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The Hotel at Old Town, Wichita, Kansas

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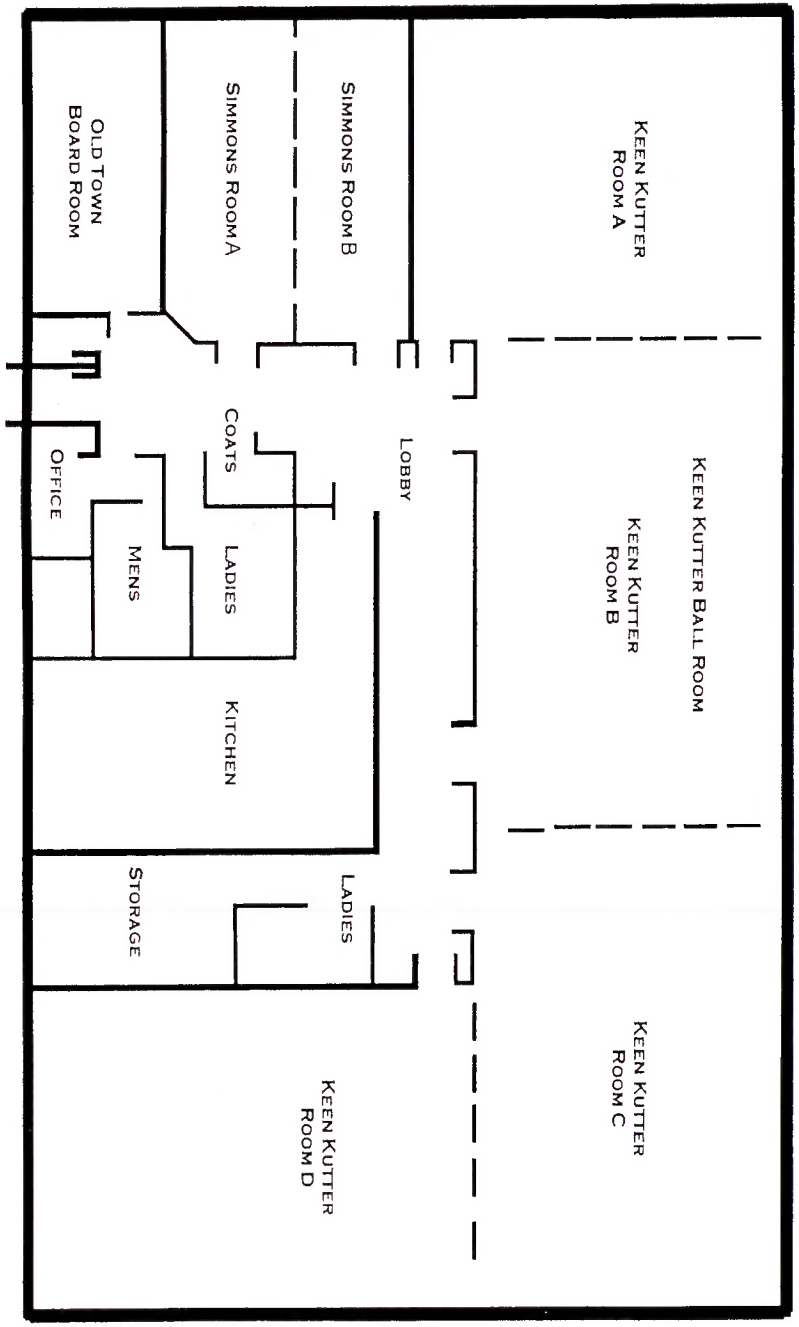

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HOTEL AT OLDTOWN

Welcome!

Welcome to Wichita and the Sunflower State! What a pleasure it has been to serve as President of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and to host this annual meeting. To those states who provide the core for the Midwest Association and to those partners who join us, thank you for your contributions of time, talent and inspiration to the work of the Association. It is truly a group that understands and can speak to the issues facing fish and wildlife resource management and conservation in the Midwest.

One only has to look at the working committees that provide the backbone to our association to realize the breadth of issues that face our agencies as we manage resources and provide opportunities for our publics to enjoy those resources. We address these issues with all the resolve that budgets and staffing levels will afford then reinforce our efforts with the able involvement of our public and private partners, NGOs, and federal, state and local governments.

Each state has a unique set of social, political, economic, and biologic elements but yet we face similar issues that affect our abilities to manage our resources. Invasive species, landscape fragmentation, water quality and quantity, hunter-angler-wildlife viewing participation, wind-solar-oil-gas-ethanol-transmission, Farm Bill, Endangered Species Act, private and public land and water access, and marketing, are just a few of those issues.

