael Thompson, GP Regional Director</i>	<i>Benjamin Simpson, NE Regional Director</i>	<i>Shaun Grassel, PhD, GP Regional Director</i>	<i>Terry Metoxen, GL Regional Director</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Blackfeet Nation Westslope Cutthroat Trout Status Assessment Project <i>Jeremiah North Piegan, Fish Biologist & Fisheries Program Manager</i> Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department	A Survey of Wildlife on Ho-Chunk Nation Lands Using Trail Cameras <i>James Swenson, Wildlife Biologist</i> Ho-Chunk DNR	Tribal Big Horn Sheep Management on the Flathead Indian Reservation <i>Shannon Clairmont, Supervisory Biologist</i> CSKT Wildlife Management/Bison Range	Homes on the Range – Potential landscapes for conservation across the Central grasslands of North America: Integrating keystone species, land use, and climate change <i>Lindsey Sterling Krank, Program Director, Prairie Dog Conflict Resolution</i> Humane Society of the United States- Wildlife	Human Trafficking Awareness & Identification Cont'd
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	A chemical prioritization process for chemicals of emerging concern in subsistence fish and freshwater ecosystems with	Exploring Riparian Species Diversity in Northern Colorado with Traditional Ecological Knowledge	The Mysterious Death of Wolf M2022-33 (Kristoff) <i>Dave Price, Wildlife Biologist</i>	Chahta Halambisha: Supplementing Bat Habitat in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Using Bat Houses	Human Trafficking Awareness & Identification Cont'd

recommendations on improving policy to address emerging contaminants in subsistence foods

Seth Moore, Ph.D., Fisheries Biologist

Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Lizzy Osterhoudt, Student
Colorado State University

Red Lake DNR - Wildlife

Jordan Grotts, Wildlife Biologist
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

NAFWS NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location:
Island Event Center

Coordinator: Donald Reiter, NAFWS President and Julie Thorstenson, PhD, NAFWS Executive Director

****LUNCH PROVIDED****

—SEE MEETING AGENDA—

Concurrent Sessions II

Topic	Invasive Species	Tradition Ecological Knowledge	Wildlife Management	Education/Outreach	CLEO Training
Location Moderator	Bear/Buffalo <i>Mitzi Reed, Invasive Species Coordinator</i>	Capri <i>Katie Schultz, AtBC Field Liaison</i>	Wolf/Eagle <i>Laurel James, Ph.D.(c), Director of Programs</i>	Tahiti <i>Kai’T Bluesky, SW Regional Director</i>	Event Center <i>Terry Metoxen, GL Regional Director</i>
2:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.	Invasive Signal Crayfish of Kodiak Island, Alaska <i>Daniel Smith, Tribal Biologist</i>	<i>Anwebimagada “Letting it rest” Anishinaabe Perspectives of Natural Resource Management</i> <i>Michael Waasegiizhig-Price, Traditional Ecological Knowledge Specialist</i> <i>Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission</i>	<i>Mycoplasma ovipnuemoniae</i> (M. ovi in the Bandlands) <i>Michael Thompson, Wildlife Biologist</i> Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority	2023 SYP Student Wildlife Management Plan <i>Contest Winners: Eshpaa Salvedra, Xan Francis, Maya Craven & Cody Tsinnijinnie</i>	Active Shooter Simulation Training <i>Coordinator: Lt. Scott Hanley,</i> Pokagon Band of Tribal Police Department

2:30 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.	Robinson Rancheria Invasive Species Management and the capacity to be successful <i>Luis Santana, Water Manager</i>	Promoting the rights of the Chugach Region Tribes while helping meet their subsistence, cultural, and economic needs through sustainable resource management <i>Dustin Carl, Tribal Wildlife Biologist</i>	Monitoring Bat Populations on Penobscot Nation Tribal Lands Through Acoustic Surveys <i>Benjamin Simpson, Wildlife Resource Manager</i>	Education and Outreach on White Earth Reservation “Bridging a gap for youth, elders, vulnerable populations” <i>Amy Moore, Environmental Coordinator 2</i> <i>Zoe Keezer, Environmental Coordinator</i> <i>Ashely Zurn, Conservation Officer</i>	Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d
	Robinson Rancheria Pomo Indians of California	Chugach Regional Resources Commission	Penobscot Nation Department of Natural Resources	White Earth Natural Resources Division	

BREAK 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions II (cont.)

