



NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

# 2022 Great Lakes Regional Conference

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration

September 18-23, 2022 | Sponsored by Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Sevenwinds Casino, Lodge & Conference Center | 13767 County Hwy B, Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

### Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:00 am – 8:30 pm Travel Day

### Monday, September 19, 2022

7:30 am – 4:30 pm Conference Registration & Vendors

*Coordinators:* Heidi McCann & Jennie Bills

*Location:* Convention Center Hallway

7:30 am – 9:30 am **Breakfast Buffet**

7:30 am – 2:00 pm Conservation Officers Pre-shoot Meeting & Qualification/Competition Shoot

*Coordinators:* Terry Metoxen, Henry Bearheart & Robert Romero

*Location:* Hayward Rod & Gun Club - 14261 Co Rd B. Hayward, WI, 54843

### Technical Trainings

9:00 am – 4:30 pm Workshop: Introduction to Wildlife Trapping Techniques

*Coordinator:* Roger McGeshick, Eastern District Supervisor, GLIFWC

*Location:* Conference Room A3

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Covid and SARS Training in White-tailed Deer and Other Wildlife Disease  
Collection Techniques

*Coordinator:* Tim Linder, Wildlife Disease Biologist, USDA APHIS

*Location:* LCO Conservation Office Garage - ½ mile south of Sevenwinds Casino at 9790 N  
County Road K., Hayward, WI 54843

Two Sessions

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Raptor Handling and Transportation

*Coordinator:* Dr. Kimberly Ammann, DVM, Winged Freedom Raptor Hospital

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

*Location:* Conference Room A1

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Fish Hatchery Tour

*Coordinator:* Paul Christel, Fish Hatchery Director, LCO Fish Hatchery

*Location:* Lac Courte Oreilles Fish Hatchery - 11749 W. Jasek Road, Couderay, WI 54828

\*Limited Transportation Available – Meet in Parking Lot at 3:30 pm

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

GLNAFWS Scholarship Golf Tournament - \$60 per person

*Coordinator:* Babe Taylor, Sevenwinds Casino

*Location:* Big Fish Golf Course - 14122 W True North Lane, Hayward, WI 54843

7:00 pm – 12:00 am

Directors Reception- Monday Night Football (Vikings vs Eagles), Food & Drinks

*Coordinator:* Don Reiter, Great Lakes Regional Director

*Location:* Conference Center B

\*Open to all attendees

## Tuesday, September 20, 2022

7:00 am – 9:00 am

### **Breakfast Buffet**

7:30 am – 4:00 pm

### Conference Registration & Vendors

*Coordinators:* Heidi McCann & Jennie Bills

*Location:* Convention Center Hallway

9:00 am – 10:15 am

### CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONIES

*Location:* Conference Center B

Master of Ceremonies: Robert (Bob) Jackson, Ret. Fish & Wildlife Biologist, BIA

Parade of Colors: LCO AM Vets

Drum Group: Waadookodaading

Invocation: Dr Michael "Migizi" Sullivan, Faculty Director of Native Studies, Lac

Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University

### WELCOME ADDRESSES:

Lac Courte Oreilles Vice Chairwoman: Lorraine Gouge

BIA Deputy Regional Director, Trust Services, Midwest Region: Patricia Olby

USFWS Assistant Regional Director - External Affairs: Tim Patronski

USDA APHIS Tribal Liaison Director: Terry Clark, DVM

USDA NRCS Acting National Tribal Liaison: Chris Borden

Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Director: Terry Metoxen

Great Lakes NAFWS Regional Director: Don Reiter

Executive Director NAFWS: Julie Thorstenson, PhD

10:15 am – 10:30 am

### Great Lakes NAFWS Break

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

### KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:

*Location:* Conference Center B

*Moderator:* Dave Conner, Red Lake

The Intersections of Indigenous Language and Culture and Healthy Ecosystems  
in the Face of Climate change

**Speaker:** Michael Price Waasegiizhig, TEK Specialist, GLIFWC

Protecting and Conserving our Natural Resources

**Speaker:** Samuel Kohn, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Indian Affairs

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

### 2022 GREAT LAKES NAFWS BUSINESS LUNCHEON

*Location:* Conference Center B

*Moderator:* Terry Metoxen, Great Lakes Regional Director

### AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Memorial Slideshow
- 3.) National NAFWS Update: Julie Thorstenson, Executive Director, NAFWS
- 4.) Financial Report: Dave Conner
- 5.) Scholarship Recipient Announcement: Terry Metoxen & Don Reiter
- 6.) Elections of 1 Regional Director; 2 Regional Alternates
- 7.) Resolutions and Other Business
- 8.) Regional Outstanding Service Awards
- 9.) Motion to Adjourn