Through membership in an active and unified association, such as ours, we can benefit from each state's successes and failures, which ultimately lead to positive resource management outcomes. Because many of our issues are regional and national in scope, our unified efforts are the only efficient and effective means for achieving success. The Midwest Association stands tall as one of those with members who contribute for the good of the whole; for that we can all be very proud of our accomplishments.

We hope this 79th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies proves to be a valuable one for the attendees, and that the acquaintances and friendships acquired will benefit you personally and professionally.

Keith Sexson
President, Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

Acknowledgements

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Keith Sexson

Sheila Kemmis

Joe Kramer

Kevin Jones

Ollie Torgerson

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- American Sportfishing Association
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- ECO Associates
- Izaak Walton League of America
- MICRA
- Mule Deer Foundation
- National Archery in the Schools Program
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- National Audubon Society
- National Shooting Sports Foundation
- National Wildlife Federation
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- Pheasants Forever
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- Ruffed Grouse Society
- Southwick Associates
- The Archery Trade Association
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Wildlife Management Institute
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Wildlife Forever

Sister Organizations

- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)
- Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA)
- Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)
- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA)

Program Agenda

- **Dress Code**: casual attire throughout the conference.
- **Meeting room assignments**: **Keen Kutter Ballroom A & B** for all meetings and **Keen Kutter C & D** for meals (breakfast and lunch). Other events located as indicated on agenda.

Sunday – June 24	
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	**Great Lakes LCC Meeting** — *Keen Kutter D*
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open and Exhibit Set-up** — *Lobby*
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**MAFWA Executive Committee Meeting** — *Boardroom*
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**AMFGLEO Executive Board Meeting** — *Keen Kutter C*
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	**Welcome to Kansas Reception** — *Atrium* *Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and US Sportsmen's Alliance*
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	**Hospitality Room** *Sponsored by AMFGLEO*
Monday – June 25	
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast Buffet** *Sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation; Remarks by Brandon Houck*
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	**Opening Ceremonies (Honor Guard)**
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	**Greetings and Welcome to Kansas** ▪ *Keith Sexson, President of MAFWA* ▪ *Carl Brewer, Mayor of Wichita*
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	**State Hot Topics** *Each director will describe a recent agency challenge and response as a teaching moment.* **Open Discussion on State Reports** *Facilitator: Ollie Torgerson*

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Refreshment Break** *Sponsored by DJ Case & Associates*
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	**Building Conservation Leaders From the Ground Up** *Karl Martin, (NCS-TWS) Wisconsin DNR Wildlife & Forestry Research Section Chief*
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Law Enforcement Leadership Training** *Larry Yamnitz, Missouri Wildlife Protection Chief*
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	**The Asian Carp Crisis** *Marc Smith, Sr. Policy Manager NWF, Michigan*
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	**Constructing the Northeast/Midwest Climate Science Center** *Rachel Muir, Region Science Advisor & Interim Director, Northeast Climate Science Center, USGS*
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	**Awards Luncheon (MAFWA and AMFGLEO)** *Sponsored by National Archery in Schools Program and Archery Trade Association; Remarks by Roy Grimes*
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	**AMFGLEO Business Meeting** — *Simmons A & B*
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	**Panel Discussion on Marketing** ▪ National Perspective – *Bill Creighton, CEO, Council to Advance Hunting & Shooting Sports* ▪ National Perspective, Regional Focus – *Stephanie Hussey, Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation* ▪ State Perspective – *Richard Smalley, KDWPT* ▪ Social Media & Marketing – *Alissa Sheley, Sr. Digital Strategist, Jones Huyett Partners* *Facilitator: Keith Sexson*
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	**Refreshment Break** *Sponsored by The Nature Conservancy*
2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	**National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative** *Don McKenzie, NBCI Director*
3:15 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	**A Fishy Future: An Update on the National Fish Habitat Partnership** *Gary Whalen, Program Manager, Michigan DNR Fisheries Division*

3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	**Fishing for Answers: Developing Landscape Tools for Aquatic Species Management** *Maureen Gallagher, USFWS*
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	**MAFWA Committee Reports** *Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator* ▪ Furbearers – *Joe Kramer* ▪ Law Enforcement – *Kevin Jones* ▪ Private Lands – *Mike Mitchener* ▪ Public Lands – *Brad Simpson* ▪ Climate Change – *Brad Simpson* ▪ Legal – *Chris Tymeson* ▪ Wildlife Action Plan – *Benjy Kinman*
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	**Reception and Dinner** *Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited; Remarks by Becky Humphries*
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	**Hospitality Room** *Sponsored by AMFGLEO*

