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## Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

76<sup>th</sup> Annual Director's Meeting  
June 28 - July 1, 2009  
Hotel Pere Marquette  
Peoria, Illinois

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**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.

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## Welcome

Recently, when I was thinking about this conference, I suddenly found myself somewhat downhearted contemplating all the problems we conservationists face today.....an alarming growth of "nature-deficit disorder" in our children, global warming, invasive species, declining number of hunting and fishing license buyers, water quality and sedimentation issues, and a tanked economy to boot. The writer John Madson (who hailed from Godfrey, Illinois) once noted, "The Dragons Are Bigger Today." As I continued to mull over all the huge issues facing us, I wondered how fish and wildlifere will ever be able to scale the rugged peaks which lie ahead. Then I turned for encouragement (as I often have over the course of my career) to the words of my past friend and author, John Madson ... "There are times when professionalism will sustain a person when about everything else seems to have failed." It's a hedge against discouragement and failure, and the true professional is likely to still be churning along when the ribbon clerks and bush-leaguers have fallen by the wayside. Why? Because it's their style. It's what they are trained to do, and dedicated to doing, and take pride in. Professional wildlifere are literally and figuratively defending ground against overwhelming forces. You are buying time for the principles of ecological diversity and quality and hoping for reinforcements that may never come. You are professionals and you may not have a helluva lot, but you've got each other, and your work, and some awful good people out there who are depending on you to help give them a world worth living in....and that's enough"

I salute all of you. You are indeed true professionals. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.

So, in spite of the Dragons at our door, be of good cheer. Full steam ahead! Have a great conference.

All the best,



Mike Conlin  
President, Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

## Program Agenda

### Sunday - June 28, 2009

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|------------------------|---|
| 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  | Registration / Exhibitor Set Up   |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  | MAFWA Executive Committee Meeting<br>(Blackhawk Room)   |
| 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | <b>Welcome to Illinois Reception</b> (LaSalle)<br><i>Sponsored by the Illinois Conservation Foundation</i>              |
| 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. | <b>Hospitality Suite #1205</b><br><i>Sponsored by the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers</i> |

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### Monday - June 29, 2009

(Events will be held in **Cheminee Ballroom** unless otherwise noted)

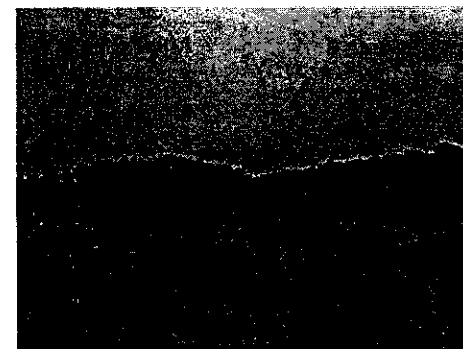
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| 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration (Cheminee Foyer)  |
| 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.      | Buffet Breakfast (Carnegie's Restaurant)   |
| 8:00 – 8:10 a.m.      | Orientation — Mike Conlin, Illinois DNR  |
| 8:10 – 8:20 a.m.      | Greetings — Marc Miller, Illinois DNR  |
| 8:20 – 8:40 a.m.      | Welcome to Illinois<br>Governor Pat Quinn (invited)                                |
| 8:40 – 10:00 a.m.     | State-of-the-States<br>Facilitated by Dan Zekor, Missouri DOC                      |
| 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.    | <b>Refreshment Break</b> (LaSalle)<br><i>Sponsored by The Mule Deer Foundation</i> |

*Monday Program Agenda-at-Glance continued*

- 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Navigating the Budget Crisis  
Discussion Facilitated by Dan Zekor
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Awards Luncheon** (LaSalle)  
**Sponsored by Archery Trade Association**
- 1:00 – 1:25 p.m. Energy Development Impacts on Wildlife  
Rob Manes, The Nature Conservancy
- 1:25 – 1:50 p.m. Video Marketing  
Chris Moise, CEO, My Outdoor TV
- 1:50 – 2:20 p.m. Youth Careers in Nature  
Jay Slack, U.S.F.W.S.
- 2:20 – 2:40 p.m. **Refreshment Break** (LaSalle)  
**Sponsored by DJ Case & Associates**
- 2:40 – 3:20 p.m. Partner Updates
  - Lee Nightingale, Deputy Regional Forester, Region 9, U.S. Forest Service
  - Max Ethridge, Regional Executive, North Central States, U.S. Geological Survey
  - Charles Brown, Eastern Regional Director, USDA/APHIS/WS
- 3:20 – 3:45 p.m. AFWA Update
  - Rex Amack, Director, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission; AFWA President
  - Matt Hogan, Executive Director, Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
- 3:45 – 4:50 p.m. Partner Update: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Region 3 – Tom Melius, Regional Director  
Region 3 – Jim Hodgson, Federal Aid Chief  
Region 6 – Steve Guertin, Regional Director

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Off-site Event: Spirit of Peoria Riverboat**  
featuring Dinner and Asian Carp Viewing  
(walking directions available at Registration)  
**Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops**



9:00 – 11:00 p.m.