\*All attendees welcome, but only NAFWS Individual Member eligible to vote

- 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Great Lakes NAFWS Break
- 2:15 pm – 4:00 pm **FEDERAL UPDATES, FUNDING OPPORTUNITITES & LEGISLATION**  
*Location:* Conference Center B  
*Moderator:* Dave Conner, Red Lake
- Updates & Funding Opportunities - Harold Peterson, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, BIA  
 Funding Opportunities CWD, SARS-CoV-2 - Terry Clark DVM, USDA APHIS  
 USFWS Updates - Ted Koehler, Native American Liaison, USFWS  
 Recovery of America's Wildlife Act - Julie Thorstenson, PhD.
- 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm **SOFTBALL GAME(S):**  
*Coordinator:* Terry Metoxen & Don Reiter, Great Lakes Regional Director  
*Location:* Approximately ½ mile east of Casino on County Road B (Maps at Registration)
- Wisconsin Team  
 Michigan Team **(Please sign up for appropriate team)**  
 Minnesota Team  
 Federal Team
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Traditional Feast  
*Location:* Conference Center B  
*Entertainment:* Woodland Dance Troupe

## WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2022

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast Buffet**

7:30 am – 4:00 pm Conference Registration & Vendors  
*Coordinators:* Heidi McCann & Jennie Bills  
*Location:* Convention Center Hallway

8:00 am – 4:30 pm CLEO Training: Interview and Interrogation  
*Location:* Conference Center B  
*Presenter:* Jeff Baile, Certified Forensic Interviewer, Jeffrey N. Baile & Associates ([jbaile@jbaile.com](mailto:jbaile@jbaile.com))

### Great Lakes NAFWS Concurrent Morning Sessions

#### FISHERIES & AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS

*Moderator:* Ted Koehler  
*Location:* Room A1

#### WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

*Moderator:* Andy Edwards  
*Location:* Room A2

#### WILDLIFE HEALTH

*Moderator:* Sean Cross  
*Location:* Room A3

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Tribal Perspectives on Upper Midwest Lake Sturgeon Fisheries in a Changing Climate

Holly Embke, Research Fish Biologist, USGS  
[hembke@usgs.gov](mailto:hembke@usgs.gov)

NW Angle White-tailed Deer Management, 1999-2019 Hunting, Numbers, Biology and Management

Jay T. Huseby, Ph.D., Wildlife Director, Red Lake DNR  
[jay.huseby@redlakenation.org](mailto:jay.huseby@redlakenation.org)

Working to Protect 1854 Ceded Territory Resources from Invasive Species

Matt Santo, Invasive Species Specialist, 1854 Treaty Authority  
[msanto@1854treatyauthority.org](mailto:msanto@1854treatyauthority.org)



1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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**Great Lakes NAFWS Concurrent Afternoon Sessions**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Moderator: Chad Avery  
Location: Room A1

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Moderator: Allison M. Scott  
Location: Room A3

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

USFWS Tribal Liaisons  
Great Lakes Funding Opportunities

Ted Koehler, Biologist, Wisconsin Native  
American Liaison, USFWS  
[ted\\_koehler@fws.gov](mailto:ted_koehler@fws.gov)

Building Cross-Cultural Partnerships for  
Conservation Round Table Discussion

Allison M. Scott, Natural Resources  
Technician, Division of External Services  
WDNR  
[allison.scott@wisconsin.gov](mailto:allison.scott@wisconsin.gov)

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

An Introduction to the America the  
Beautiful Challenge

Kyle Gray, Manager, Programs &  
Engagement, Throwe Environmental  
[kyle@throwe-environmental.com](mailto:kyle@throwe-environmental.com)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Great Lakes NAFWS Break

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Moderator: Chad Avery  
Location: Room A1

HUNTER & ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION

Moderator: Ashley Carlisle  
Location: Room A3

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

BIA Program Updates & Funding  
Opportunities  
Zachary Jorgenson, GLRI Program Manager,  
Midwest BIA  
[zachary.jorgenson@bia.gov](mailto:zachary.jorgenson@bia.gov)

NAFWS Hunter Education Program  
Sean Cross, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, NAFWS  
[scross@nafws.org](mailto:scross@nafws.org)

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

USDA-NRCS Program: Tribal  
Opportunities and Discussion  
Steve Bertjens, State Biologist, USDA NRCS  
[steve.bertjens@usda.gov](mailto:steve.bertjens@usda.gov)

2022 NAFWS Summer Youth Practicum  
Ashley Carlisle, Education Coordinator,  
NAFWS  
[acarlisle@nafws.org](mailto:acarlisle@nafws.org)

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Coastal Resiliency Fund  
Kyle Gray, Manager, Programs &  
Engagement, Throwe Environmental  
[kyle@throwe-environmental.com](mailto:kyle@throwe-environmental.com)

Tribal Youth Initiative Internship  
Program  
Joshua Jones, Hydrologist & Internship  
Coordinator, Red Lake DNR Water Resources  
Program  
[joshua.jones@redlakenation.org](mailto:joshua.jones@redlakenation.org)