Topic	Invasive Species	Tradition Ecological Knowledge	Wildlife Health – Chronic Wasting Disease	Federal Funding & Tribes	CLEO Training
Location	Bear/Buffalo	Capri	Wolf/Eagle	Tahiti	Event Center
Moderator	<i>Darren Talayumptewa, SW Regional Director</i>	<i>Ted Lamebull, Jr., PA Regional Director</i>	<i>Donna Nez, PA Regional Director</i>	<i>Megan Hawkins, Grants Coordinator</i>	<i>Terry Metoxen, GL Regional Director</i>
3:30 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Installation of Pre-Planted Pallets via Helicopter to Restore Inaccessible Reed Canarygrass-dominated Wetlands	Elevating Indigenous Knowledge at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Successes and Cautions	MNPRO: A Multidisciplinary Think-Tank to Meet the Challenges of Chronic Wasting Disease <i>Tiffany Wolf, Assistant Professor</i>	America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC) Grants Panel Discussion	Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d

	<i>Todd Gray, Environmental Protection Ecologist</i> The Tulalip Tribes	<i>Paige Schmidt, Indigenous Knowledge and Co-Stewardship Coordinator</i> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	University of Minnesota	<i>Andy Edwards and Katie Schultz, ATBC Field Liaisons - NAFWS</i>	
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4:00 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.	White Earth Tribal Pesticide Program and Projects <i>Renee Keezer, Pesticide Coordinator</i> White Earth Natural Resources Pesticide Program	Pa’Ashi-The Return of Tulare Lake <i>Hank Brenard, EPA Director</i> Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe	Community-Based Participatory Approaches to Develop Chronic Wasting Disease Outreach and Management with Tribal Communities <i>Roger Faust, Ph.D.(c)</i> University of Minnesota		Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d
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4:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Estimating Horse and Burro Population Sizes on Tribal Lands <i>Jacob Hennig, Assistant Extension Specialist</i> University of Arizona	The Importance of Recovering the Cultural, Environmental, and Ecologically Significant Rivercane <i>Marvin Bouknight, Wildlife Biologist</i> Catawba Indian Nation	Evaluating the Midwest Tribal CWD Surveillance Network <i>Colin Yoder, Assistant Professor</i> University of Minnesota	Tribal Engagement in Sagebrush Steppe Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Implementation <i>Stephanie Hebert, Wildlife Biologist</i> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d
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ADJOURN 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<p align="center">Tribal Student and Professional Mixer and Poster Session <i>Coordinator:</i> Ashley Mueller, Education Coordinator – NAFWS <i>Instructions for Poster Presenters:</i> Set-up Posters between 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on Wed. May 14th</p>				
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Location:
Paradise
Cove

*Hors D'Oeuvres will be served

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Location:
Starting Line – North Casino Parking
Lot, on buffalo slough trail

5K Keya Stampede

Coordinators: Thomas Hafen, Invasive Species Technician - NAFWS & Katie Schultz, AtBC Field Liaison – NAFWS

Instructions:

*Pre-registrants receive race packet at the registration desk. On-site registration at conference registration desk.
Meet at Starting Line at 6:45 a.m. | Safety Briefing at 6:50 a.m. | Race Starts at 7:00 a.m.*

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Provided

Natural Resources Tours:

Coordinators: Gabriel Miller, Environmental Program Manager - Prairie Island Indian Community

Instructions:

Meet at Hotel Lobby Entrance at 9:15 a.m. | Shuttles Depart at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Event Center

CLEO Training: “Active Shooter” Simulation Training

Coordinator: Lt. Scott Hanley, Pokagon Band of Tribal Police Department

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Island Event Center

BANQUET

Master of Ceremony: Donald Reiter, President/GL Regional Director - NAFWS

Retire the Colors

Invocation:

Award Announcements: Darren Talayumptewa, SW Regional Director - NAFWS

National Tribal Student Poster Session Awards – Ashley Mueller, NAFWS Education Coordinator - NAFWS

Regional Awards – Terry Metoxen, GL Regional Director - NAFWS

Emerging Professional of the Year Award

Conservation Officer of the Year Award

Biologist of the Year Award

Chief Sealth Award

National Conservation Officer Shoot Team Awards

Live and silent auction – Benjamin Simpson, NE Regional Director & Ted Lamebull, PA Regional Director - NAFWS

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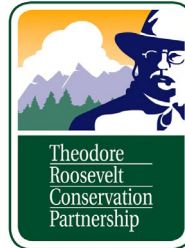


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