Tuesday – June 26

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	**Conference Registration Desk Open**
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast** *Sponsored by Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation; Remarks by Stephanie Hussey*
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	**AFWA Update** *Ron Regan, Executive Director*
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	**Partner Update** ▪ *USFWS The Nation – Dan Ashe, USFWS Director* ▪ *USFWS Region 3 – Tom Melius, USFWS Regional Director* ▪ *USFWS Region 6 – Steve Guertin, USFWS Regional Director* ▪ *USFWS – Bill Woody, Law Enforcement Chief* ▪ *NRCS – Eric Banks, Kansas State Conservationist* ▪ *USDA-APHIS/Wildlife Services The Nation – Bill Clay, Administrator* ▪ *US Forest Service Region 9 – Nancy Ross, Director Renewable Resources*

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	**FDC Enterprises: Partnering with Conservation Organizations and Contractors to Manage Public Lands** *Tom Schwartz, Vice President of Marketing, FDC Enterprises*
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**75th Anniversary of Pittman-Robertson (WSFR)** *Ron Regan, AFWA Executive Director*
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	**Refreshment Break** *Sponsored by Pheasants Forever*
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Hunter Education: Saying Goodbye to "We've always done it that way"** *Kurt Kalkomey, Kalkomey Enterprises*
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**Wildlife Lab/Forensics Society Accreditation** *Deedra Hawk, Wildlife Laboratory Director, WY Game & Parks (President, Society of Wildlife Forensic Science)*
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	**MAFWA Committee Reports** *Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator* ▪ CITES – *Carolyn Caldwell* ▪ NCN – *Jim Douglas* ▪ Hunter & Angler Recruitment & Retention *Marc Miller* ▪ Pheasant – *David Dahlgren* ▪ Deer & Wild Turkey – *Lloyd Fox* ▪ Wildlife & Fish Health – *Shane Hesting*
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	**National LCC Update** *Glen Salmon, Acting Regional Director, Science Applications*
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	**Box Lunch Pick Up** *Sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation*
1:45 p.m.	**Buses Depart for Cheney State Park**
1:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**Cheney State Park Activities** ✶ *Wing Shooting* ✶ *Archery* ✶ *Laser Shot* ✶ *Personal Watercraft Simulator* ✶ *Law Enforcement Displays*

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	**Dinner at Ninnescah Sailing Association, Cheney State Park** *Sponsored by National Wildlife Federation and Kalkomey Enterprises; Remarks by Kurt Kalkomey*
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	**Sailing** *Sponsored by Ninnescah Sailing Association*
7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.	**Buses Depart for Return to Hotel**
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	**Hospitality Room** *Sponsored by AMFGLEO*

Wednesday – June 27

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast** *Sponsored by Safari Club International*
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**MAFWA Business Meeting** *Keith Sexson, MAFWA President* ▪ Call to Order and Roll Call ▪ Agenda Review ▪ Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes ▪ Treasurer's Report – *Sharon M. Schafer (MI)* ▪ MAFWA's Investments & Committee Report Portfolio – *Bob Ziehmer (MO) / Shane Hessman* ▪ Audit Committee Report – *Benjy Kinman (KY)* ▪ Resolutions Committee Report – *Ed Boggess (MN)*
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	**Break** *Sponsored by Mule Deer Foundation*
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**MAFWA Business Meeting (continued)** ▪ Awards Committee Report – *Keith Sexson (KS)* ▪ Bylaws Committee Report – *Marc Miller (IL)* ▪ Executive Secretary's Report – *Ollie Torgerson* ▪ MAFWA / Midwest F&W Conference Relationship – *Ollie Torgerson and Keith Sexson* ▪ New Business

	▪ Approval of Affiliate Memberships – *Ollie Torgerson* ▪ Southern Wings Project Approval – *Ollie Torgerson* ▪ New Technical Working Group Proposal – *Chuck Corell (IA)* ▪ Delaney 3-year Contract Proposal – *Ollie Torgerson* ▪ FY13 Budget Approval – *Sharon Schafer (MI)* ▪ Passing of Gavel to Kentucky
12:00 p.m.	**Conference Adjourns**

