  

**2021 Great Lakes Regional Conference**

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**SUNDAY, September 19, 2021**

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| **8:00 am – 8:30 pm** | **TRAVEL DAY** |

**MONDAY, September 20, 2021**

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| **7:30 am** | **Conservation Officers Pre-shoot Meeting, Hotel Lobby (Terry Metoxen)** |
| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **Conservation Officers Qualification/Competition Shoot (Site TBD)** |
| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Conference Registration** |
| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Wildlife Chronic Wasting Disease Training (TBD)** |
| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Sturgeon Streamside Facility Tour and Release (1 pm-4pm)** |

**MONDAY, September 20, 2021**

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| **3:00 pm – 7:00 pm** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Scholarship Golf Tournament (TBD)** |
| **7:00 pm – 12:00 am** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Directors Reception: River Rock Sportsbook & Grill****Monday Night Football “Detroit Lions vs Green Bay Packers”** |

**TUESDAY, September 21, 2021**

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| **730 am – 4:30 pm** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Conference Registration** |
| **Master of Ceremonies** | **REGIONAL BIOLOGIST, MIDWEST BIA** |
| **9:00 am – 10:30 am** | **Conference, Opening Ceremonies****Parade of Colors (Flag Holders)****Drum Group:****Invocation: Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Councilman****Welcome Address:****Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Tribal Ogema: Gary DiPiazza, Tribal Councilman****BIA Regional Director: Tammie Poitra** **USFWS Regional Director:****USDA APHIS: Director-Office of National Tribal Liaison: Terry W. Clark DVM****EPA AIEO:****USFS:****Great Lakes Regional Director: Terry Metoxen****Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Director, Don Reiter****NAFWS Executive Director: Dr. Julie Thorstenson** |
| **10:30 am – 12:00 pm** | **“INVITED” KEYNOTE SPEAKER** |

**TUESDAY, September 21, 2021 (Continued)**

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| **12:00 pm – 2:00 pm** | **2021 Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Business Luncheon****AGENDA ITEMS:**1. **Call to Order**
2. **Executive Director, NAFWS Update: Dr. Julie Thorstenson**
3. **RAWA Update: Dr. Julie Thorstenson**
4. **Financial Report: Don Reiter, Regional Director**
5. **Education Committee/Scholarship Recipients: Terry Metoxen/Don Reiter**
6. **Election 1 Regional Director (Terry), 2 Regional Alternates, Education Committee**
7. **Resolutions and Other Business**
8. **Motion to Adjourn.**
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| **2:00 pm – 4:00 pm** | **LEGISTLATIVE AND FUNDING ISSUES AND UPDATES** **BIA/USFWS/USFS/NAFWS/EPA** |
| **4:15 pm – 7:00 pm** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Softball Tournament (TBD) (Maps at Registration)****Wisconsin Team****Michigan Team****Minnesota Team****Federal Team** |
| **7:00 pm – 9:30 pm** | **Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Traditional Feast (Robert Robles)** |

**WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021**

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| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Conference Registration** |
| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **CONSERVATION OFFICERS TRAINING****INSTRUCTOR:*** **Virtual Use of Force Training – FLETC – 1.5 hours**
* **Surveillance Training/Equipment and Legal Updates – 1.5 hours**
* **Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Familiarization, Requirements and Use – 4 hours**
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**WEDNSEDAY, September 22, 2021**

