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**Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS)
Northeast Regional Conference
November 9 & 10, 2009
Holiday Inn Portland West
Portland, ME**

AGENDA (as of 10-1-09)

CONFERENCE THEME: "ONE HEALTH, ONE LIFE, ONE EARTH--WE ARE ALL CONNECTED"

Sunday, November 8, 2009

6 pm - Early Registration – Hotel Location to be determined

Monday, November 9, 2009

DAY ONE (Rangeley Room)

- 7:30 a.m.** Registration/Sign-in
- 8:30 a.m.** Welcome
Opening/ Introductions/Overview of the Agenda
Dinalyn Spears, Regional Director
Sue Young, and Jim Snyder, Alt. Directors
Chief Brenda Commander, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
Tribal Elder, Chairman, Chiefs?
- 9:00 a.m.** **Keynote Address**
Speaker: Donald Soctomah, Passamaquoddy Representative to the Maine Legislature as well as the Passamaquoddy THPO
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** **NAFWS National Office Update/State of the Society**
Fred Matt, Executive Director
Joy Jay Pinkham, President, NAFWS BOD
Sally Williams, National Summer Youth Practicum
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Climate Change: Energy Security Act of 2009, Tribal Provisions**
Speaker: Robert Gruenig, National Tribal Environmental Council
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **Fluvial Geomorphology**
Speaker: John Fields, Field Geology Services
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.** **LUNCH**
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** **USFWS - Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) Panel (20 min. each)**

Panel members: Kristen Peet, Penobscot Nation, "Moose and Deer Project"
Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk, "Black Ash Project"
Greg Soder, Narragansett Tribe, "Onion Barn Restoration Project"

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

USFWS Tribal Wildlife Grants - Continued

Panel Members: Bret Stearns, Wampanoag "Aquinnah" Tribe, "Bay Scallop Enhancement"
Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs, "Wildlife Habitat Enhancement"
Quan Tobey, Mashpee Wampanoag, "Popponeset Bay Restoration Project"

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

USFWS National Update - TWG changes/guidance

Speakers: DJ Monette, USFWS NE Tribal Liaison;
Patrick Durham USFWS Tribal Liaison, Washington DC

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Beaver Deceivers

Speakers: Skip Lisle, Beaver Deceivers, Inc.

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

Homeland Security/Border Patrol - Introduction/Meet the Tribes

David Astle, ACBP Houlton Sector, Tribal Liaison

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

NE NAFWS Membership Business Meeting/Dinner

November 10, 2009

DAY TWO (Rangeley Room)

7:30 a.m.

Registration/Sign-in

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Introductions/Overview of Agenda

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Eagle Take Regulations

Speaker: Mark McCollough, USFWS

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

White-nosed Syndrome in Bats in the Northeast

Speaker: Susi vonOettingen, USFWS NE Field Office, Endangered Species Biologist

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Strategic Habitat Conservation & Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, USFWS presenters to be announced

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30am - 11:15 am

National Aquatic Animal Health Plan

Speakers: Gary Egrie, APHIS Veterinary Services

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Plant Pests - ALB, EAB, Moth of Aspen Trees and Wasps

Speakers: Patricia M. Douglass, APHIS; Charlene Donahue, Maine Entomology Office; Colleen Teerling, Maine Entomology Office, USFS Office, Dennis Souto or Mike Bohne

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wildlife Diseases/training - CWD, AI, Rabies in New England, others

Speakers: Ryman LeBeau, Emerson BullChief/Carl Pocan NAFWS, Kirk Shively, APHIS,

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fish Habitat Partnership to Restore Beds of Mussels & Ecological Function to Rivers

Training - Speakers: Catherine Gatenby, USFWS, White Sulphur Springs, NFH

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA)/Introduction/Meet Tribes

Speaker: Brian Patterson, Oneida Nation, USET President, Outreach Coordinator INCA
Establishment of Tribal Conservation Districts

4:15 pm

Closing Remarks

Day 2 - Sebago Room

Concurrent Sessions

10:30 am - 11:30 am

**Larval Identification and Hydrographic Data Telemetry
Training**

Instructor: Bret Stearns, Wampanoag Aquinnah

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Basic Seed Collection Techniques Training

Instructor: Les Benedict, Mohawk