



NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

2022 Pacific Regional Conference

Resilience Through Traditional Environmental Knowledge

August 23- 25, 2022 | *Hosted by* Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria

Bear River Casino and Resort | 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta, CA 95551

Monday, August 22, 2022

Travel Day

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

- 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Conference Registration
Tish-Non Village, Foyer Coordinators: Heidi McCann & Jill Frasier
- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Exhibitors/Vendors**
Tish-Non Village, Foyer *Coordinators:* Laurel James, Director of Programs, NAFWS
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General Session

Tish-Non Village Room A

Morning Moderator: Ted Lamebull, Pacific Region Director, NAFWS

- 8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony
Bear River Youth Culture Group – Flag Song, Quincy Donald
Posting of the Colors – Conservation Law Enforcement Officers
Invocation – Barry Brenard, Cultural Coordinator
NAFWS Welcoming Remarks:
NAFWS Pacific Region Directors – Donna Nez & Ted Lamebull
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Bear River Opening Remarks & Conference Overview
Speaker: Hank Brenard – Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
Moderator: Ted Lamebull
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Fisheries and Wildlife Management Overview
Speaker: Edwin Smith, [former] DNR Director [22 years]
Maggie Wortman-- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Bear River, Elder & Youth Panel
Speakers: Barry Brenard
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break - Sponsored by the Kalispell Tribe**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Updates on Tribal Climate and Conservation Fund by Native Americans in Philanthropy
Speaker: Greg Masten, Vice President Tribal Nations Engagement and Special Projects, Native Americans in Philanthropy
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. NAFWS Update & Summer Youth Practicum & Scholarship program
Speaker: Ashley Carlisle, Education Coordinator NAFWS
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11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Invasive Species and Wildlife Disease Threats & Impacts to Tribal Land: CWD updates for region, Elk Hoof's Disease, HPAI, and SARS-CoV-2
Speaker: Dr. Tolani Francisco, DVM MPH, Native Healing, LLC

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pacific Region Business Lunch - provided by the Pacific Region NAFWS

Meeting Agenda

Moderator: Donna Nez, PA Regional Director

1. Pacific Region Report
2. Financial Update
3. Membership Update
4. Election of Pacific Region Director -- Incumbent, Ted Lamebull
5. Election of Pacific Region Alternate [NAFWS Members, eligible to vote]
6. Location for 2023 Pacific Region Conference: Montana or Idaho Tribe
7. New Business

Afternoon Moderator: Laurel James, NAFWS Director of Programs

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **CLEO Training:** NAFWS Hunter's Education Instructor Course - Certification Course
Location: Tish-Non Village, Room B
Instructor: Sean Cross, Fish & Wildlife Biologist- NAFWS

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office Tribal Engagement
Speaker: Tanya Sommer, Field Supervisor, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Conservation Funding Opportunities through the National Coastal Resilience Fund & America the Beautiful Challenge Program
Joanne Throwe, President, Throwe Environmental, LLC

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Update: US Forest Service, Office of Tribal Relations
Presenter: Doreen Ethelbah-Gatewood

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break - Sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Pacific Region Updates -- Bureau of Indian Affairs
Presenter: Ryan Portalatin, Fish & Wildlife Resource Specialist, BIA

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Update: US Fish & Wildlife Service
Speaker: Nathan Dexter, Native American Liaison

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. West Coast Falconry – Overview & Demonstration
Presenter: Kate Marden

Falconry, as a hunting sport, is not historically known in indigenous communities of the Western Hemisphere. Kate Marden will discuss how this ancient art bridges the spiritual connection between raptors and humans. We will delve into the relationship of mutual respect and how it is translated into habitat sustainability and opening doors to possible career opportunities.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **CLEO Orientation:** Mandatory Safety Briefing – Submit PPC Registration Forms

Location: Tish-Non Village, Room B Coordinator: Ted Lamebull, Pacific Region Director and Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Traditional Feast provided by the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria

Location: Tish-Non Village Master of Ceremony: Ted Lamebull PA Board of Director – NAFWS
Invocation: Barry Brenard
Entertainment: Bear River Culture Group, Table Bluff Group