**Hospitality Suite #1205**  
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**Tuesday – June 30, 2009**

(Events will be held in Cheminee unless otherwise noted)

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration (Cheminee Foyer)
- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Buffet Breakfast (Carnegie's Restaurant)
- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Strategic Issues Discussion: Follow-up from State Reports  
Dan Zekor, Ollie Torgerson
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. National Fish & Wildlife Health Issues:  
Director's Toolkit  
Dave Schad, Minnesota DNR
- 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Public Trust Doctrine and Wildlife  
Carol Bambery, AFWA

*Tuesday Program Agenda-at-Glance continued*

9:45 – 10:05 a.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b> <b><i>Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited</i></b>
10:05 – 10:40 a.m.	Aquatic Nuisance Species: Managing the Resource and the User Phil Moy, Wisconsin Sea Grant
10:40 – Noon	Climate Change: Who is doing what? Dave Schad, MN Director, Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change Curriculum <i>Jay Slack, U.S.F.W.S.</i></li> <li>U.S.F.W.S. Rising to the Challenge <i>Tom Melius, Region 3</i></li> <li>AFWA – Actions Currently Underway <i>Gary Taylor, AFWA</i></li> <li>USGS Climate Change Center <i>Sue Haseltine, Associate Director, Biology</i></li> </ul>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch (LaSalle)</b> <b><i>Sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation</i></b>
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Coordinating Bird Monitoring in the Midwest: Building Essential Tools, Products and Partnerships Katie Koch, USFWS ; Andy Paulios, Wisconsin DNR
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Community Archery Strategy Mitch King, ATA
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	National Archery in the Schools Program Tom Bennett, NASP
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	<b>Featured Sponsor:</b> <b><i>Safari Club International</i></b>
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Featured Sponsor:</b> <b><i>National Shooting Sports Foundation</i></b>

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break ( <i>LaSalle</i> )												
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	MAFWA Committee Reports Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator <table> <tr> <td>Private Lands</td><td>Furbearers</td></tr> <tr> <td>Public Lands</td><td>Legal</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wildlife Action Plan</td><td>CITES</td></tr> <tr> <td>Law Enforcement</td><td>NCN</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deer &amp; Wild Turkey</td><td>Pheasant</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wildlife and Fish Health</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Private Lands	Furbearers	Public Lands	Legal	Wildlife Action Plan	CITES	Law Enforcement	NCN	Deer & Wild Turkey	Pheasant	Wildlife and Fish Health	
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5:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own												
8:00 – 11:00 p.m.	<b>Hospitality Suite #1205</b> <b><i>Sponsored by the Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers</i></b>												

**Wednesday – July 1, 2009**

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast ( <i>Carnegie's Restaurant</i> )
8:00 a.m. – Noon	MAFWA Business Meeting Mike Conlin, MAFWA President <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call to Order and Roll Call</li> <li>Approval of 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes</li> <li>Treasurer's Report – Joe Kramer</li> <li>Audit Committee Report – Jeff Vonk</li> <li>Jaschek Fund Report – Joe Kramer</li> <li>Investments Committee Report – Rex Amack</li> <li>Investments Update – Shane Hessman, Hampton &amp; Hampton</li> <li>Resolution Committee Report – Dave Schad</li> </ol>
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awards Committee Report – Dave Graham</li> <li>Bylaws Committee Report – Dave Risley</li> <li>Executive Secretary's Report – Ollie Torgerson</li> <li>New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forming Climate Change Technical Working Committee–Dave Schad</li> <li>FY10 Budget Approval– Joe Kramer</li> </ol> </li> <li>Passing of Gavel to Indiana: (June 27–June 30, 2010 Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis)</li> </ol>

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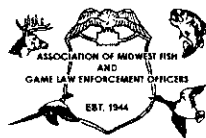


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*The Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers (AMFGLEO) was chartered February 1944 in Lincoln, Nebraska. There are currently 28 member agencies from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. 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 concept of the non-profit Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) comes from a recommendation of Illinois' first Conservation Congress, a volunteer group representing citizens from throughout the state. Since then, the ICF, established by law in 1994, has raised more than \$30 million in support of natural resources conservation and education. The ICF is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors appointed by the Governor and four legislative leaders, and chaired by the Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.*

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Monday Morning  
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## Local Information

Conference lodging and meetings will be held at the **Hotel Pere Marquette**, an historic hotel in **downtown Peoria, Illinois**.

Located on Main Street in the thriving area of Downtown Peoria, Illinois, this historic hotel is situated in the heart of Peoria's business and entertainment district, less than one block from the Peoria Civic Center and 4 blocks from the RiverFront's restaurants, shops and attractions – right in the heart of the action!

The jewel of Central Illinois, Peoria is a vibrant metropolis along the shores of the Illinois River. From downtown hotspots, towering buildings and a picturesque skyline to quaint parks and trails, charming riverside shops and championship golf courses, you'll experience the culture, entertainment and energy of a hip urban city without the attitude. As the third largest city in Illinois, Peoria boasts an interesting and diverting nightlife. Downtown provides a cornucopia of restaurants, shops, bars, nightclubs, music venues and events to jazz up your visit.

### Attractions

- ❖ Peoria RiverFront – 4 blocks
- ❖ RiverPlex – 4 blocks
- ❖ Contemporary Art Center of Peoria – 4 blocks
- ❖ Spirit of Peoria – 4 blocks
- ❖ City of East Peoria – 1 mile
- ❖ Peoria Civic Center – 1/2 block
- ❖ Peoria Parks – 2 miles
- ❖ Peoria Rivermen – 1/2 block
- ❖ Peoria Chiefs – 4 blocks
- ❖ Peoria Glen Oak Zoo – 2 miles
- ❖ Eastside Centre (Sports Complex) – 5 miles
- ❖ Wildlife Prairie State Park – 14 miles
- ❖ Par-a-dice Casino – 5 miles

## Notes



## Meeting Space Layout

### HOTEL PÈRE MARQUETTE

