



38th Annual Native American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference

October 4 – 7, 2021

Northern Quest Resort & Casino – Spokane, WA

Sponsor: Pacific Region, NAFWS Host: Kalispel Tribe of Indians

National Conference Agenda

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Board Room

NAFWS Board of Directors Meeting

Coordinator: Elveda Martinez, President, NAFWS

—SEE ATTACHED AGENDA—

Monday, Oct. 4, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Promenade

Registration & Information

Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office & Membership Coordinator—NAFWS

Jennifer Bills—MPI Staff

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Promenade

Exhibitors & Vendors

Coordinators: Corey Lucero, Fish and Wildlife Biologist—NAFWS

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9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion I

Workshop: Making climate decisions using science-based adaptation information and IK cultural knowledge

Coordinator: James Rattling Leaf—Northcentral Climate Adaptation Center

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9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion II

Workshop: Environmental DNA (eDNA) Workshop

Coordinator: Dr. James English, Invasive Species Program Manager—USGS

Sean Cross, Fish and Wildlife Biologist—NAFWS

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9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion III

Workshop: Biologist training – Chronic Wasting Disease

Coordinator: Corey Lucero, Fish and Wildlife Biologist—NAFWS

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9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kalispel A&C

Workshop: CLEO – Hazardous Materials Awareness Course

Coordinator: Robert Romero, CLEO Coordinator—NAFWS

Kenny Oldfield—Alabama Fire College

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6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion I

Meeting: NAFWS Pacific Region Business Meeting

Coordinators: Donna Nez, PA Regional Director—NAFWS

Laurel James, PA Regional Director—NAFWS

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Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Training Sessions

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Kalispel A&C

Orientation: Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Orientation
Coordinator: Robert Romero, CLEO Coordinator—NAFWS

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Promenade

Registration & Information
Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office & Membership Coordinator – NAFWS
Jennifer Bills – MPI staff

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Promenade

Exhibitors & Vendors
Coordinators: Corey Lucero, NAFWS Fish and Wildlife Biologist
Kalispel Staff

General Session

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Pavilion

Opening Ceremony
Master of Ceremonies – Donna Nez, NAFWS PA Regional Director
Posting of the Colors – Conservation Law Enforcement Officers
Drum Group – Frog Island Singers, Kalispel
Invocation – Francis Cullooyah, Kalispel Elder

Welcoming Remarks:

NAFWS Executive Director – Julie Thorstenson
NAFWS Vice President, SE Region Director – Mike LaVoie
NAFWS PA Region Director – Laurel James
Kalispel Tribe of Indians Vice-Chairman – Curt Holmes

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Location: Pavilion

Conference Overview
Speaker: Deane Osterman, Executive Director Natural Resources – Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Moderator: Donna Nez, NAFWS PA Region Director

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Location: Pavilion

Keynote Address: Salmon Restoration Advocacy
Speakers: Keyen Singer, CTUIR Youth Leadership Council
Latis Nowland, CTUIR Youth Leadership Council
Julie Taylor, CTUIR Youth Leadership Council Advisor
Moderator: Donna Nez, NAFWS PA Region Director

Break 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Pavilion

Presentation: Kalispel Tribe of Indians – Natural Resources Overview
Speaker: Kalispel staff
Moderator: Laurel James, NAFWS PA Region Director

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Pavilion

Meeting: NAFWS National Business Meeting
Coordinator: Mike LaVoie, NAFWS Vice-President, SE Region Director
Lunch provided

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

Panel Discussion: Collaborative Sufficiency through Partnerships

Panelists: Leanne Roulson, President Elect – American Fisheries Society
Gordon Batcheller, President Elect – The Wildlife Society

Moderator: Laurel James, NAFWS PA Region Director

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

Presentation: Legislative updates for Tribal Fish and Wildlife Programs – The Importance of Tribal Involvement

Panelists: Gloria Tom—Navajo Nation
Shaun Grassel—Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Mike LaVoie—Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Moderator: Julie Thorstenson, NAFWS Executive Director

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Training Sessions

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kalispel A&C

Training: Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) – OLE Roundtable

Presenter: Richard Bare, FWS Special Agent, Richland, Washington

Moderator: Robert Romero, NAFWS CLEO Coordinator

Break 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.: Sponsored by The Wildlife Society (TWS)

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

Presentation: US FWS Update – Native American Policy, ARP Sec. 6003, NAL region structure and other opportunities (NCTC, TWG)

Presenters: Scott Aiken, National Native American Programs Coordinator—USFWS
Anna-Marie York, Grants Management Specialist—USFWS