4:30 PM

**Dinner on your own**

## THURSDAY, September 22, 2022

7:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast Buffet**

8:00 am – 10:00 am Conference Registration & Vendors  
*Coordinators:* Heidi McCann & Jennie Bills  
*Location:* Convention Center Hallway

8:00 am – 4:30 pm CLEO Training: Interview and Interrogation  
*Location:* Room A2  
*Presenter:* Jeff Baile, Certified Forensic Interviewer, Jeffrey N. Baile & Associates  
([jbaile@jbaile.com](mailto:jbaile@jbaile.com))

### Great Lakes NAFWS Concurrent Morning Sessions

#### MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Moderator: Ted Koehler  
Location: Room A1

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

Moderator: Julie Thorstenson, PhD  
Location: Room A3

8:30 am – 9:00 am Management of Invasive Species on the Fond du Lac Reservation  
Madison Bear, Phil DeFoe, and Emily Rakos, Invasive Species Specialists, Fond du Lac Tribe of Minnesota  
[madisonbear@fdlrez.com](mailto:madisonbear@fdlrez.com)

9:00 am – 9:30 am Great Lakes Airspace Map Decision Support Tool  
Jennifer White, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Biologist, BIA  
[jend.white@gmail.com](mailto:jend.white@gmail.com)

9:30 am – 10:00 am Collaboration and Partnerships with USFWS Ecological Services in the Great Lakes  
Betsy Galbraith, Deputy Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service MN-WI Ecological Services Field Office  
[betsy\\_galbraith@fws.gov](mailto:betsy_galbraith@fws.gov)

10:00 am – 10:30 am Great Lakes NAFWS Break

10:30 am – 11:00 am Phenotypic Variation in the Molt Characteristics of the Snowshoe Hare (*Lepus americanus*)  
Taylor Peltier, Fisheries Biologist, WiDNR  
[tpeltier@wisc.edu](mailto:tpeltier@wisc.edu)

Great Lakes NAFWS Climate Resiliency Justice40 Workshop  
Rob Croll, Policy Analyst/Climate Change Program Coordinator, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission  
[rcroll@glifwc.org](mailto:rcroll@glifwc.org)

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11:00 am – 11:30 am	<p>Midwest Regional Species of Greatest Conservation Need</p> <p>Claire Beck, Landscape Conservation Technical Coordinator, Midwest Association of Fish &amp; Wildlife Agencies <a href="mailto:claire.beck@dnr.ohio.gov">claire.beck@dnr.ohio.gov</a></p>	<p>Great Lakes NAFWS Climate Resiliency Justice40 Workshop</p> <p>Rob Croll, Policy Analyst/Climate Change Program Coordinator, Great Lakes Indian Fish &amp; Wildlife Commission <a href="mailto:rcroll@glifwc.org">rcroll@glifwc.org</a></p>
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Dispersal of Mycorrhizal Fungi by Wildlife, including Small Mammals and Carnivores</p> <p>Michael Joyce, Wildlife Ecologist, Natural Resource Research Institute <a href="mailto:joyc0073@d.umn.edu">joyc0073@d.umn.edu</a></p>	

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm      Luncheon: International Joint Commission Roundtable Discussion  
 Sponsored by International Joint Commission Great Lakes Regional Office  
 Facilitator is Mathieu Courchene of the Courchene Hunter Group  
 Location: Conference Center B

*Description:* All conference participants are invited for an introduction and roundtable discussion with the IJC on issues regarding Great Lakes water quality. Please bring any questions, comments, or concerns.

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm      Great Lakes NAFWS Break

1:45 pm – 4:30 pm      Pontoon Tour: History of the Chippewa Flowage – Limited spots (42)  
*Coordinator:* Henry Bearheart  
*Location:* The Landing - 8225 N County Road CC, Hayward, WI  
 \*Limited Transportation Available - Meet in parking lot at 1:45 pm

*Description:* A pontoon tour of the Chippewa Flowage, a 15,300-acre impoundment dotted with about 200 undeveloped islands, it is Wisconsin's third-largest lake and boasts a highly irregular, wooded and generally undeveloped 233-mile shoreline.

**6:30 pm – 10:00 pm      2022 GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY – 35TH ANNUAL REGIONAL BANQUET**

*Location:* Convention Center B  
 Master of Ceremonies: Don Reiter, Great Lakes Regional Director

Silent Auction

Regional Awards

- 1.) Patricia Zakovek Conservation Officer of the Year Award
- 2.) Glen T. Miller Tribal Leadership Award (Chairpersons)
- 3.) William Eger Biologist of the Year Award
- 4.) Great Lakes NAFWS Technician of the Year Award

2022 Great Lakes NAFWS Shoot Team Awards

Entertainment: Rob Fairbanks, The Rez Reporter Comedian

Cross Bow Raffle (Please buy tickets at registration desk throughout week)



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