



TWS NPWG Annual Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd from 4-6pm EST Via Zoom link

- Welcome (?)
 - Opening moment of silence for those that have been lost throughout Indian Country due to COVID
 - Introduce Executive Committee Members
- Regular Business
 - Financial report and approval of prior minutes (Molly via Paige)
 - No Expenses this year
- Native Student PD Program Update (Ty)
 - Meeting since start of conference on Monday, successful so far
 - Student introduction- all students were also introduced at plenary
- Elections (Molly)
 - Ty send list of NSPD contact info along to Molly for email blasts
- Tribal Wildlife Management volume that is slated for publication by JHUP in 2022 (Serra)
 - Serra displayed powerpoint
 - 32 contributions up to publisher
 - waiting for review from publisher
 - Serra Hoagland and Steve Albert are co-editors
 - increase rep of native voices in wildlife textbook, pub series; current lack of info out there that is contemporary
 - Weaving contemporary knowledge with historical knowledge
 - Reviewed various sections of volume
 - All proceeds from book transmitted to NAFWS
 - most likely will do book signing next year at Annual Meeting
- USFS Native American Research Assistantship program (Serra/Molly)
 - Open apps by Nov 15th for students to apply
 - 8 project proposals
 - Hope to be able to support as many students as possible, about a 3-month period
 - Funded by The Wildlife Society and the US Forest Service
- Native American Fish and Wildlife Society; NAFWS (Julie)...nafws.org
 - Julie Thorstensten; exec dir for NAFWS
 - since may 2019; lots of growth with funding, budget, positions
 - working with TWS and with the text book

- first internships this past year but were virtual (ashley carlisle is education coordinator); able to launch projects and have some youth practicum, 29 native students interacting
- Spokane 2021 conference, just added poster session this year
- May 9-13th, Miccosukee Tribe in FLorida, virtual alongside personal
- watch website and social media for all information on that.
- travel scholarships available
- reviewing and looking to hire a wildlife connectivity coordinator; several applicants
- expanding membership in Alaska
- Incorporating TEK and indigenizing the North American model, an interest of ours to collaborate with TWS; great article (find from Serra)
 - Jon Gilbert interested
 - Have NPWG collab with NAFWS to discuss this
- Questions?
 - Membership?
 - Support tribal membership- 227
 - Member tribe- tribe can pay a fee
 - individual- \$50.00
 - All info on website www.nafws.org
 - Non federally recognized tribes? First priority is federally recognized tribes, but never known to turn anyway
 - REgionally scholarship available, sometimes we do not give them out-- if scholarships are not given to federally recognized cannot go to non federally recognized
- 2022 Conference: November
 - Gordon Batcheller (Gordon.TWS@gmail.com)-new President/Chair?
 - Would like to shine a bright light on indigenous work/ main focus
 - Monday-meeting with headquarter staff and they will want to know what the plan is.
 - Would like to highlight publication mentioned above and have a signing
 - would like to address TEK, TEK publications, and how to amplify that voice
 - Secretary Deb Haaland- Keynote speaker?
 - Jon Gilbert-
 - planning annual conference in a certain location- reach out to local tribes to see how we can best respect thailand and appropriate recognition
 - Part of that is approaching them in the correct manner and appropriate for their way of doing things/that tribe/that part of the country- Serra has done in past appx. 2 or 3 years ago

