

NATIONAL MILITARY FISH AND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

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NMFWA continues to grow. We are about 100 members strong, with most installations having fish and/or wildlife programs represented. In addition, we are becoming known among other conservation organizations. Our annual training session with the associated business meeting in New Orleans should add both members and credibility to our fledgling group. I fully expect us to have more folks in New Orleans than any wildlife agency at the Southeastern.

A major item of business in New Orleans will be the establishment of an improved newsletter. I already have a list of eager volunteers, and I expect we will be able to put together a real enthusiastic newsletter committee. We should have enough funding to give this committee the resources it needs. Communication is NMFWA's Number 1 objective, and a quality newsletter will obviously go a long way to achieving this objective.

The Training Session/Business Meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA on 18-21 November 1984. NMFWA will charge attendees a fee of \$10 each to provide a small treasury with which to provide quality training and to do necessary business. We will collect this fee at the meeting. We (the Board of Directors) believe an annual fee such as this will free us of the hassle of collecting membership dues.

We will meet in conjunction with the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies annual meeting. The meeting will be held in the Fairmont Hotel. Special rates for this conference are \$60/single or \$70/double. I realize the room rate is a real killer, but it is a deal for New Orleans. For many of us, a double room is essential to meeting TDY rates. If you need a roommate, give me a call at AUTOVON 639-2715 and I will try to coordinate matching folks up. I do not believe you will be able to beat this room rate at another nearby hotel. You are urged to make room reservations early by calling (800) 527-4727; from Texas, call (800) 492-6622.

SE Conference fees include: \$65 preregistration, \$75 registration at door, or \$50 student registration. Registration fees normally include a banquet on Tuesday and a social get-together on Sunday evening. A registration form is somewhere in this newsletter.

I urge you to take advantage of as much of this SE meeting as possible. Sessions include Wildlife Fisheries, Information/Education, Law Enforcement, and Hunter Safety.

We will hold Training Sessions and Business Meetings on Sunday, the 18th and Wednesday, 21st. The agenda for our sessions are as follows:

AGENDA

Sunday, 18 November 1984

- 0700-0800 - NMFWA Board of Directors Meeting
- 0800-0830 - Military Headquarters Representatives Meeting
- 0830-0900 - Ms. Christina Ramsey, Deputy Director Environmental Policy, DOD
- 0900-0915 - Mr. Joseph Kurz, President, SE Section of the Wildlife Society
- 0915-0930 - Mr. Lon Strong, President, SE Fish and Wildlife Agencies Directors
- 0930-1000 - NMFWA Business Meeting - initial business introduction
- 1000-1015 - Break
- 1015-1035 - Fort Huachuca, AZ - DOD Natural Resources Award winner
- 1035-1055 - Larry Adams, Patuxent NAS, MD - Bloodsworth Island Environmental Project
- 1055-1115 - Charles Boydston, Fort Sill, OK - Microcomputers in the Fish and Wildlife Program at Fort Sill
- 1115-1135 - Gene Stout, Fort Sill, OK - Fish and Wildlife Management on Selected Military Installations
- 1135-1300 - Lunch
- 1300-1320 - Thomas D. Bryce, Fort Stewart GA - Professional Fisheries Management - An Asset for Military Installations
- 1320-1340 - Jim Chavers, Howard AFB, Panama Canal Zone - Wildlife Habitats on Air Force Installations in Panama
- 1340-1400 - Emory J. Moore, Fort Stewart, GA - Mast Orchard Establishment to Improve Wildlife Habitat
- 1400-1420 - Jonathan Beall, Fort Lewis, WA - Expansion of a Local Breeding Wood Duck Population
- 1420-1440 - Thomas Warren, Fort Carson, CO - Developing Military Training Area Use - Resources Management and Mission
- 1440-1500 - Break
- 1500-1520 - A. Ludlow Clark, HQ USAF/LEEVX - Using Population Indicators in Managing Deer
- 1520-1540 - Timothy Beaty, Fort Stewart, GA - Status of Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers in an Area Affected by Range Construction at Fort Stewart, GA
- 1540-1600 - Chester Martin, US Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, MS - Use of Brush Structures as a Cost Effective Management Tool
- 1600-1630 - The Honorable John B. Breaux, US Congressman, Louisiana
- 1630-1700 - Resource Managers Open Discussion

