



2008 Great Lakes Regional Conference
21st Anniversary Celebration
Native American Fish & Wildlife Society
September 14 - 18, 2008
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Northern Lights Casino
Walker, Minnesota

SUNDAY, September 14, 2008

8:00 am - 8:30 PM	TRAVEL DAY
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MONDAY, September 15, 2008

7:30 am	Conservation Officers Pre-shoot Meeting (Jamie Mitchell)
8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Conference Registration
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	Conservation Officers Qualification/Competition Shoot
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	GLNAFWS Scholarship Golf Tournament – Tianna Country Club, Walker, MN
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Leech Lake Natural Resource Tour (Steve Mortensen)
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Directors Reception (Monday Night Football/Food/Drink)

TUESDAY, September 16, 2008

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	GREAT LAKES NAFWS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
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Master of Ceremonies	Bob Jackson, Regional Biologist, BIA
9:00 am - 10:30 am	<p>Conference, Opening Ceremonies Parade of Colors Drum Group Pipe Ceremony Invocation Welcome Address Leech Lake Tribal Council: Arthur LaRose BIA Regional Director: Terry Virden USFWS Regional Director: Charlie Wooley EPA AIEO: Luke Jones Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA): Dick Gooby, Executive Director Great Lake NAFWS Regional Director: Don Reiter Great Lake NAFWS Regional Director: Bill Bailey National NAFWS President: Joe Jay Pinkham Executive Director NAFWS: Fred Matt</p>
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Climate Change Plenary Session (Dave Conner, Red Lake and Garrit) National Wildlife Federation Speaker Climate Change Researcher Head of Climate Research - EPA</p>
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<p>2008 Great Lakes NAFWS Business Luncheon (Soup and Sandwich Buffet)</p> <p>AGENDA ITEMS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Call to Order 2.) National NAFWS Update: Joe Jay Pinkham, President NAFWS 3.) National Executive Director Report: Fred Matt, Executive Director, NAFWS 4.) Financial Report: Dave Conner 5.) Education Committee/Scholarship Recipients: Bill Bailey/Don Reiter - Review and select scholarship recipients 6.) Elections of 1 Regional Director; 2 Regional Alternates; Education Committee 7.) Resolutions and Other Business 8.) Motion to Adjourn

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm	LEGISLATIVE AND FUNDING ISSUES AND UPDATES (Dave Conner/Larry Wawronowicz) Ira Newbreast, Bureau of Indian Affairs John Leonard, Native American Liaison, USFWS Dawn Charging, USDA Director of Office of Native American Programs Luke Skinner, USEPA Holland and Knight Attorney Farm Bill Update: Harlan Beaulieu, President, Intertribal Agricultural Council
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Softball Game(s) Moondance fields (Maps at Registration) Wisconsin Team Michigan Team (Please sign up for appropriate team) Minnesota Team Federal Team
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE TRADITIONAL FEAST (Onigum Head Start Center - Margaret Jordan/John Ringle)
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Great Lakes NAFWS Conservation Officer Training Night Time C.O. Training Optional

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2008

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	GREAT LAKES NAFWS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	CONSERVATION OFFICER TRAINING FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR: James Stone, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission The instructors will be conducting multiple training courses at various times. The first will be a variety of simunitions courses. This will involve deadly force decision making, use of force, handcuffing, verbal commands and anything else involved with the arrest of a subject. This is the highest level of firearms training an officer can receive without being in an actual gunfight. The second training course will be firearms. The instructors will be conducting malfunction drills, moving and shooting, multiple adversary, shoot and look and deadly force decisions making drills. Optional low light or night shoot training is also available. See Sign-up Sheets at Registration or talk with Instructors. For more information call James Stone at 715-292-3234 or jstone@glifwc.org
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Concurrent Morning Sessions

