



**Native American Fish & Wildlife Society**  
**35th Annual National Conference**  
May 2 – 4, 2017  
Best Western Ramkota Hotel  
Sponsored by the Great Plains Region

**Sunday- April 30**

8:00 am – 5:00pm NAFWS Board of Directors Meeting (Bear Butte)

**Monday – May 1**

8:00 am – 12:00pm Regional Shoot Competition  
Spearfish Rifle and Trap Club - Bruce Nachtigall, SD GFP

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Baton Certification, Mace Certification -Mike Kennedy, Beaufort Joe  
(Bear Butte, Needles Room)

3:00 pm Conference Planning Committee & Volunteers Meet – Stuff Packets (Badlands)

4:00 pm –7:00pm Early Registration - NAFWS staff & volunteers (Convention Foyer)

4:00 pm –7:00pm Exhibitors, Vendors and Silent Auction SET-UP – Karen Lynch, Norman Jojola

5:00 pm –7:00pm Great Plains Montana, Wyoming Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

7:00 pm – 9:00pm Commission Regional Dinner (Sylvan 1 Room)

**Tuesday – May 2**

7:30 am – 4:00 pm CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - NAFWS staff & volunteers  
(Convention Foyer)

7:30 am – 4:00 pm Exhibitors, Vendors and Silent Auction  
SET-UP – Karen Lynch, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate staff, Norman Jojola,  
Volunteers (Convention Foyer)

8:30 am- 10:00 am OPENING CEREMONIES (Sheridan Room)  
Parade of Colors – Jeff Kelly  
Invocation – Arvol Looking Horse, CRST  
Welcome – NAFWS President – Don Reiter  
Welcome – NAFWS Executive Director – D. Fred Matt  
Great Plains Regional Directors Introductions- Jeff Kelly, Marissa Spang

10:00 am – 10:30 am *BREAK- Sponsored- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe*

10:30 am – 11:15 am WELCOME ADDRESS - Dave Archambault II,  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman



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- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Kelly Hepler,  
Cabinet Secretary South Dakota Game Fish and Parks
- 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm COMMISSION ADDRESS - Jim Stone,  
Intertribal Buffalo Council, Executive Director
- 12:30 pm – 4:30pm LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING – (Bear Butte, Needles, Badlands)  
Tribal/USFWS Investigation, Meghan Dilgef, US Attorney, Brad Merrill,  
USFWS Agent, Terry Thibault, RAC USFWS
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm NAFWS MEMBER BUSINESS LUNCH MEETING  
(Minerva’s Restaurant)  
President’s Report –Don Reiter  
Financial Status Report – Elveda Martinez  
Executive Director’s Report – D. Fred Matt  
Region Updates
- 2:00 pm – 2:30pm NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS OFFICE- Scott Aikin, DJ Monette  
Native American Liaison, USFWS
- 2:30 pm- 3:00pm *Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate leader (additional information)*
- 3:00 pm – 3:30pm *BREAK - Sponsored Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation*
- 3:30 pm – 4:00pm BIA–Fish and Wildlife Issues Great Plains Region, Tribal Showcase  
Diane Mann-Klager, Jarvis Gust
- 4:00 pm – 5:00pm NAFWS STRATEGIC PLANNING: PRIORITIES AND GOALS  
*Leigh Ann McGee, OSIYO Group*

**Wednesday – May 3**

- 8:00 am - 4:00pm CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - NAFWS staff & volunteers  
Exhibitors, Vendors and Silent Auction (Convention Foyer)
- 8:30 am – 4:00pm LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING- (Bear Butte, Needles, Badlands)  
Ethics Training, Interview and Interrogation - Steve Stowinski
- 8:30 am – 9:30 am KEYNOTE SPEAKER Reflections on Tribal Conservation in a Changing World:  
Connecting Responsibility and Justice.  
Dr. Kyle Whyte, Potawatomi, Michigan State University



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9:30 am - 12:00pm      BREAKOUT SESSION - 30 minute sessions, 45-minute session w/ 15 min Q&A

Time	Sylvan 1 - Track 1	Sylvan 2 - Track 2	Sylvan 3 - Track 3
9:30am- 10:00 am	Weaving Indigenous Knowledge & Western Science - Marissa Spang	Assessing wolverine and swift fox occupation on the Wind River Reservation. -Mike Mazur	Climate Change Adaptation, Tribal Climate Resilience Resource Guide. -Frank Rollefson
10:00am- 10:30 am	BREAK <i>Sponsored by Lower Brule Sioux Tribe</i>	BREAK	BREAK
10:30am- 11:30 am	Buffalo Culture presentation -Harold Salway, Diane Amiotte	Climate change's ecological and economic impacts on local fish populations. -Sean Core	Habitat Food Plots - Emily Boyd-Valandra
11:30am- 12:00pm	Mountain Lion presentation- Steven Griffin Biologist	Movements and Migration of Golden Eagles Tagged on Hopi Lands in Arizona. -Daniel Driscoll	NAFWS Strategic Plan: Member Input- Leigh Ann McGee