Wednesday, 21 November 1984

- 0700-0900 - NMFWA Business Meeting
 - Call to Order
 - Secretary's Report
 - Old Business
 - President's Report
 - Report - Special Committee on Employment Opportunities
 - Bylaws Revision Discussion/Vote
 - Newsletter Establishment
 - Report - Special Committee on Wildlife Enforcement
 - Report - HR 5741 - To Amend the Sikes Act...
 - Report - Bylaws Revision

New Business
Report - Nominations Committee
Election of Officers
Adjournment

MAJ Joe Ward (with help from Linton Swindell) has put a phenomenal amount of effort into this program. There is a possibility that our papers may be published in the SE Proceedings. If not, perhaps we can reproduce all or parts of them.

We will hold elections for officers on the 21st. The Nominations Committee (Chairperson, Patty Worthing) provided the following nominees:

President - Patty Worthing
Vice President - MAJ Joe Ward
Secretary - Tom Warren, Larry Adams
At-Large (Eastern) - Linton Swindell, Nancy Stehle
At-Large (Western) - Ron Dow, Kim Mello, Scott Klinger, Steve Kovach
At-Large (Nominations Committee) - Jack Bell, Marlo Acock

The Committee wants to emphasize that additional nominations are welcome from the floor, provided at least three members support the nomination and the nominee meets voting membership requirements. Each voting member is entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted. Candidates are not required to be present.

The Board of Directors is recommending the following changes to the Constitution and Bylaws:

a. ARTICLE 1, Section 2. Change to read, "The Association shall be independent, and it shall adhere to natural resources management policies promulgated by the Department of Defense (DOD)."

b. ARTICLE III, Section 1. Change "Secretary" to read "Secretary/Treasurer".

c. ARTICLE III, Section 3. Delete "real estate" in the second sentence and replace it with "installations".

d. ARTICLE III. Add "Section 4. Funds of the Association shall be derived from dues, special assessments, work projects, contributions or any other means approved by the membership or the Board. They shall be managed by the Board through the Secretary/Treasurer. Funds shall be placed in a federally-insured bank or similar financial association."

e. ARTICLE III, Section 3. Change "Secretary" in the last sentence to "Secretary/Treasurer".

f. ARTICLE IV, Section 1. Change "Secretary" in the first and third sentences to read "Secretary/Treasurer".

g. ARTICLE VII, Section 1. Delete "real estate" from the next to last sentence and replace with "installations".

h. ARTICLE VII, Section 4. Change all references to "Secretary" to read "Secretary/Treasurer".

i. ARTICLE VII, Section 4. Add the following immediately before the last sentence. "The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Association, shall submit complete financial reports at each annual business meeting or prior to leaving office, shall receive and disburse funds, and shall maintain membership rolls."

You will have the opportunity to discuss these in New Orleans prior to voting on them.

If you have any resolutions for the organization, plan to introduce them at the Sunday business meeting. We will vote on them on Wednesday. It would help if you would bring about 100 copies of your proposed resolution. I have appointed Tom Warren to chair a committee to examine the feasibility of NMFWA endorsing a statement regarding wildlife law enforcement. Tom will report in New Orleans.

Some time ago, I also asked Tom to work on our problems with communications regarding job availability. As many of you are aware, you can now request mailing labels of all persons within any category listed in the DOD Directory of Pest Management and Natural Resource Professionals to advertise openings. Tom would also like to use the New Orleans meeting to provide information on job openings and persons desiring a change of employment in our areas of specialty. If you either have a job opening or anticipate one, let Tom know prior to 18 October. If you are interested in a change of jobs, provide Tom with a very brief statement of your immediate career goals and background. Please include as pertinent data: POC, position and grade desired, location restrictions, dates of availability, phone number, etc. Tom's address is: Tom Warren, Director; Environmental Energy and Natural Resources; DEH, ATTN: AFZC-FE-EE, Fort Carson, CO 80913.

That's about it for now. I hope to see you in New Orleans. Training and communications is what we are all about, and this get-together will provide the best of each.