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80th Annual Director's Meeting
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Welcome !

Welcome to the **Bluegrass State**! I hope you take some time before or after our meeting to visit some of our wonderful attractions or simply admire our beautiful state. I am pleased to serve as your President of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and host this important meeting. Kentucky is unique since we are also a member state of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Although sometimes it is difficult to divide our efforts between two Associations, our geographic location dictates that we have important common interests in both.

I am a strong advocate of state roles in our regional Associations and our national organization, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. As past president of SEAFWA and AFWA, and now MAFWA, I understand the importance of a **unified approach** to regional and national issues. We are fortunate to live in a country with a fish and wildlife resource model that allows our collective input. There are many federal agencies and non-governmental organizations that are similarly involved in resource management; however, our states' jurisdictional role remains pivotal for many resource decisions. I have witnessed firsthand how our unified voice has made a difference on Capitol Hill.

Collectively we all have similar **resource issues**. The issues continue to grow; however, invasive species, wildlife diseases, wildlife/human conflicts, habitat loss/fragmentation, energy development, license holder recruitment/retention, hunter/angler access continue to top the list. I have structured portions of our agenda relative to some of these issues. Similarly, our working groups are the back bone of our Association and we need to continue to support them and their valuable exchange of information regarding many of these issues. With shrinking travel budgets, our challenge is to maintain these groups and seek cost-effective communication methods.

This will be our **80th Annual Midwest Meeting**. Since 1934, this Association has made significant impacts both regionally and nationally and I want to continue this legacy. We live in some "trying times" but as Kentucky's motto says: *"United we stand or divided we fall"*. I hope you find our meeting agenda professionally beneficial and **please enjoy your stay!**

Jon Gassett

President, Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

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- 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:** **Grand Kentucky Ballroom B** for all meetings and **Grand Kentucky C** for meals (breakfast and lunch). Other events located as indicated on agenda.

| SUNDAY — JUNE 23 | |
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| 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Great Lakes LCC Meeting — <i>Bluegrass Room</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Conference Registration Desk Open and Exhibit Set-up |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | MAFWA Executive Committee Meeting — <i>Arabian Boardroom</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Welcome to Kentucky Reception — <i>Bigg Blue Martini</i> <i>Sponsored by U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance</i> |
| 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. | Hospitality Room — <i>Suite 417/421</i> <i>Sponsored by AMFGLEO</i> |
| MONDAY — JUNE 24 | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Registration Desk Open |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast Buffet — <i>Grand Kentucky C</i> <i>Sponsored by Archery Trade Association</i> <i>Remarks by Mitch King</i> |
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. | Greetings and Welcome to Kentucky — <i>Grand Kentucky B</i> <i>Jon Gasset, President of MAFWA</i> |
| 8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | State Hot Topics <i>Each director will describe a recent agency challenge and response as a teaching moment.</i> Open Discussion on State Reports <i>Facilitator: Ollie Torgerson</i> |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by DJ Case and Associates</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Law Enforcement: Regional Issues & National Leadership Academy <i>Bill Woody, USFWS Law Enforcement Chief</i> <i>Randy Stark, Wisconsin Law Enforcement Chief</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. | Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program/Industry-State Relations |