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| **8:00 am – 12:00 pm** | **GREAT LAKES NAFWS CONCURRENT MORNING SESSIONS** |
|  | **WILDLIFE****FISHERIES** | **GLRI/CLIMATE CHANGE/SUMMER YOUTH** |
| **8:00 am - 8:20 am** |  | **“National Summer Youth Practicum****Native American Fish and Wildlife Society”****Ashley CarlisleEducation Coordinator, NAFWS** |
| **8:30 am – 8:50 am** | **“Boardman-Ottaway Restoration Project”****Brett P. Fessell****Restoration Section Leader****Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians** |  |
| **9:00 am – 9:20 am** | **“Boardman-Ottaway Restoration Project”****Brett P. Fessell****Restoration Section Leader****Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians** | **“Native American Fish and Wildlife Society****Membership”****Heidi McCann, Membership Coordinator, NAFWS** |
| **9:30 am – 9:50 am** | **“Boardman-Ottaway Restoration Project”****Brett P. Fessell****Restoration Section Leader****Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians** |  |
| **10:00 am – 10:30 am** | **GREAT LAKES NAFWS REGIONAL MORNING BREAK SESSION** |
| **10:30 am – 10:50 am** | **“Ma’iingan Concerns and Management on the Bad River Reservation, WI”****Abi Fergus (She/Her/They/Them)****Wildlife Specialist****Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians** |  |
| **11:00 am – 11:20 am** |  |  |
| **11:30 am – 12:00 pm** |  |  |
| **12:00 pm – 1:30 pm** | **RED LAKE WALLEYE FRY (Site to be Determined)** |
| **1:30 pm – 1:50 pm** | **“Menominee/Stockbridge****Black Bear Research Project”****Don Reiter, Wildlife Biologist****ESD, MITW** **djreiter@mitw.org** |  |
| **2:00 pm – 2:20 pm** | **“Bald Eagle Postmortem Examination Procedures of Mortality in Michigan, 19787-2020”****Tom Cooley/Julie Melotti** |  |
| **2:30 pm – 2:50 pm** | **“Using Genetic Techniques to inform Wildlife Management in Michigan”****Caitlin Otto-Conn** |  |
| **3:00 pm – 3:20 pm** | **“Filling in the Gaps: Research to Inform Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake Conservation”****Jen Moore** |  |
| **3:30 pm – 3:50 pm** |  |  |
|  | **DINNER ON YOUR OWN** |

**THURSDAY, September 23, 2021**

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| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Conference Registration** |
| **8:00 am – 4:30 pm** | **CONSERVATION OFFICERS TRAINING****INSTRUCTOR:*** **Virtual Resilience Training – FLETC – 1.5 hours**
* **Virtual Search and Seizure Training – FLETC – 1.5 hours**
* **USDA APHIS/NAFWS Chronic Wasting Disease Training – 4 hours**
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| **8:00 am - 8:20 am** | **“Factors Influencing Winter Rest Site Selection and Energetics of American Martens in The Western Great Lakes Region”****Michael Joyce** |  |
| **8:30 am – 8:50 am** | **“Resource Use by Marten at Fine Spatial Extents”****Steven Gray/Gary Roloff** |  |
| **9:00 am – 9:20 am** | **“Using Occupancy Modeling to Estimate American Marten Distribution in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula”****Maria Weston** |  |
| **9:30 am – 9:50 am** | **“Tribal and University Collaboration to Inform Management for American Marten”****Paul Keenlance** |  |
| **10:00 am – 10:30 am** | **GREAT LAKES NAFWS REGIONAL MORNING BREAK SESSION** |
| **10:30 am – 10:50 am** | **“Mapping American Marten Habitat to Inform Management on the Huron-Manistee National Forest”****Scott Warsen** |  |
| **11:00 am – 11:20 am** |  |  |
| **11:30 am – 12:00 pm** |  |  |
| **12:00 pm – 1:30 pm** | **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN** |
| **1:30 pm – 1:50 pm** |  | **12:00 pm – 4:00 pm****Chronic Wasting Disease Training****Sean Cross, Fish and Wildlife Biologist****NAFWS** |
| **2:00 pm – 2:20 pm** | **“Spatial Ecology and Habitat us of Wood Turtles in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula”****Diana Methner** | **12:00 pm – 4:00 pm****Chronic Wasting Disease Training****Sean Cross, Fish and Wildlife Biologist****NAFWS** |
| **2:30 pm – 3:00 pm** | **GREAT LAKES NAFWS AFTERNOON BREAK SESSION** |
| **3:00 pm – 3:20 pm** | **“Influence Of Variable Type on Species Distribution Models for Four At-Risk- Turtle Species”****Eric McCluskey** | **12:00 pm – 4:00 pm****Chronic Wasting Disease Training****Sean Cross, Fish and Wildlife Biologist****NAFWS** |
| **3:30 pm – 3:50 pm** | **“A Decade of Eastern Box Turtle Conservation and Management efforts in Northwest Michigan”****Pat Laarman** | **12:00 pm – 4:00 pm****Chronic Wasting Disease Training****Sean Cross, Fish and Wildlife Biologist****NAFWS** |
| **6:30 pm** | **2021 GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY****REGIONAL BANQUET****SILENT AUCTION****GLNAFWS REGIONAL AWARD PRESENTATIONS****ENTERTAINMENT****CROSS BOW RAFFLE** |