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration – All Day

Tish-Non Village, Foyer Coordinators: Heidi McCann, Office & Membership Coordinator – NAFWS
Jill Frasier, Financial Advisor – Management Partners

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Training; Illicit Drug Response Awareness -Certification Course
Instructor: Roy Stover, Alabama Fire College

Tish-Non Village, Room B

Morning Presentation Session

Tish-Non Village Room A

Moderator: Sean Cross, NAFWS

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Invasive species & ecological restoration of the Eel River
William Matsubu, Fisheries Biologist, Wiyot Tribe Natural Resources

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Clear Lake Hitch, not a roughfish
Luis Santana, Fisheries Biologist, Robinson Rancheria Environmental Center

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Invasive Northern Pike Suppression in Lake Coeur d'Alene
Jake Brown, Fish & Wildlife Technician, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Fish & Wildlife

9:30 a.m. -- 10:00 a.m. Adaptive Management of the Humboldt Marten: Forest Health
Improvements to Support Conservation
Kent Barnes, Wildlife Biologist, Yurok Tribe

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break Sponsored by the First Nations Development Institute

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. One Strix or Two: The Northern Spotted Owl-Barred Owl Dilemma
Mark Higley, Wildlife Biologist, Hoopa Tribal Forestry-Wildlife

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. European green crabs in Washington: From Zero to Emergency Order in 6
years
Emily Grason, PhD, Marine Ecologist/Crab Team Program Lead, University of Washington
Karuk ecological fire management practices promote elk habitat in
Northern California
Thomas Connor, Postdoctoral Scholar/Karuk Tribal Collaborator
University of California, Berkley/Karuk Tribe

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch On Your Own

Afternoon Presentation Session

Tish-Non Village Room A

Moderator: Sean Cross, NAFWS

- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Clear Lake's Carp and Goldfish Problem
Luis Santana, Fisheries Biologist, Robinson Rancheria Environmental Center
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Pacific Lamprey Conservation Initiative 2022
Josh Boyce, Supervisory Fish Biologist, US Fish & Wildlife Service
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Establishing Relationships to Resolve Ecological Problem: a case study in California Condor
Tiana Williams-Clausen, Wildlife Department Director, Yurok Tribe
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break Sponsored by the Indigenous Peoples Burning Network (IPBN)**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Modoc Nation Co-stewardship Proposal
Ken Sandusky, Resource & Development Director, Modoc Nation
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Using passive acoustic recorders to survey for native and invasive Strix owl species
Holly Horan, Bioacoustics Biologist, Hoopa Tribal Forestry-Wildlife
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bear River Golden Eagle Hacking Project
Jim Bowie, Derek Bowman & Shannon Lamb
Fish & Wildlife Coordinators, Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria
- 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. BANQUET**
Casino Ballroom
Master of Ceremony: Donna Nez, PA Board of Director – NAFWS
Retire the Colors
Invocation: Barry Brenard
National Office Update -- NAFWS Executive Director; Julie Thorstenson, PhD
Award Announcements:
 Scholarship Award
Live and silent auction
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Thursday, August 25, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. – Done **Pacific Region CLEO Competition Shoot**
Coordinator: Ted Lamebull, Pacific Region Director & Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Redwood Gun Club
Young Ln, Arcata, CA 95521
- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Natural Resource Tours**
Location: Meet at Tish-Non Village parking lot at 8:15 a.m. **Tour 1:** Eco-Cultural Restoration Tour: Redwood/Ancstral Territory and Wiyot Table Bluff Coastal Prairie and Wigj (Humboldt Bay)
Coordinators: Derek Bowman and Adam Canter *Transportation available, 15 people/each shuttle
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Tour 2: Lower Powers Creek Restoration Tour: Blue Lake Rancheria

Coordinator: Michelle Fuller, Environmental Coordinator

Coordinators: Jacob Pounds and Michelle Fuller will lead a tour of Lower Powers Creek on Blue Lake Rancheria. Powers Creek is a tributary to the Baduwa't (Mad River), where an undersized bridge acted as a complete fish passage barrier and cut off access to important habitat for salmonids for many years. The Tribe was able to remove the barrier and improve habitat through a collaboration with several community partners and multiple funding sources.

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