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**81<sup>ST</sup> DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
Sunday, June 22 – Wednesday, June 25, 2014  
Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, Michigan

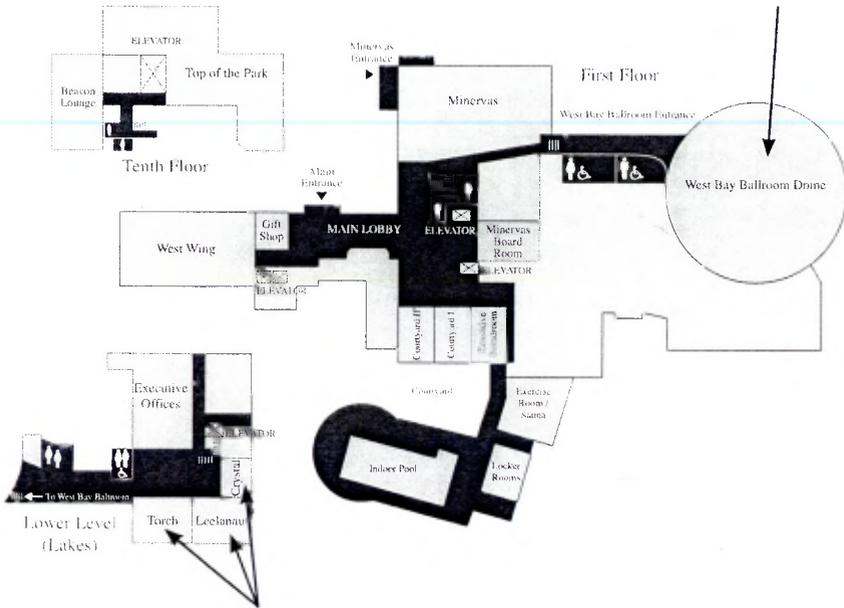
**FINAL PROGRAM**

**Natural Resources' Place in Society:  
Where Conservation Use and Economic Activity Meet**





### Breakfast and Lunch



### General Session/Meeting Rooms



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# Welcome!

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On behalf of Governor Rick Snyder, myself and all the citizens of our great state, welcome to Michigan! We are honored to be hosting the 81st Annual Midwest Directors Meeting of the Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA).

Natural resources are more critical than ever. Even as technology touches every aspect of our lives, people hunger for a connection to nature – whether sitting in a deer blind, casting a line into a world-class trout stream, pitching a tent in a forest clearing or skimming across the waters of the Great Lakes.

Natural resources are a vital economic driver in Michigan. Our vast state-managed public forest system is a significant contributor to a thriving forest products industry. Oil and gas development on public lands has provided the funding to build and care for prized public recreation opportunities. Hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, hiking, ORVs, visiting state parks and outdoors pursuits of every kind are not just integral to our tourist economy – they are a way of life for Michiganders.

As the 13 states and three Canadian provinces that comprise MAFWA, we share common challenges. Invasive species – including the Asian carp – threaten our waters and land and don't discriminate among state borders. Policymakers and citizens continue to ask questions about the best use of lands and waters. Science-based resource management is under scrutiny in Michigan and elsewhere. Threatened and endangered

species present important questions about resource management. We are all exploring how best to recruit and retain hunters and anglers and how to nurture the next generation of conservation leaders. In addition, the best model for funding conservation into the future is an ever-present concern for our agencies.

These are consequential questions for those of us who manage and safeguard natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. I hope our meeting this week will allow ample opportunity, formally and informally, to think together about some of these big issues and work toward solutions.

The Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies is a key forum for our states and our citizens. I look forward to discussing ways we can enhance our partnership for the benefit of the natural resources that define who we are as professionals and as citizens.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you while you are in our fine state. And please enjoy your stay in Pure Michigan!

Regards,



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Creagh".

Keith Creagh, President  
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- Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA)
- Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA)
- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<b>Michigan Dinner Reception: Apache Trout Grill Restaurant</b> <i>Sponsored by U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance</i>
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <i>Sponsored by DJ Case &amp; Associates</i>
<b>TUESDAY — JUNE 24</b>	
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration Desk Open – Michigan DNR License Sales Terminal</b>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Sponsored by Kalkomey</i>
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<b>Coordinating Approaches to Aquatic Invasive Species</b> Tammy Newcomb, Michigan DNR Executive, Kevin Irons, IL DNR
8:45 am – 9:30 am	<b>Wildlife and Fisheries Disease Issues: Ongoing and Emerging Threats</b> John Fischer, SCWDS for Wildlife Gary Whelan, Michigan DNR for Fisheries Diseases
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Guest Activity</b>
9:30 am – 9:45 am	<b>Association of Fish &amp; Wildlife Agencies Report</b> Dan Forster, President/Ron Regan, Executive Director
9:45 am – 10:15 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Sponsored by The Nature Conservancy</i>
10:15 am – 11:15 am	<b>MAFWA Committee Reports</b> Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pheasant</li> <li>• Wildlife &amp; Fish Health</li> <li>• Feral Swine</li> <li>• Furbearers</li> <li>• Law Enforcement</li> <li>• Aquatic Habitat Conservation Committee</li> </ul>

