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### PRESS RELEASE

## Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Members Receive Access to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Conservation Library

Members and Member Tribes will receive access to thousands of scientific journals



*(Image: Kaitlyn Demoski).*

December 14, 2022 – Through a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) between the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service), NAFWS Members and Member Tribes will now have access to more than 20,000 professional and scientific journals, a growing collection of 9,000 books and eBooks, and the Service’s gray literature.

In January, NAFWS entered into an MOU with the Service with the goal of increasing Tribal access to conservation resources available through the Service's [National Conservation Training Center \(NCTC\)](#). We are excited to announce that beginning in early January 2023, NAFWS members will receive access to the [NCTC Conservation Library](#).

“Access to scientific literature is an obstacle for many Tribal fish and wildlife professionals,” said Julie Thorstenson, NAFWS Executive Director. “This agreement reduces financial barriers to the most recent and relevant research available and will assist Tribes in making management decisions.”



*National Conservation Library. (Photo: Anne Poole, USFWS)*

The Conservation Library is home to an extensive collection of electronic resources including databases, journals, and eBooks, as well as a robust physical collection of conservation literature available through interlibrary loan. Additionally, there are a digital media collections housed in the [National Digital Library](#), where thousands of copyright free images documenting species and habitats can be found.

These resources will now be available to active NAFWS Members and Member Tribes.

## Introduction Webinar

On **January 18, 2023 at 1:00PM Mountain Time**, NAFWS is hosting an [introductory webinar](#) on NAFWS, our MOU with NCTC, and how to access the Conservation Library through NAFWS Membership.

Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oL0Az4JhSzuNoL9W9XgLkQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oL0Az4JhSzuNoL9W9XgLkQ)

The webinar will be recorded and available to members on the [NAFWS Member Resources website page](#). Members must be logged in to their NAFWS account to access these resources.

## About Us

NAFWS is the only national Tribal organization with a specific focus on Tribal fish and wildlife resources. As a unique membership organization with 227 Support Member Tribes in 7 regions, NAFWS strives to meet the needs of its [Individual Members and Member Tribes](#) through conferences, trainings, youth education, and by participating with innovative projects and initiatives in Indian Country.

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