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| | <i>John E. Frampton, AFWA, State/Industry Liaison</i> |
| 11:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Awards Luncheon — <i>Grand Kentucky C</i> <i>Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited</i> <i>Remarks by Becky Humphries</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration: Dealing with the Influx of Additional PR Funds <i>Hannibal Bolton, USFWS</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | MAFWA Legal Committee Meeting — <i>Bluegrass Room I</i> |
| 1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Federal Budget Review: How Do We Improve the Process? <i>Bob Ziehrmer, Missouri Director</i> |
| 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by The Nature Conservancy</i> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | State of the USFWS: Landscape Conservation Cooperative's, Surrogate Species & Sequestration <i>Dan Ashe, USFWS Director</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | MAFWA Committee Reports <i>Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Furbearers ▪ Law Enforcement ▪ Private Lands ▪ Public Lands ▪ NCN ▪ Wildlife Action Plan ▪ Hunter & Angler Recruitment & Retention |
| 5:00 p.m. | Depart for Sportsmen's Club <i>(bus transportation provided)</i> |
| 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Reception & Cookout <i>Sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Blue Grass Sportsmen's League</i> |
| 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. | Hospitality Room — <i>Suite 417/421</i> <i>Sponsored by The Mule Deer Foundation</i> |
| TUESDAY — JUNE 25 | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Conference Registration Desk Open |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast <i>Sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation</i> <i>Remarks by Joel Pederson</i> |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Feral Hogs & Asian Carp: Invading Forces and Our Attempts to Quell Them <i>Charlie Brown, APHIS-WS</i> <i>Greg Conover, USFWS</i> <i>Marc Gaden, Great Lakes Fishery Commission</i> |

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| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | MAFWA Legal Committee Meeting — Bluegrass Room I |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Successful Methods for Recruiting and Retaining Hunters, Shooters, Anglers and Boaters <i>John E. Frampton, AFWA, State/Industry Liaison</i> <i>Stephanie Hussey, Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by Brandt Information Services</i> |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | The Farm Bill <i>Jim Inglis, Pheasants Forever</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Using Social Media Effectively to Communicate with our Customers <i>Chris Dolnack, National Shooting Sports Foundation</i> |
| 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Wildlife Disease Issues: Ongoing and Emerging Threats to Wildlife <i>John Fischer, SCWDS</i> |
| 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch <i>Sponsored by Kalkomey Enterprises</i> <i>Remarks by Tammy Sapp</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Sue U: A Legal Strategy Proposed by AFWA <i>Carol Bamberg, AFWA</i> <i>Margaret Everson, KDFWR</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Innovative Approaches to Restoration: Mussel Propagation in Kentucky <i>Monte McGregor, KDFWR</i> |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | NRA's Range Program <i>Brian Hyder, NRA</i> |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Refreshment Break <i>Sponsored by National Archery in the Schools</i> <i>Plaque presentations by Roy Grimes</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | MAFWA Committee Reports <i>Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CITES ▪ Legal ▪ Climate Change ▪ Pheasant ▪ Deer & Wild Turkey ▪ Wildlife & Fish Health |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | AFWA Report <i>Jeff Vonk, President</i> <i>Ron Regan, Executive Director</i> |

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| 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Bourbon Tasting Reception — <i>Kincaid Room (first floor)</i> <i>Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops</i> |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Dinner <i>On your own</i> |
| 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. | Hospitality Room — <i>Suite 417/421</i> <i>Sponsored by Pheasants Forever</i> |
| WEDNESDAY — JUNE 26 | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation</i> <i>Remarks by Stephanie Hussey</i> |
| 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | MAFWA Business Meeting <i>Jon Gassett, MAFWA President</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call to Order and Roll Call ▪ Agenda Review ▪ Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes ▪ Treasurer's Report – <i>Sharon M. Schafer (MI)</i> ▪ MAFWA's Investments Committee Report & Portfolio <i>Bob Ziehmer (MO) / Shane Hessman</i> ▪ Audit Committee Report – <i>Keith Creagh (MI)</i> ▪ Resolutions Committee Report – <i>Ed Boggess (MN)</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break <i>Sponsored by National Wildlife Federation</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | MAFWA Business Meeting (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Awards Committee Report <i>Keith Sexson (KS)</i> ▪ Bylaws Committee Report <i>Marc Miller (IL)</i> ▪ Executive Secretary's Report <i>Ollie Torgerson</i> ▪ MAFWA / Midwest F&W Conference Relationship <i>Ollie Torgerson and Keith Sexson</i> ▪ New Business ▪ Approval of Affiliate Memberships <i>Ollie Torgerson</i> ▪ New Technical Working Group Proposal <i>Chuck Corell (IA)</i> ▪ National Pheasant Plan Coordinator Funding <i>Ollie Torgerson</i> ▪ FY14 Budget Approval <i>Sharon Schafer (MI)</i> ▪ Passing of Gavel to Michigan |