Moderator: Donna Nez, NAFWS PA Region Director

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

Presentation: Bureau of Indian Affairs Update

Presenter: Diane Mann-Klager, Great Plains Natural Resource Director

Moderator: Donna Nez, NAFWS PA Region Director

Adjourn 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

Traditional Feast

Host: Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Promenade

Registration & Information

Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office & Membership Coordinator – NAFWS
Jennifer Bills – MPI staff

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Promenade

Exhibitors & Vendors

Coordinators: Corey Lucero, Fish and Wildlife Biologist—NAFWS
Kalispel Staff

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Training Sessions

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm

Location: Kalispel A&C

Training: Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Familiarization, Requirements and Use

Instructor: Matt Quinn, Great Lakes Drone Company

Moderator: Robert Romero, NAFWS CLEO Coordinator

Concurrent Sessions I

Topic <i>Moderator</i> Location	Invasive Species and Wildlife Disease <i>Sean Cross, NAFWS Fish & Wildlife Biologist</i> Pavilion I	Threatened and Endangered Species <i>Corey Lucero, NAFWS Fish & Wildlife Biologist</i> Pavilion II	Wildlife Management <i>Mitzi Reed, Choctaw Wildlife and Parks Director/Biologist</i> Pavilion III
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Online Boater Led Check-In/Check-Out Alternative to In-Person Inspections: A COVID-19 Response Pilot <i>Edgar Rudberg, PhD – CD3</i>	Endangered Species Research and Management on Cherokee Lands <i>Caleb Hickman, PhD – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians</i>	Remediation of the Tar Creek Superfund Site: Shifts in Bird Communities over Time <i>Summer King – Quapaw Nation</i>
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Northern Pike Suppression in the Upper Columbia River <i>Holly McLellan, Principal Biologist – Colville Tribe</i>	Black-footed Ferret Recovery on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation <i>Tim Vosburgh, Wildlife Biologist</i>	Pronghorn Reintroduction and Management in Southeast Washington: Effects of Pronghorn Landscape Use on Population Dynamics <i>Timothy Peterson, Range Biologist – Yakama Nation</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Control and Eradication of Invasive Feral Swine <i>Kyle Foster, Environmental Specialist/Aquatic Facility Manager – Peoria Tribe</i>	Southern Selkirk Mountain Caribou Recovery Efforts: From Hope to Heartbreak (and back again). <i>Ray Entz, Kalispel Tribe Natural Resources</i>	Using Occupancy Modeling to Estimate American Marten Distribution in Michigan's Lower Peninsula <i>Maria Weston, Student – Grand Valley State University</i>
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Invasive Species, HAB and PSP Monitoring <i>Willow Hetrick, Executive Director – Chugach Regional Resources Commission</i>	Chiricahua Leopard Frog on the San Carlos Apache Reservation <i>Blanche Hooke, Biologist – San Carlos Recreation and Wildlife Department</i>	Identifying Migration Routes, Stop-Over Sties, Habitat Use, and Potential Barriers to Elk Movement on the Blackfeet Nation Indian Reservation and the Surrounding Landscape. <i>Gerald "Buzz" Cobell, Director - Blackfeet Fish & Wildlife Department</i>

Break 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Sponsored by The Wildlife Society (TWS)

Concurrent Sessions I (cont.)

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10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Acting Ungulate Section Manager <i>Kyle Garrison, Hoof Rot Lead – Washington Fish and Wildlife</i>	Monitoring grizzly bears in the Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystems using noninvasive genetic methods <i>Megan Wright, TFW Biologist – Kalispel Tribe of Indians</i>	Impacts of silvicultural treatments and natural disturbance on American marten habitat use <i>Angela Kujawa, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians – Natural Resources Department</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Current Health Concerns in Wildlife <i>Dr. Tolani Francisco, DVM U.S. Forest Service</i>	Gray Wolf Monitoring and Multi-Agency Management <i>David Price, Wildlife Biologist – Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians</i>	Pronghorn Avoid Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands in Central South Dakota <i>Shaun Grassel, Ph.D. Wildlife Biologist - Lower Brule Sioux Tribe</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	SARS-CoV-2 in Wildlife <i>Thomas DeLiberto, PhD, DVM – USDA APHIS</i>	Restoration of Anadromous Salmonids to McKay Creek, Oregon <i>Jerimiah Bonifer, Fisheries Biologist – Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation</i>	Investigation of Cougar Behavior Modification <i>Bart George, Wildlife Program Manager – Kalispel Tribe</i>

