



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

—SEE ATTACHED AGENDA—

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 & 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

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10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Wolf/Eagle

Workshop: Wildlife Health/PPE

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
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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
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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 & 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, GL Regional Director - NAFWS
Posting of the Colors – Conservation Law Enforcement Officers
Invocation – Johnny Johnson, Prairie Island Indian Community Elder

Welcoming Remarks:

Prairie Island Indian Community Representative – TBD
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

Speaker: Gabriel Miller Prairie Island Indian Community

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Location: Island Event Center

Keynote Address: TBD

Moderator: Mike LaVoie, Southeast Regional Director – NAFWS

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Island Event Center

Presentation: Prairie Island Indian Community – Fisheries and Wildlife Management Overview

Speakers: Experience of Prairie Island Community Members Restoring/Harvesting Wild Rice on the Mississippi River

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Island Event Center

Presentation: NAFWS National Conference Update

Speaker: 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

Speaker: Ryan Comfort, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor, Indiana University – The Media School
Moderator: Julie Thorstenson, Ph.D. – Executive Director

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:

Moderator: Megan Hawkins, Grants Coordinator – NAFWS

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Presentation: Federal Partner Updates

Location: Island Event Center

Presenters: BIA – Johnna Blackhair, Deputy Bureau Director of Trust Services

USFWS – TBD

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

Meeting: CLEO Committee – ALL NAFWS CLEO’s Invited

Location: Bear/Buffalo

Coordinator: Mitzi Reed, Invasive Species Coordinator – NAFWS

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Traditional Feast

Location: Island Event Center

Host: Prairie Island Indian Community

Entertainment: TBD

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Location: Foyer

Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office & Membership Coordinator – NAFWS

Jennifer Bills, Financial Advisor – Management Partners

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitors/Vendors

Location: Foyer

Coordinators: Andy Edwards, ATBC Field Liaison – NAFWS

Concurrent Sessions I

Topic	Fisheries Management	Climate	Wildlife Management	Federal Partnerships	CLEO Training
Moderator:	<i>Donald Reiter, GL Regional Director</i>	<i>T. Jason Mitchell, NE Regional Director</i>	<i>Mike LaVoie, SE Regional Director</i>	<i>Matt Gamble, SE Regional Director</i>	<i>Terry Metoxen, GL Regional Director</i>

Location:	Bear/Buffalo	Capri	Wolf/Eagle	Tahiti	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> Prairie Island Indian Community – Land and Environment Department	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> University of Wisconsin, Madison	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>Jeff Kelly, 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.	TBD	Exploring Riparian Species Diversity in Northern Colorado with Traditional Ecological Knowledge <i>Lizzy Osterhoudt, Student Colorado State University</i>	The Mysterious Death of Wolf M2022-33 (Kristoff) <i>Dave Price, Wildlife Biologist</i> Red Lake DNR - Wildlife	Chahta Halambisha: Supplementing Bat Habitat in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Using Bat Houses <i>Jordan Grotts, Wildlife Biologist</i>	Human Trafficking Awareness & Identification Cont'd

NAFWS NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

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 <i>Moderator</i>	Bear/Buffalo <i>Mitzi Reed, Invasive Species Coordinator</i>	Capri <i>Ted Lamebull, Jr., PA Regional Director</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>	Elevating Indigenous Knowledge at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Successes and Cautions <i>Paige Schmidt, Indigenous Knowledge and Co-Stewardship Coordinator</i> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	<i>Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae</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	Monitoring Bat Populations on Penobscot Nation Tribal Lands Through Acoustic Surveys	Education and Outreach on White Earth Reservation “Bridging a gap for youth, elders, vulnerable populations”	Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d

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Indians of California

sustainable resource
management

*Benjamin Simpson, Wildlife
Resource Manager*

*Amy Moore, Environmental
Coordinator 2*

*Dustin Carl, Tribal Wildlife
Biologist*

Penobscot Nation
Department of Natural
Resources

*Zoe Keezer, Environmental
Coordinator*

*Ashely Zurn, Conservation
Officer*

Chugach Regional
Resources Commission

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>Orville Huntington, AK 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 <i>Todd Gray, Environmental Protection Ecologist</i>	Anwebimagada “Letting it rest” Anishinaabe Perspectives of Natural Resource Management <i>Michael Waasegiizhig- Price, Traditional Ecological Knowledge Specialist</i>	MNPRO: A Multidisciplinary Think-Tank to Meet the Challenges of Chronic Wasting Disease <i>Tiffany Wolf, Assistant Professor</i> University of Minnesota	America the Beautiful Challenge (ATBC) Grants Panel Discussion <i>Andy Edwards and Katie Schultz, ATBC Field Liaisons - NAFWS</i>	Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d
	The Tulalip Tribes	Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission			

4:00 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.	White Earth Tribal Pesticide Program and Projects	Pa’Ashi-The Return of Tulare Lake <i>Hank Brenard, EPA Director</i>	Community-Based Participatory Approaches to Develop Chronic Wasting Disease Outreach and Management with Tribal Communities <i>Roger Faust, Ph.D.(c)</i>	Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d
	<i>Renee Keezer, Pesticide Coordinator</i>	Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe	University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Veterinary Population Medicine	
	White Earth Natural Resources Pesticide Program			

4:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Estimating Horse and Burro Population Sizes on Tribal Lands	Rivercane Recovery “The Importance of Recovering the Cultural, Environmental, and Ecologically Significant Rivercane”	Evaluating the Midwest Tribal CWD Surveillance Network <i>Colin Yoder, Assistant Professor</i>	Tribal Engagement in Sagebrush Steppe Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding Implementation <i>Stephanie Hebert, Wildlife Biologist</i>	Active Shooter Simulation Training Cont’d
	<i>Jacob Hennig, Assistant Extension Specialist</i>	University of Arizona	University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	
		<i>Marvin Bouknight, Wildlife Biologist</i> Catawba Indian Nation			

ADJOURN 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Tribal Student and Professional Mixer and Poster Session			
	<i>Moderator: Ashley Mueller, Education Coordinator – NAFWS</i>			
	<i>Instructions for Poster Presenters: Set-up Posters between 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on Wed. May 14th</i>			
	<i>*Hors D’Oeuvres will be served</i>			
Location: Paradise Cove				

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:45a.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.

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Provided

Natural Resources Tours:

Coordinators: Gabe Miller, Prairie Island Indian Community
Instructions:
Meet at Hotel Lobby Entrance at 8:45 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 –

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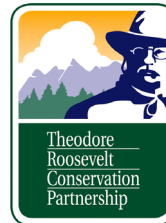
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