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| 12:00 p.m. | Conference Adjourns |
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Featured Events

Sportsmen's Club Dinner and Activities

Monday, June 24th / 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

⇒ Board buses at 5:00 PM for departure



An evening social event will be held at Bluegrass Sportsmen's League complex in Wilmore, approximately 20 miles from Lexington. This non-profit organization was formed in 1945 and is largest sporting league in Kentucky. On this 1400 acre complex, you will enjoy a fresh fish fry and a variety of shooting sport activities.

Established in 1945 to promote the honor, dignity, and ethics of good sportsmanship among its members, the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League (BGSL) is Kentucky's largest sporting league. The BGSL is a non-profit organization dedicated to conservation and the environment, hunter education, wildlife and habitat restoration, and youth education in sportsmanship.

Our 2,500 members enjoy the finest shooting sports facilities in Kentucky along with the camaraderie of our enthusiastic sportsmen. We have the opportunity to view over 300 wildlife species, enjoy lake and river fishing, and carefully managed hunting for Deer, Turkey, Quail, Dove, Pheasant, Squirrel, Duck, and Goose.

BOURBON TASTING RECEPTION

Tuesday, June 25th / 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM / Kincaid Room

Evening entertainment will be Harlan Wheatley, a master distiller from Buffalo Trace Distillery. He will provide a history of bourbon and explain the taste profile of fine bourbons. Tasting of many forms of bourbon will follow!



Did you know? ...The world record smallmouth bass (11 lb 15 oz) was caught in Kentucky.

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Serving its members since 1953, the Archery Trade Association is the organization for manufacturers, retailers, distributors, sales representatives and others working in the archery and bowhunting industry. The ATA is dedicated to making the industry profitable by decreasing business overhead, reducing taxes and government regulation and increasing participation in archery and bowhunting. The organization also owns and operates the ATA Trade Show, the industry's largest and longest-running trade show worldwide.

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The National Archery in the Schools Program promotes international-style target archery as part of the in-school curriculum, to improve educational performance and participation in the shooting sports among students in grades 4-12.

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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 8,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers.

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The National Wild Turkey Federation is a 501 (c) (3) non-governmental organization dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of our hunting heritage. The NWTF is a grassroots, volunteer organization governed by a volunteer member board of directors. Its volunteers are organized in a state and local chapter system.

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The Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers (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 Mule Deer Foundation

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The Mule Deer Foundation is a national non-profit 501(c)3 organization, with over 15,000 members. MDF's mission is to ensure the conservation of mule deer, black-tailed deer and their habitat. MDF is dedicated to restoring, improving and protecting mule deer habitat (including land and easement acquisitions) resulting in self-sustaining, healthy, free ranging and hunt-able deer populations; encouraging and supporting responsible wildlife management with government agencies, private organizations and landowners; promoting public education and scientific research related to mule deer and wildlife management; supporting and encouraging responsible and ethical behavior and awareness of issues among those whose actions affect mule deer; and acknowledging regulated hunting as a viable component of mule deer and black-tailed deer conservation.



Did you know? ...Kentucky has more bald eagles now than at any time in history

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.

www.mafwa.org

Upcoming Events



Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Summer Meeting

July 19 – 24, 2013
Omaha, Nebraska
Hilton Omaha
www.wafwa.org



Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies 103rd Annual Meeting

September 8 – 11, 2013
Portland, Oregon
Portland Downtown Marriott
www.fishwildlife.org



Southeastern Association for Fish & Wildlife 67th Annual Conference

October 13 - 16, 2013
Oklahoma City, OK
Renaissance Hotel
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79th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference

March 10 – 14, 2014
Denver, Colorado
The Sheraton Hotel
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