



Native American Fish & Wildlife Society
35th Annual National Conference
May 2 – 4, 2017
Best Western Ramkota Hotel
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Sunday- April 30

8:00 am – 5:00pm NAFWS Board of Directors Meeting- Don Reiter, President (Great Lakes Region), Michael LaVoie, Vice President (Southeast Region), Elveda Martinez, Secretary (Southwest Region) (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, Harney Peak)

3:00 pm Conference Planning Committee & Volunteers Meet (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 Room)

Tuesday – May 2

7:30 am – 4:00 pm CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - NAFWS staff & volunteers
Exhibitors, Vendors and Silent Auction (Convention Foyer)

8:30 am- 10:30 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
Dave Archambault II, Standing Rock Tribal Chairman
Dave Flue, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Chairman

10:30 am – 11:00 am BREAK- Sponsored by Standing Rock Sioux Tribe



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- 11:00 am – 11:30am KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Kelly Hepler,
Cabinet Secretary South Dakota Game Fish and Parks
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm REGIONAL ADDRESS - Jim Stone,
Intertribal Buffalo Council, Executive Director
- 12:00 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
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm NAFWS MEMBER BUSINESS LUNCH MEETING- (Lincoln Room)
President’s Report –Don Reiter
Financial Status Report – Elveda Martinez
Executive Director’s Report – D. Fred Matt
Region Updates
- 2:00 pm- 3:00pm USFW Native American Programs Office- DJ Monette (Sheridan Room)
- 3:00 pm – 3:30pm BREAK - Sponsored by Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation
- 3:30 pm – 4:00pm BIA–Fish and Wildlife Issues Great Plains Region- Diane Mann-Klager, Jarvis Gust
(Sheridan Room)
- 4:00 pm – 5:00pm NAFWS Strategic Planning: Priorities and Goals- Leigh Ann McGee, OSIYO Group
(Sheridan Room)

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 (Sheridan Room)



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9:30 am - 12:00pm BREAKOUT SESSION - 30 minute sessions, 60 minute sessions

Time	Sylvan 1 - Track 1	Sylvan 2 - Track 2	Sylvan 3 - Track 3
9:30am- 10:00 am	Climate Change Adaptation, Tribal Climate Resilience Resource Guide. -Frank Rollefson, Wildlife Biologist, BIA Agriculture & Wildlife frank.rollefson@bia.gov	Mountain Lion presentation- Steve Griffin, Wildlife Biologist, South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks	Optimal thermal habitat for apex predators in a changing world: implications for walleye rehabilitation in Lac Vieux Desert Lake. -Aaron Shultz, Mark Luehring, Joe Dan Rose, and Adam Ray. Desert Lake. aaron.dean.shultz@gmail.com
10:00am- 10:30 am	BREAK <i>Sponsored by Lower Brule Sioux Tribe</i>	BREAK	BREAK
10:30am- 11:30 am	Climate change's ecological and economic impacts on local fish populations. -Sean Core, Wildlife Biologist Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Fish and Wildlife Department SCore@SWO-NSN.GOV	Protecting America's Native Carnivores: How to Fight Against the War on Wolves and Grizzly Bears. - Jill Fritz, Director, Wildlife Protection, The Human Society of the United States. jfritz@humansociety.org	Habitat Food Plots - Emily Boyd-Valandra, Biologist, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Dept. of Natural Resources and Game, Fish, & Parks rstgfp@gwtc.net
11:30am- 12:00pm	Phenology: Tracking Measurable Impacts of Climate Change. Nikki Jourdain, Environmental Specialist, Red Lake Department of Natural Resources nikki.jourdain@redlakenation.org	Collaborative Wild Sheep Conservation" – Mike Cox, WAFWA Wild Sheep Working Group Chair Big Game Staff Biologist Nevada Department of Wildlife mcox@ndow.org	Weaving Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science for Fish and Wildlife Management - Marissa Spang, Natural Resource Director, Northern Cheyenne Tribe

12:00 pm– 1:00 pm Lunch on Your Own

1:00 pm- 2:00 pm Germaine White, cultural specialist for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes in northwest Montana presentation (Sheridan Room)

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm BREAKOUT SESSION - 30 minute sessions, 60-minute session

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, Potawatomi, Michigan State University	Bighorn sheep distribution, movements and harvest management on the Wind River Reservation. Pat Hnilicka, Project Leader, USFWS Lander Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office pat_hnilicka@fws.gov	NAFWS Strategic Plan: Member Input- Leigh Ann McGee, OSIYO Group