- Serra- Grodon are you able to meet Spokane and make those visits? answer: yes, he would be happy to do that; very open to that
 - Anyone know the Secretary of the Interior?
 - would be outstanding (from membership)
 - Plenary- Help us to shape an appropriate package of plenary speakers and recognitions/ ceremonies that people would really feel good about.
 - Bison restoration work
 - per Julie (invite Intertribal Buffalo Council)
 - **DEADLINE to report to Gordon:** will be able to answer that once he meets on Monday?
 - 2006 TWS held meeting in Alaska
 - reached out to elders, and tribal members, and traditional native dancers
 - Chris (Williams) has connection with Joe Biden or Sarah Rinkevich for Haaland
 - Seafha Ramos- Always value in some of the notes about teaching and appreciating TEK from and indigenous perspective, have been a member since 2006/2007 (alaska meeting, first NSP cohort); One thought on TEK trajectory is a balance with highlighting, celebrating, promoting AND explore specific, explicit time on career trajectories not just on tribes or native focused organizations.... it's currently lacking. How do we change the narrative of TEK skilled indigenous individuals being placed as actual biologists and not just cultural liaisons..... especially in academia. How do we build that space...how can we be scientists and indian at the same time in our job...what space do we need to build that?
 - Potential Theme: Appreciation and understanding of indigenous wildlife management (Gordon Batcheller incoming TWS Chair)
 - Believes it will be in-person in Spokane, Washington
 - Conference Planning Team- commitment? **yes, what would they need in terms of committee? Nate Svaboda, Sarah Rinkevich**
 - Appropriate opening ceremony? Land acknowledgement? Work with Elders?
 - Anyone in our membership from Spokane, Washington?
- Conference Symposia Ideas for 2022 & Team to put it together
 - Workshop on TEK focused on a specific topic.... Ex: Fire ecology
 - **yes to potential TEK and indigenous sovereignty workshop**
 - Workshop-An intro to TEK for Wildlife Biologists
 - One-day workshop/symposium- Highlighting key chapters of the Tribal Wildlife Management volume
 - Plenary- Bison restoration
 - Reintroduction; public lands policy; Tribal, Fed, State, Private entities; iconic species important to North America

- Trisha: Workshop to help agencies work to return the land back to indigenous people
- Julie: Highlight some of the work overall that is being done in Indian country, not just bison
- Gordon/ NAFWS member: Hunting and fishing and sustainable food systems being passed along in families and the loss of that
- Dom (NSPD participants)-- research on land w/out invasive trapping techniques, how we can have open discussion about that topic
 - What is the educational piece and background that we are providing to students (Chris)
 - Working group could produce some sort of small educational lesson or one-time deliverable thing like indigenous peoples day or something else and we could mass send that out to institutions across the nation and invite them to share that information
 - Have a requirement (or at least availability) for indigenous/TEK courses for that degree? etc
 - No mention of TEK throughout any of the wildlife courses
 - Encourage Univ with wildlife management classes included native folks for part of the class
 - Guide or resource for professors on how to incorporate indigenous people and TEK into courses
 - Incorporating TEK training as part of the AWB/CWB certification

Bob Lycka (will become VP of TWS in Nov) will become chair of position statement committee

- 19 standing position statements, do not expire
- 8 position statements that are broad topics that expire every 5th year and must be renewed, rescinded
 - 2022 a selection of broad topics will expire but are broad
 - 6 people on the committee but do not necessarily have all of the knowledge breadth to address these
 - Would like assistance after December to assist with work that needs to be done
 - We as a group would need to come to some kind of agreement about what the input will be by July 2022
 - Hoping that our working group will engage and submit one set of comments to committee
- Questions? none
 - Serra: There are ethical standards on legal topics so we do have to tread lightly on this. Do govt employees have to remove themselves from that? Ever experienced that?
- Upcoming year
 - Publications Committee TWS- Would like 2 people of indigenous descent on committee & assist with policy development and how to incorporate publications on TEK

- Establish guidelines, protocols, etc and how they would review an article based on indigenous knowledge
- T-shirts/ Other Fundraising ideas (anyone)
 - for 2022
- Additional Agenda Items:
 - the Student Wildlands Adventure Program (SWAP); specifically for wildlife society students and those from underrepresented communities; 15-20 students from underserved communities and give them a week of what life would be like if pursued a degree in wildlife management; Serra Hoagland assisted in development; pay for everything; meet folks in state and fed positions; in the money raising phase at the moment; come jan 2022 will be soliciting for nominations. TWS website- student wildlands adventure program; age ranges ---18+, trying to focus on undergrads..... contact Daryl Ratajczak for further info at daryl.ratajczak2015@gmail.com
 - Bob Newman- Ecological society is working on the same issue as our current publications committee (TWS). Work with other professional organizations to get that taken care of. Speak with Evy Merrill
 - George Gehrig- citizen science summit; bio blitz/ city nature challenge happens at the end of May
- Potential Round Robin