	Exhibits Open	CLIMATE CHANGE Moderator: Dave Conner, Red Lake DNR Garrit Voggesor, NWF	INCA - “Caring for Mother Earth” Moderator: Joel Rhode, Red Lake DNR	ENVIRONMENTAL: Moderator: Ed Fairbanks, EPA	TRUST ISSUES Moderator:
8:00 am - 8:20 am		“Effects of Climate Change on wildlife and initial recommendations for an agency response” Michael Larsen, MN DNR Researcher, DNR NE Region Headquarters, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. Michael.Larson@state.mn.us	“OPENING PRAYER” Purpose of Conference Scott Hansen, Environmental Programs Director, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, 43408 Oodena Drive, Onamia, MN 56359.	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM “Conducting Phase I Environmental Assessments and Compliance with EPA’s All Appropriate Inquires Regs. 40 CFR 312.”	“Minnesota Trust Issues” Paul Swenson, MN Tribal Liaison, MN DNR, DNR Bemidji Northwoods Office, 6603 Bemidji Avenue North, Bemidji, MN 56601. Paul.Swenson@state.mn.us
8:30 am-8:50 am		“The EPA’s Tribal Science Council Addressing Climate Change as a National Priority” Dave Marcarus, Regional Science Liaison, EPA National Tribal Science Council	“New Farm Bill and its Impacts on Indian Country – USDA Agencies” Beginning and disadvantaged Farmer and Ranch Supporter Carl Martin Ruiz, Director Office of the Assistant Secretary for USDA Civil Rights Outreach and Diversity Sid Jarvis,	This training is for you if your tribe is acquiring land or if your tribe is seeking BIA fee-to-trust acquisition of lands. This training will help you understand how to avoid substantial financial costs that may arise from environmental cleanup of tribal lands.	“Natural Wild Rice in Minnesota – The 2008 Wild Rice Study Report” Ray Norrgard, PR Consultant Natural Resource Dept, PO Box 20, St. Paul, MN 55155. Ray.Norrgard@state.mn.us
9:00am-9:20 am		“Simulating the Effects of Climate Change and Disturbance on Forest Composition in a Northern Minnesota Landscape” Mark White	NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE; RURAL DEVELOPMENT Bill Hunt, MN State Conserv. USDA NRCS, St Paul State Office, 375 Jackson St, Ste 600 St Paul, MN 55101. william.hunt@mn.usda.gov Steve Wenzel	This training is also valuable because BIA’s trust acquisition process 25 CFR 151.10 requires BIA to consider the degree to which tribes provide information with their applications for compliance with Department Policy 602 DM2.	“Historical Aerial Photography As a Management Tool” Annette Drewes
9:30 am-10:00 am			“Growing Your Own – Mother Earth Caretakers” Dr. Don Day, Executive Director, American Indian Resource Center, Bemidji State University Bemidji, MN 56601-2699	The one-day training will familiarize you with the ASTM process and all Appropriate Inquires regulations. See attached ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ANNOUCEMENT FORM	“Wild Rice Monitoring Using A GIS Framework” Rebecca Knowles, PhD. Plant Ecologist/Habitat Biologist Leech Lake Band of Ojibwa, 115 6 th Street NW, Suite E, Cass Lake, MN 56633; rknowles@lldrm.org
10:00 am - 10:30 am		Great Lakes NAFWS Morning Break Session			
10:30 am - 10:50 am		“Tribal Youth Development and Employee	For more information call	“Historical Aerial Photography	

			Programs – USDA Panel” Bill Hunt, MN State Conserv. USDA NRCS, St Paul State Office, 375 Jackson St, Ste 600 St Paul, MN 55101. william.hunt@mn.usda.gov Dick Gooby, Executive Director INCA Dawn Newman	Ed Fairbanks	As a Management Tool” Lee Westfield
11:00 am-11:20 am			“Growing Local Foods and Farm to School Project” Andrea Hanks, White Earth Land Recovery Project,	TRAINING CONTINUED	“ATV”
11:30 am - 12:00 pm			“Heifer International” Paul Smith	TRAINING CONTINUED	“Tribal Input into the Biological Evaluation (BE) of Utility Corridors Across Reservations and Ceded Territory” Shirley Nordum
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Red Lake Walleye Fry at Campground: Herman Lussier, Red Lake				

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2008

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Concurrent Afternoon Sessions				
	Exhibits Open	CLIMATE CHANGE Moderators: Garrit Vogessor, NWF Cody Charwood, Red Lake DNR	INCA - “Caring For Mother Earth” Moderator: Joel Rhode, Red Lake DNR	ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINER/MODERATOR: Ed Fairbanks, Environmental Protection Agency	WILDLIFE DISEASES MODERATOR:
1:30 pm - 1:50 pm			“New Farm Bill and it’s impacts on Indian Country – USDA Agencies: Risk Management Agency” Craig Rice “Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service, Plant, Protection and Quarantine” Kevin Connors	TRAINING CONTINUED	“NAFWS Chronic Wasting Disease Program” Carl Pocan, Great Lakes/Northeast Region NAFWS CWD Biologist, PO Box 910, Keshena, WI. 54135; cpocan@nafws.org
2:00pm - 2:20 pm			“Climate Change and Regime shifts in Lakes and Streams: Consequences for	“Tribal Conservation Districts” Dick Gooby	TRAINING CONTINUED

