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| Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Northeast and Southeast  Joint Regional Conference *September 10 - 11, 2024* Indigenous Environmental Education Center – Warsaw, VA  Host Tribe: Rappahannock Tribe  Tuesday, September 10, 2024 | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | **Registration & Information** *Coordinators: Heidi McCann, NAFWS Office Manager/Membership Coordinator & Jennie Bills, MPartners* |
| 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | **Exhibitors & Vendors** *Coordinator: Heidi McCann, NAFWS Office Manager/Membership*  *Coordinator & Jennie Bills, MPartners* |
| GENERAL SESSION  *Moderators: Ben Simpson, NAFWS NE Board of Director*  *Mike LaVoie, NAFWS SE Board of Director* | |
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | **Opening Ceremony**  Posting of the Colors  Maskapow Drum Group  Invocation and Welcoming Remarks:  *Mark Fortune, Assistant Chief, Rappahannock Tribe*  *Julie Thorstenson, Executive Director, NAFWS*  *Ben Simpson, NE Region Board of Director, NAFWS*  *Mike LaVoie, SE Region Board of Director, NAFWS* |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | ***Title:* Rappahannock Tribal Overview**  *Speaker:* Mark Fortune, Assistant Chief, Rappahannock Tribe |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | ***Title*: Oklahoma Tribes Sign Historic Hunting and Fishing Compact**    *Speaker:* Jay Harvey, Game Warden, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | **BREAK** |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | ***Title*: Working Together: Tribal Nations and the Climate Adaptation Science Centers for Adaptive Wildlife and Resource Management**  *Speakers:*  Ashley Fortune Isham, Research Coordinator, USGS – Northeast Climate Science Adaptation Center  Hailey Shanovich, PhD, ORISE Postdoctoral Fellow, USGS - Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | ***Title*: Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into Conservation and Restoration: An Overview of the Southeastern Grassland Institute’s Tribal Program**  *Speakers:*  Katie Smith-Easter, Southeastern Grasslands Institute, Austin Peay State University  Corlee Thomas-Hill, Tribal Liaison, Southeastern grasslands Institute |
| 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | ***Title*: Integrating Tribal priorities into regional conservation plans – Rivercane and the Southeast Conservation Blueprint**  *Speaker:* Louise Vaughn, Blueprint User Support Specialist, Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS)/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. | **Business Luncheon**  ***Coordinator*:** Mike LaVoie, NAFWS Board of Director, SE Region & Ben Simpson, NAFWS Board of Director, NE  ***Presentation*:** NAFWS National Updates, Dr. Julie Thorstenson, NAFWS Executive Director  ***Member Business/Discussion***  ***NE and SE Regional Board of Director Election***  ***\*\* Lunch Provided \*\**** |
| 1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | ***Title*: Loss of Freshwater Biodiversity and Native Mussels: Management Actions to Promote Freshwater Ecosystem Resilience and Health**  *Speaker*: M. Camille Hopkins, Wildlife Disease Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey - Biological Threats and Invasive Species Research Program |
| 1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | ***Title:* Create, Train, Self-Sustain: Research Modules Bolster Capacity to Maintain Sovereignty**  *Speaker:* Jessica Nagel, Lead Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians |
| 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | ***Title*: Improving Winter Tick Sampling to Monitor Impacts on Moose on Penobscot Nation Land**  *Speaker:* Ben Simpson, Wildlife Resource Manager,Penobscot Nation |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | **BREAK** |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | ***Title:* Seminole Drone Program**  *Speaker:* Craig van der Heiden, Acting Director Environmental Science Department, Seminole Tribe |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | ***Title*: NAFWS Research and Publications Committee Update**  *Speaker:* Hannah Golden, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, NAFWS |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | ***Title*: Trends in Tribal Invasive Species Management – NAFWS Edition**  *Speaker:* Mitzi Reed, Invasive Species Coordinator, NAFWS |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | ***Title*: Insights on Youth Program Development and NAFWS Education Updates**  *Speaker:* Ashley Mueller, Education Coordinator, NAFWS |
| 5:00 p.m. | **ADJOURN** |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | **Dinner Provided** |
| Wednesday, September 11, 2024 | | |
| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | **Field Trips**  Option 1: Fall migratory bird walk through the Cat Point Creek Refuge unit  *Address: 2570 Newland Rd., Warsaw*  *Instructions: Be weather-prepared.*  Option 2: Tour of the Rappahannock Tribe’s Government Center and the Chief’s House Rehabilitation site  *Address: 5036 Indian Neck Rd., St. Stephen’s Church, VA 23148*  *Instructions: Transportation is on your own.* |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | **LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN** |
| AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE AND NATIONAL COASTAL REILIENCE FUNDING AND TRIBES  *Moderators: Ben Simpson, NAFWS NE Board of Director and Mike LaVoie, NAFWS SE Board of Director* | |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | ***Title*: America the Beautiful and NAFWS Technical Assistance Overview**  *Speaker:* Andy Edwards, America the Beautiful Challenge Field Liaison, NAFWS |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | ***Title*: Tribal-led Connectivity Projects in the Penobscot River**  *Speaker:* Dan McCaw, Fisheries Program Manager, Penobscot Nation |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | ***Title*: Advnisdisgi: Designing a Cherokee Planning Project for Conservation Across Jurisdictions**  Speaker: Mike LaVoie, Natural Resources Director, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | **BREAK** |
| 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | ***Title*: The Rappahannock Tribe’s Return to the River**  *Speaker:* John Reid Ryan, Director of Environmental and Natural Resources, Rappahannock Tribe |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | ***Title*: Building Chickahominy Tribal Community Capacity to Create a Coastal Resilience Plan**  *Speaker:* Joe Hunt, Environmental Project Manager, Chickahominy Tribe |
| 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | **Banquet** *Invocation*  *Retire the Colors* |

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