11:15 am – 12:15 pm	<b>Update on Fish and Wildlife Services Actions and Activities</b> Keith Creagh, President Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Messages</li> <li>• Northern Long-Eared Bats</li> <li>• Asian Carp</li> <li>• Invasive Species</li> </ul>
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation</i> *MAFWA ice cream name and flavor announced
1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>Farm Bill/Regional Conservation Partnership Programs</b> Chris Adamo, Senator Debbie Stabenow's Office
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>MAFWA Committee Reports</b> Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CITES</li> <li>• Legal</li> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Private Lands</li> <li>• Public Lands</li> <li>• NCN</li> <li>• Wildlife Action Plan</li> <li>• Hunter &amp; Angler Recruitment and Retention</li> <li>• Deer and Wild Turkey</li> </ul>
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b> Refreshments served on bus <i>Sponsored by National Wildlife Federation</i>
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>Depart for field trip</b>
3:45 pm – 9:30 pm	<b>FIELD TRIP – Old Mission Peninsula Tour/Appetizer Reception with Gourmet Gone Wild at Chateau Grand Traverse</b> <i>Sponsored by Pheasants Forever</i>
8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <i>Sponsored by National Archery in the Schools Program</i>

# Program Agenda

- **Dress Code:** casual attire throughout the conference.
- **Meeting room assignments:** Crystal, Leelanau & Torch for all meetings and West Bay Ballroom Dome for meals (breakfast and lunch). Other events located as indicated on agenda.

SUNDAY – JUNE 22	
7:30 am – 5:15 pm	<b>Optional Tour - Fort Mackinac and Mackinac Island Tour</b> <i>Sponsored by MIDNR / Mackinac Island State Parks</i>
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration Desk Open, Michigan DNR License Sales Terminal</b>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>MAFWA Executive Committee Meeting – Courtyard I</b>
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<b>Welcome to Michigan Reception - Top of the Park, Park Place Hotel</b> <i>Sponsored by Archery Trade Association</i> <i>Sponsored by Michigan Trout Unlimited</i>
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	<b>Hospitality Room</b> <i>Sponsored by the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers</i>
MONDAY – JUNE 23	
7:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration Desk Open – Michigan DNR License Sales Terminal</b>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Sponsored by: Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation</i>
8:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Greetings and Welcome to Michigan</b> Keith Creagh, President of MAFWA Governor Snyder Video Dennis Muchmore, Chief of Staff, Governor Snyder's Office

8:30 am – 10:30 am	<b>State Hot topics (13 States, 3 Provinces)</b> Each director will describe a recent agency challenge and response as a teaching moment <b>Open Discussion on State Reports</b> Facilitator: Ollie Torgerson
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Sponsored by: Brandt Information Services</i>
10:45 am – 11:15 am	<b>Great Lakes Wolves</b> Evaluating plans to harvest wolves with basic principles of wildlife management (Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin Perspective) - Dean Beyer, Michigan DNR Wildlife Division
11:15 am – 11:45 am	<b>State and Tribal Affairs – Facilitating Relationships</b> Dennis Knapp, Michigan DNR
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Director Group Photo</b>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Awards Luncheon – Keith Creagh</b> <b>Awards Committee – Chair Keith Sexson</b> <i>Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited</i> <i>Sponsored by Canadian NAWMP Partners</i>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Managing Grouse and their Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North American Grouse Partnership - Jon Haufler, ERM</li> <li>• Public Acceptance of Active Management Practices – John Eichinger, Executive Director, RGS</li> <li>• <i>Early Successional Habitat Management on our National Forests</i> – Phil Huber, Wildlife Biologist, US Forest Service, Region 9</li> <li>• The GEMS of Upper Peninsula - Terry Minzey, Michigan DNR Wildlife</li> </ul>
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Update on the Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports</b> John Frampton, President/CEO
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b> Refreshments served on bus <i>Sponsored by Brandt Information Services</i>
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Depart for Afternoon Field Trip(s)</b> <i>Field trips sponsored by Meijer</i>