12:00 pm– 1:00 pm      Lunch on Your Own

1:00 pm- 2:00 pm      Germaine White presentation

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm      BREAKOUT SESSION - 30 minute sessions, 45-minute session w/ 15 min Q&A

Time	Sylvan 1 - Track 1	Sylvan 2 - Track 2	Sylvan 3 - Track 3
2:00pm- 3:00 pm	Climate Change Roundtable Dr. Kyle Powys Whyte	Bighorn sheep distribution, movements and harvest management on the Wind River Reservation. - Pat Hnilicka	Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission- Aaron Shultz
3:00pm- 3:30 pm	Protecting America's Native Carnivores. -Jill Fritz	Bighorn Sheep Conservation -Mike Cox	Sacredness of Bear Butte - Jim Jandreau
4:00pm- 4:30 pm	BREAK <i>Sponsored by Rosebud Sioux Tribe Game &amp; Fish Dept.</i>	BREAK	BREAK
4:30pm- 5:00 pm	Climate Change Vulnerability assessment of the upper snake river - Bob Austin	Red Lake DNR Nikki Jourdain	National Bison Legacy Act - Keith Aune, Wildlife Conservation Society

4:00 pm -4:30pm      GENERAL SESSION (request room)  
 Eagle Issues, Eagle Identification, USFWS

4:30 pm- 5:00pm      Partnership Agreement w/the Society, Youth Programs/Assistance and their National Fish & Aquatic Conservation Strategy (request room)  
 Nathaniel Gillespie, Assistant Fisheries Program Manager, USFS, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air & Rare Plants

6:00 pm-9:00pm      TRADITIONAL FEAST – (Butler Hall) cohost: Intertribal Buffalo Council



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**Thursday, May 4**

8:00am – 4:00pm      NATIONAL SHOOT COMPETITION  
 Spearfish Rifle and Trap Club -Mike Kennedy, Beaufort Joe

8:30 am-12:00pm      BREAKOUT SESSION 45 min presentations, 10 min Q & A, 5 min a/v

Time	Sylvan 1 - Track 1	Sylvan 2 - Track 2	Sylvan 3 - Track 3
8:30am- 9:00 am	Motivating Youth in our Natural Environment - Kenny Nez	NPS Bison Management "Midwest Region" -Nancy Finley, Reed Robinson	Tribal Elder perspective on Climate Change - Bob Aloysius
9:00am- 9:30 am	"Positive Experiences NR Internship" Taylor O'Daye	NPS Bison Management (continues)	
9:30am- 10:00 am	Northern Cheyenne TEK Youth - Marissa Spang	MT Swift Fox Conservation strategy- Kristy Bly	Manila Clams Research Project - Sichangu Lee
10:00am-10:30 am	BREAK Sponsored -	BREAK	BREAK
10:30am- 11:00 am	Northern Cheyenne TEK Youth - Marissa Spang	Salmon reintroduction in the Duck Valley Indian Reservation -Jinwon Seo	Return of Black Footed Ferret - Neva Tall Bear
11:00am- 11:30 am	Choctaw Youth Conservation Program (CYCC) - Mitzi Reed		Bat Session & Survey - Joel Tigner, Batworks LLC
11:30am- 12:00 pm	National Summer Youth Practicum (SYP) - <i>Sasha Hoskie</i>		

12:00 pm- 1:00 pm      Lunch on Your Own

1:30 pm- 4:30 pm      LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINNG- (Bear Butte, Needles, Badlands)

2:00 pm                      *Tour to Crazy Horse Memorial (\$650)*

5:00 pm                      BANQUET (Sheridan, Pactola)  
 Emcee- Fred Matt  
 Motivational Speaker -  
 AWARDS- *Darren Talayumptewa, Mike Kennedy*

- 2017 Chief Sealh
- 2017 Biologist of the Year Award
- 2017 Conservation Officer of the Year Award
- 2017 National Office Frances Bushman Award
- 2017 Shoot Team Competition Winners
- NAFWS Special Recognition Award



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Mike Faith - Auction & Silent Auction Winners  
Conference Closing - Invocation -  
Rifle Raffle, Door Prizes  
Retire Colors- Jeff Kelly  
Closing - Announcement 2018 National Conference Announcement  
*D. Fred Matt, Don Reiter*