Featured Events/ Highlights

Guest Tour

Monday, June 25 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

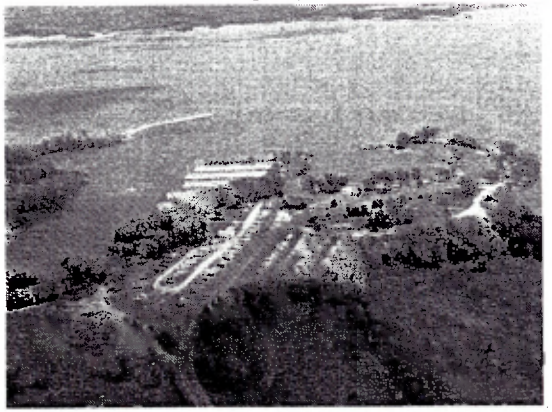
The Guest Tour will be a day filled with adventure, good food and great shopping. The first stop will be the **Botanica Gardens**, with many choices of gardens to walk through. Next, the **Karg Art Glass** - a Midwest treasure featuring some of the most exquisite works of art created by a diverse selection of artists, showcasing a variety of art forms from glass art to metal sculptures and paintings.

Lunch and shopping are on your own in the **Historical Old Town**, nestled in the heart of Wichita Kansas. Among the brick-lined streets and historic lampposts are a collection of converted brick warehouses dating back to the mid- 1800s. The final stop before returning to the hotel will be the **Museum of World Treasures**. This is a must see while visiting Wichita. Rated as one of the best family museums in the nation, you will be glad you went.

Cheney State Park Activities & Dinner

Tuesday, June 28 ~ 1:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Buses will depart the hotel for Cheney State Park promptly at 1:45 p.m. Spend the day with colleagues and enjoy the various activities available including: wing shooting, archery, laser shot, personal watercraft simulator and law enforcement displays. Dinner will be held at the Ninnescah Sailing Association. Sailing from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. is sponsored by the Ninnescha Sailing Association. ***Advance sign-up is required.***



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The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 to increase participation in recreational boating and fishing and thereby increase public awareness and appreciation of the need for protecting, conserving and restoring the nation's aquatic natural resources. RBFF helps people discover, share and protect the legacy of boating and fishing through national outreach programs including the Take Me Fishing™ campaign and Anglers' Legacy™.

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U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is the only national organization with the sole purpose to defend hunting, fishing, trapping and scientific wildlife management. It provides lobbying and grassroots coalition support to protect and advance the rights of sportsmen. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (USSAF) is responsible for public education, legal defense and research.

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The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 7,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers.

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AMFGLEO was chartered February 1944 at Lincoln, Nebraska. There are currently 28 member agencies from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. The AMFGLEO has met every year taking turns in different states and provinces. The meetings have been beneficial to the member agencies. Over the years, the AMFGLEO has become the lead group among wildlife enforcement organizations in the development and maintenance of training for field officers that protects the resource and benefits the citizens of our states, provinces and countries.

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The Nature Conservancy

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The Mule Deer Foundation

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The Mule Deer Foundation is a wildlife conservation organization formed in 1988. MDF now has over 14,000 members and almost 100 chapters nationwide who support its grassroots efforts. MDF's goals center on restoring, improving and protecting mule deer habitat, which result in self-sustaining, healthy, free-ranging, and huntable mule deer populations. MDF supports scientific research and is a co-founder of the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Alliance. MDF also implements conservation education programs such as our Youth Days in California to educate the public on hunting, wildlife management and overall respect and enjoyment of our natural resources.

The Wildlife Society – Kansas Chapter

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The Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society is an avenue for professionals in wildlife management and related natural resources fields to work with their peers, to advance professional natural resource management, and to influence wildlife policy in the state and beyond. joomla.wildlife.org/kansas/

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Originally established by Congress in 1935 as the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has expanded to become a conservation leader for all natural resources, ensuring private lands are conserved, restored, and more resilient to environmental challenges.

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About MAFWA

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to provide a forum for state and provincial fish and wildlife agencies to share ideas and information, pool resources, and initiate action to benefit the management and conservation of fish and wildlife resources in the Midwest.

The Midwest Association is comprised of 16 states and provinces encompassing some of the greatest diversity in lands, waters, and wildlife in North America.

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Upcoming Events

Western Association of Fish & Wildlife
Summer Meeting
July 20 – 25, 2012
Hawaii – The Big Island
Hilton Waikoloa Village
www.wafwa.org

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
***102nd* Annual Meeting**
September 9 – 12, 2012
Hilton Head, South Carolina
Westin Hotel
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DNR

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October 7- 10, 2012
Hot Springs Arkansas
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To be held in Lexington, Kentucky

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