Break for Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions II

Topic <i>Moderator</i> Location	Youth Initiatives <i>Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator</i> Pavilion I	NAFWS 2021 National Initiatives <i>Julie Thorstenson, NAFWS Executive Director</i> Pavilion II	Fisheries, Climate and Wetlands <i>Sean Cross, NAFWS Fish & Wildlife Biologist</i> Pavilion III
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Promoting Youth Leaders in Hoonah, Alaska <i>Ian Johnson – Hoonah Indian Association</i>	Wildlife Corridors/Connectivity Panel – Tribal Projects <i>Aran Johnson, Southern Ute</i>	Kootenai River White Sturgeon Natural Substrate and Fungal Control During Egg Incubation Experiment <i>Brian Michaels – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Youth Expanding Possibilities <i>Dena Winslow, Tribal Planner – Aroostook Band of Micmacs</i>	Wildlife Corridors/Connectivity Panel – Tribal Partners <i>Garrit Voggesser, NWF Jon Holst, TRCP Colorado Field Representative</i>	Spontaneous Autopolyploidy Testing Protocol for Three-Month-Old Kootenai River White Sturgeon <i>Mark Elliston – Kootenai Tribe of Idaho</i>

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exploring Careers in Wildlife Management with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community <i>Leslie Parks, Wildlife Biologist – Swinomish Indian Tribal Community</i>	Tribal Involvement/Engagement in SWAPs Review <i>Asa Samuels, Student – University of Oklahoma</i>	iWISH for Fish <i>Dan McCaw, Fisheries Program Manager – Penobscot Nation</i> <i>Samuel Chischilly – NAFWS Intern</i>
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Break 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Sponsored by TBA

Concurrent Sessions II (cont.)

Topic <i>Moderator</i> Location	Education & Outreach <i>Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator</i> Pavilion I	NAFWS 2021 National Initiatives <i>Julie Thorstenson, NAFWS Executive Director</i> Pavilion II	Fisheries, Climate and Wetlands <i>Sean Cross, NAFWS Fish & Wildlife Biologist</i> Pavilion III
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	The Combined Efforts of Tribes to Conserve Wildlife for Future Generations: Update on the NAFWS-sponsored textbook project. <i>Serra Hoagland, PhD</i> <i>Steve Albert, PhD</i>	30x30: Climate Change Climate Crisis and Freshwater Mussel First Foods <i>Donna Nez and Colleen Sanders – Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation</i> <i>Department of Natural Resources</i>	Salmon Recovery Efforts in the Hoh River Watershed <i>Julie Ann Koehlinger, MMA Interim Director of Natural Resources – Hoh Indian Tribe</i>
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	WORKSHOP: Focus on critters, show the landscape: Using photos for better social media engagement <i>Ryan Comfort, Ph.D. – The Media School, Indiana University</i>	Panel: Hydropower Impacts – Panel <i>Panelists:</i> <i>Joe Maroney, Director of Fishery & Water Resources - Kalispel Tribe of Indians</i> <i>Jeff Kelly, Director Game & Fish – Standing Rock Sioux Tribe</i>	The Status of Tribes and Climate Change Report – Chapters 3 & 4 Review <i>Kelsey Elizabeth Morales, Community Program Coordinator – Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)</i>
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.			Wetland Program Planning <i>Annette Jarosz, Laboratory Technician – Chugach Regional Resources Commission</i>

Adjourn 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Location: Pavilion IV	National Tribal Poster Session and Professional Mixer: <i>Moderator: Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator</i> Awards for poster presentations will be announced at the Banquet <i>1st place - \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place - \$50</i> <i>*Hot Hors D' Oeuvres Will Be Served*</i>
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Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) Training Sessions

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Spokane

Police Academy

*Transportation
available

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Shoot Competition: National and Pacific
Region Competitions

Host: Spokane Police Department

Coordinator: Robert Romero, NAFWS CLEO Coordinator

Address: 2302 N Waterworks Street, Spokane, WA 99212

Lunch Provided

General Session

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Pavilion

Panel: Restoring Buffalo to Public Lands Through Tribal Leadership

Coordinator: Tom McDonald, Fish and Wildlife Division Manager – Salish and
Kootenai Tribes

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9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Varies

Natural Resources Tours: Highlighting Kalispel, Spokane and Coeur D’Alene Tribal
Resources

Locations: Indian Creek Community Forest

1802 Indian Creek Rd, Newport, WA 99156

Spokane Tribal Fish Hatchery

5629 Hatchery Rd, Ford, WA 99013

Coordinator: Kalispel Natural Resources Staff

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

BANQUET

Master of Ceremony: Laurel James, PA Regional Director—NAFWS

Award Announcements:

National Tribal Poster Session Awards

Chief Sealth Award

Biologist of the Year Award

Conservation Officer of the Year Award

National Conservation Officer Shoot Team Awards

Live and silent auction

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