		Phosphorus dynamics and community structure” Dann Siems, Aquatic Biologist, Beltrami County Soil and Water Conservation District Dann.Siem@mn.nacdnet.net			CoordinatorNAFWS, PO Box 1391, 73B A Street, Eagle Butte, SD 57625; rlebeau@nafws.org
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Great Lakes NAFWS Afternoon Break Session				
3:00 pm - 3:20 pm		“The Tracking Curriculum Monitoring Natural Resources Using the Art and Science of Tracking” Dr. Steven Dahlberg	“White Earth Tribal Conservation District Seven Generations Plan” Dawn Kier	TRAINING CONTINUED	“Chronic Wasting Disease and Bovine Tuberculosis Monitoring Deer Herds” Dr. Sheryl Shaw, USDA APHIS Sheryl.L.Shaw@aphis.usda.gov
3:30 pm - 3:50 pm		“Benchmarking Sustainability Indicators at the College of Menominee Nation” Beau Mitchell, Sustainability Coordinator, College of Menominee Nation, PO Box 1179, Keshena, WI 54135. bmitchell@menominee.edu	“Agricultural Census 2008” Doug Hartwig,	TRAINING CONTINUED (Until 4:00 pm)	“Scaup die off in Lake Winnie – Trematode Parasite” Jeff Lawrence, Natural Resource Prog Supv Sr Wild Research, Minnesota DNR, 102 - 23rd St NE Bemidji, MN 56601. Jeff.Lawrence@state.mn.us
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm			“New Farm Bill and it’s impacts on Indian Country – USDA Agencies: Forest Service; Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Vet Science” Dr. Michael Stine		“Indian and non-indian perspectives on Big Game Hunting in the Great Lakes” Nick Reo, Doctoral Student, Fish and Wildlife Department Michigan State University, 11 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039: eo@anr.msu.edu
4:30 pm - 6:00pm	Great Lakes NAFWS Fun Shoot – North Star Range				
6:30 pm	2008 GREAT LAKES NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY REGIONAL BANQUET SILENT AUCTION REGIONAL GLNAFWS AWARD PRESENTATION’S ENTERTAINMENT: Dueling Pianos Comedy Session GUN RAFFLE: (Please Buy Tickets Throughout Week)				

THURSDAY, September 19, 2008

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CONSERVATION OFFICER TRAINING (Continued If Needed) FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR: James Stone, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission				
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Great Lakes Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Concurrent Morning Sessions				
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8:00 am - 8:20 am			“OPENING PRAYER” Purpose of Conference Dawn Kier, Agriculture and Wetland Manager, White Earth DNR, 41044 South Ice Cracking Rd, Ponsford, MN 56575.		“Tribal Fisheries at Risk – Again VHS prevention efforts by the Grand Portage Band through partnership with the federal government” Seth Moore, PhD Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Grand Portage Band of Chippewa, PO Box 428, Grand Portage, MN 55605. samoore@boreal.org
8:30 am-8:50 am			“YOUTH LOANS” NTDA		WILDLIFE DISEASE WORKSHOP USGS NATIONAL WILDLIFE HEALTH CENTER 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
9:00am-9:20 am			TRIBAL SUCCESS STORIES MILLE LACS Scott Hansen, Environmental Programs Director, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, 43408 Oodena Drive, Onamia, MN 56359.		Bryan Richards, Wildlife Disease Specialist and CWD Project Leader, USGS National Wildlife Health Center, 6006 Shroeder Road, Madison, WI. 53711; brichards@usgs.gov
9:30 am-10:00 am			“Restoring Native Prairies” Stan Ellison, Land and Natural Resources Manager, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, 2330 Sioux Trail NW Prior Lake, MN 55372.		Dr. Anne Ballmann, Veterinary Medical Officer, USGS National Wildlife Health Center, 6006 Shroeder Road, Madison, WI. 53711; aballmann@usgs.gov
10:00 am - 10:30 am		Great Lakes NAFWS Morning Break Session			
10:30 am - 10:50 am			“Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and APHIS Cormorant and Beaver Work Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services” Duane “Pete” Sahr, Leech Lake Steve Mortensen, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management, 115 6 St. NW, Suite E, Cass Lake,		WILDLIFE DISEASE WORKSHOP: Introduction to wildlife diseases Morbidity/mortality investigations Trematodiasis Avian botulism Newcastle disease White-nosed bat syndrome Eagle mortalities

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11:00 am-11:20 am			“Food and Nutrition Service”		WORKSHOP CONTINUED
11:30 am - 12:00 pm			TRIBAL SUCCESS STORIES		WORKSHOP COMPLETED
12:00 PM	GREAT LAKES NAFWS IS COMPLETED HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME				

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