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		Grizzly bear radio-collaring, distribution and movements on the Wind River Reservation - Pat Hnilicka	
3:00pm- 3:30 pm	BREAK <i>Sponsored by Rosebud Sioux Tribe Game & Fish Dept.</i>	BREAK	BREAK
3:30pm- 4:00 pm	Climate Change Vulnerability assessment of the upper snake river. Robert Austin, Fish & Wildlife Program Director, Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation Bob@usrf.org	Assessing wolverine and swift fox occupation on the Wind River Reservation. -Mike Mazur, Fisheries Biologist USFWS	Movements and Migration of Golden Eagles Tagged on Hopi Lands in Arizona. -Daniel Driscoll, Bald & Golden Eagle Biologist American Eagle Research Institute EagleStudies@gmail.com
4:00pm- 4:30 pm	Tribal Elder Perspective on Climate Change- Bob Aloysius	MT Swift Fox Conservation strategy- Kristy Bly, Senior Wildlife Conservation Biologist, World Wildlife Fund, Northern Great Plains Program. kristy.bly@wwfus.org	Optimal thermal habitat for apex predators in a changing world: implications for walleye rehabilitation in Lac Vieux Desert Lake- Aaron Shultz, Mark Luehring, Joe Dan Rose, and Adam Ray, aaron.dean.shultz@gmail.com

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

6:00 pm-9:00pm TRADITIONAL FEAST – Cohost: Intertribal Buffalo Council
 Mother Butler Center, 231 Knollwood Dr., Rapid City, SD 57701

Thursday, May 4

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

9:00 am-12:00pm BREAKOUT SESSION- 30 minute sessions

Time	Sylvan 1 - Track 1	Sylvan 2 - Track 2	Sylvan 3 - Track 3
9:00 am- 9:30 am	Motivating Youth in our Natural Environment - Kenny Nez	NPS Bison Management "Midwest Region" -Reed Robinson Manager, Tribal Relations & Indian Affairs, NPS, Midwest	NAFWS Strategic Plan: Member Input- Leigh Ann McGee, OSIYO Group



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		Regional Office, reed_robinson@nps.gov	
9:30am- 10:00 am	"Positive Experiences NR Internship" Taylor O'Daye	NPS Bison Management "Midwest Region" -Nancy Finley, Associate Regional Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, Midwest Region National Park Service, nancy_finley@nps.gov	Wild Pig Control and Management Mitzi Reed, Tribal Biologist, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, MReed@choctaw.org
10:00am- 10:30 am	BREAK Sponsored - Great Plains Region	BREAK	BREAK
10:30am-11:00 am	Learning, Knowledge & Responsibility: Indigenous Land-Based Science Learning- Marissa Spang, Natural Resources Administrator	Return of Black Footed Ferret - Neva Tall Bear, tallbearn@lbhc.edu	Bat Session & Survey - Joel Tigner, Batworks LLC, joeltigner@gmail.com
11:00am- 11:30 am	<p>"Resource water vs value of water: Indigenous Societies & Western Culture" by Shawntay Alden</p> <p>"Sacred Plants of the Northern Cheyenne" by Bailey Chalfant</p> <p>"God-made vs Man-made: Native American Medicine vs European" by Mykal Grant</p> <p>"Oral Tradition: A Glance at Native Plant Flower Relatives" by Kaelene Spang</p> <p>"Orientations to land and place: Indigenous and Western Worldviews" by Leslie Solorzano</p>	<p>Buffalo Culture presentation -Harold Salway, Diane Amiotte, Intertribal Buffalo Council, damiotte@itbcbison.com</p>	<p>Salmon reintroduction in the Duck Valley Indian Reservation -Jinwon Seo, Ph. D., Director Fish, Wildlife, & Parks Department Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. seo.jinwon@shopai.org</p>
11:30am- 12:00 pm	National Summer Youth Practicum (SYP) - <i>Sasha Hoskie</i>	Sacredness of Bear Butte - Jim Jandreau	Manila Clams Research Project - Sichangu Lee

12:00 pm- 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 pm- 4:30 pm

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINNG- (Bear Butte, Needles, Badlands)



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- 1:00 pm Tour to Crazy Horse Memorial (please sign up for the tour at the registration table, we have limited seating)
- 6:30 pm BANQUET (Sheridan, Pactola)
Emcee- Fred Matt
AWARDS- *Darren Talayumptewa, Mike Kennedy*
- 2017 Chief Sealth
 - 2017 Biologist of the Year Award
 - 2017 Conservation Officer of the Year Award

 - 2017 Shoot Team Competition Winners
 - NAFWS Special Recognition Award
- Jerome Renville - Auction & Silent Auction Winners
Rifle Raffle, Door Prizes - Emily Boyd Valandra, Antoine Fettig, Charlene Miller
Announcement 2018 National Conference Announcement- *Don Reiter*
Retire Colors- Jeff Kelly