

**NEWS RELEASE:**

**At the June 18, 2020 Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Planning Team Meeting, they met and discussed Covid-19 Pandemic. After careful consultation with our member tribes and their natural resource departments regarding the health and safety of everyone - we have made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Conference that was scheduled September 20-25 to be hosted by a Minnesota Tribe.**

**Following increased and overwhelming concerns about the COVID-19 virus, we felt this was the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation. We are very disappointed that we are unable to hold this event for our region. Members and tribes look forward to participating in our forum. But we know it's the right decision based on the information we have today.**

**We thank everyone for their patience and look forward to bringing the Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Conference back to Minnesota in 2021. Please follow updates!**

**Stay Healthy!**

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