

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY – GREAT LAKES REGION
2017 FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2017
Hosted by: Shakopee Mdewekanton Sioux Community
“30TH ANNIVERSARY”**

The Great Lakes Region – NAFWS is pleased to Announce the 30th Annual 2017 Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Regional Conference, which will be hosted by the Shakopee Mdewekanton Sioux Community, Minnesota during the week of September 11-15, 2017 at the Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel located at 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd, Prior Lake Minnesota (1-800-262-7799).

We are hoping for your participation for our 30th Annual Celebration. We sincerely ask you to help make this an event to remember by honoring us with your presence. This will also be an important time because we will be discussing the upcoming budget cuts and will look for ideas to move forward as a society and as your departments.

Conference Highlights

This year's conference will include Conservation Enforcement/Training, Environmental Protection/Training, Tribal Trust Issues, Wildlife Management, Fisheries Management, Wildlife Diseases, Mining Issues, Mining Workshop, Environmental Issues, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Projects and Circle of Flight Projects occurring in our region. Other activities will include a Director's reception, a Red Lake Walleye picnic, a traditional feast, awards banquet and silent auction with many nice items, entertainment, golf tournament, softball, and natural resources tours. This years raffle includes a gun raffle. This is going to be great!

Reservations

Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel located at 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd, Prior Lake Minnesota (1-800-262-7799). <http://www.mysticlake.com/>
150 traditional rooms are available at \$ 129.00 per night. Please make lodging arrangements at the under the block code “**Great Lakes NAFWS.**” Reservations can be made directly through the front desk at **1-800-262-7799**. The room cutoff date is Saturday, August 23, 2017. Please call before this date, it is extremely important.

Call for Papers

We are calling for papers for presentation at the conference. Major focus areas will include, but are not limited to:

- Fish Culture/Fisheries Management
- Wildlife Management
- Water Resources/Environmental Protection
- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Projects
- Circle of Flight Projects
- Mining Issues

Registration Fee

\$ 200.00 **Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society**, PO Box 88,
Keshena, Wisconsin 54135 or

Please Register on-site. We do not have the ability for Credit Cards,
must be check or cash.

A First Call will be emailed out in Mid-June. If you would like to make a presentation at the conference, or if you have any questions on the sessions, please contact Don Reiter djreiter@mitw.org and manager90@frontiernet.net.

For further information, please feel free to contact Regional Directors Don Reiter at 715/701-3669 (djreiter@mitw.org) or Bill Bailey at 231/709-2354 (william.bailey@qtbindians.com).