<b>WEDNESDAY — JUNE 25</b>	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation</i>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Shuttle service to TC Airport</b> Sign up with flight times at Registration Desk
8:00 am – 8:45 am	<b>Improving Engagement Models with NGO's (Panel Discussion)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erin McDonough, MUCC</li> <li>• Helen Taylor- The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>• Glen Chown, Executive Director of the TC Regional Land Conservancy</li> <li>• Julie Clark, Executive Director TART Trails</li> </ul>
8:45 am – 10:00 am	<b>MAFWA Business Meeting</b> Keith Creagh, MAFWA President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to order and Roll Call</li> <li>• Agenda Review</li> <li>• Approval of 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Treasurer's Report – Sharon Schafer (MI)</li> <li>• MAFWA Investments Committee Report &amp; portfolio - Bob Ziehmer (MO)/Shane Hessman</li> <li>• Audit Committee Report – Ed Boggess (MN)</li> </ul>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Guest Activity</b>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops</i>

10:15 am – 12:00 pm	<b>MAFWA Business Meeting (continued)</b> Keith Creagh, MAFWA President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolutions Committee Report – Ed Boggess (MN)</li> <li>• Awards Committee Report – Keith Sexson (KS)</li> <li>• Bylaws Committee Report – Marc Miller (IL)</li> <li>• Executive Secretary's Report – Ollie Torgerson</li> </ul> Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAFWA/Midwest F &amp; W Conference Relationship – Ollie Torgerson</li> </ul> New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Affiliate Memberships – Ollie Torgerson</li> <li>• National Pheasant Plan Coordinator</li> <li>• FY15 Budget Approval – Sharon Schafer (MI)</li> <li>• Passing of Gavel to next State</li> </ul>
12:00 pm	<b>Conference Adjourns</b>
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Great Lakes LCC Meeting (through Thursday noon)</b>
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>Optional Post Meeting Field Trip - Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes</b>

# Field Trips

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\*Pre-registration required for optional field trips. Space is limited.

## Monday, June 22 / 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

### CATCH & COOK FISHING EXPERIENCE

*How about spending an afternoon on beautiful Grand Traverse Bay casting a line for a reel great adventure? The best part is that any fish you catch will be taken with you to the famed Apache Trout Grille restaurant and prepared for your supper! The Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association (GTASFA) will be hosting this trip and proceeds for this trip will be used for kid fishing programs in the Grand Traverse area.*

### KIRTLAND WARBLER TOUR

*One of America's rare avian species, the Kirtland Warbler nests not far from Traverse City. The Michigan DNR Wildlife Division will take guests on a guided tour and travel through Kirtland warbler habitat in Michigan's north woods.*

### BOARDMAN DAM & WEIR TOUR

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### STREAM TROUT FISHING

*The Platte River is a nearby popular fishing site and Michigan DNR Fisheries staff will guide this afternoon angling experience. Waders and other equipment will be provided if necessary.*

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## Tuesday, June 23 / 3:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### OLD MISSION PENINSULA TOUR & APPETIZER RECEPTION AT CHATEAU GRAND TRAVERSE

*Begin with a scenic guided tour along the coastline of the magnificent Mission Peninsula passing orchards and vineyards along the way. At the northern tip, we will stop at the scenic and historic Mission Point Lighthouse. Here you can climb the tower for breathtaking views and explore a museum. The next stop will be the Chateau Grand Traverse on the peninsula where you will experience a unique appetizer reception and demonstration from Gourmet Gone Wild's very own Chef Dan. Your winery hosts will welcome everyone and tell about chateau from its humble beginnings to becoming the largest winery in Michigan over the last 30 years.*

## Tuesday, June 23 / 8:30 pm – 12:00 Midnight

### EVENING TROUT FISHING

*Gary Whelan, MI DNR Fisheries, Bryan Burroughs, Executive Director of Trout Unlimited and staff will take guests on an evening trout fishing trip. Experience the Hexagenia (mayfly) hatch. The fishing trip will take place by taking a short drive to the Upper Manistee River near Gaylord. All equipment and head lamps will be provided by Trout Unlimited. Michigan's most famous fly hatch is the Hexagenia hatch that occurs nightly on our best trout waters in late June and is a chance to catch a big brown trout in the twilight. There is nothing more exciting than hooking and fighting a big trout in the dark.*

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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 10,000 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 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 17-23, 2014  
Westin Riverwalk  
San Antonio, Texas  
[www.wafwa.org](http://www.wafwa.org)



Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies  
104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
September 21-25, 2014  
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch  
St. Louis, Missouri  
[www.afwaannualmeeting.org](http://www.afwaannualmeeting.org)



Southeastern Association for Fish & Wildlife  
68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
October 19-22, 2014  
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa  
Destin, Florida  
[www.seafwa.org](http://www.seafwa.org)



79<sup>th</sup> North American  
Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference  
March 8-13, 2015  
Hilton Omaha  
Omaha, Nebraska  
[www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org](http://www.wildlifemanagementinstitute.org)

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