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WELCOME TO THE 13TH AREA BIENNIAL TRAINING CONFERENCE!

On behalf of the Executive Board and Conference Committee, we welcome you to the 2018 AREA Training and Conference. With beautiful Lake Tahoe as the backdrop, enjoy a diverse program that will inspire you to return home with ideas and enthusiasm. We encourage you to jump right into the conversations and make a splash.

2018 SPLASH TOPICS AND EVENTS:

Volunteers – Can Millennials help you? Tom McKee will start us off Tuesday with a presentation and workshop titled “Mobilizing the Power and Passion of a New Breed of Volunteer – The Changing Volunteer Culture”.

Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation – How do you spell R3? Join the discussions on surveys and evaluations, and learn how to engage and empower the next generation on Wednesday. On Thursday, a team of AREA members will bring it all together with “Angler R3 - From Planning to Practice”.


Roundtable Discussions - What do you know? The popular and insightful roundtable discussions have returned from the last conference. Bring your pressing topics and questions.

Know that collectively we are the leaders in this nation’s Aquatic Resource Education and what you bring or take from this conference will make a difference. Be the ripple that becomes a wave!

Let AREA be your pool. Look around and you will see that we are wading alongside together and helping each other stay afloat. Before the end of this conference, please see one of the AREA Board Members to discuss how you can be involved. Sink or swim, we can do it better together.

Sincerely,

LARRY PAPE
AREA President-Elect
2016-2018

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The lodge airport shuttle to/from Reno/Tahoe International Airport is $49.00/person each way. A pre-paid reservation must be made 7 days in advance. Airport pickup service requires Granlibakken to be notified of the airline, flight number and arrival time. Reserve by calling 800.543.3221, or book using: www.northlaketahoeexpress.com.

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AWARDS BANQUET
AREA recognizes individuals or organizations in three (3) award categories at the AREA national conference. The final selection is determined by the AREA Awards Committee. The Award Banquet will be held on Thursday evening with live music from the Banana Slug String Band.

Roland Sigurdson Outstanding Aquatic Education Program
Recognizes any member’s aquatic education programing that increases public appreciation for, and understanding of, the values of aquatic resources and/or provides/promotes angler education and fishing opportunities to diverse audiences.

Steve Campbell Outstanding Aquatic Educator
Recognizes a member’s effort in the area of increasing public appreciation for, and understanding of, the values of aquatic resources and is a leader in providing/promoting angler education and fishing opportunities to diverse audiences in a fun, energetic and enthusiastic manner.

Exceptional Support of AREA or an AREA Program
Nominees in this category may be individuals, organizations, businesses, or volunteers, who have demonstrated exceptional and ongoing effort to support Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA) or its program providers on a local and/or national level.

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EACH DAY!
Hospitality/Social Hour
Join us for informal social networking after dinner.

The AREA hospitality suite will be located in the Ski Hut and will open at 8:00 pm (Monday – Thursday).

Since we do not have a sponsor this year, donations are welcome.

IMPORTrANT CONTACTS
Granlibakken Lodge
725 Granlibakken Road
Tahoe City, CA 96145
800-543-3221

AREA Registration & Payment Assistance
Carol Patenick, 301-805-0784
(Eastern Time)

ON SITE DURING THE CONFERENCE:
Karen Marks, AREA President
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Payment methods: Cash, Check or Credit Card (3% surcharge will be added to credit card payments)
The conference committee began working 18 months ago to find a host site and plan a wonderful learning experience for the members of AREA. We hope you enjoy your week in Lake Tahoe.

KAREN MARKS (TX)  AREA President
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CHRISTINA MILLOY (VA)  AREA Webmaster
TERESA RODRIGUEZ (DC)  AREA Secretary
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE 2020 CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM, PLEASE CONTACT:
Larry Pape, AREA President 2018-2020 by email at larry.pape@nebraska.gov or by phone at 402-471-5447.

JOIN US IN 2020!
FOR THE 14TH AREA BIENNIAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
SOUTH DAKOTA – DATE TBA

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
CHRISTINA MILLOY (VA), Chair | DANICA WILLIAMS (LA) | GREG AKINS (TX)

AQUATIC RESOURCES EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
2018 TRAINING & CONFERENCE AGENDA

AT-A-GLANCE AGENDA
OCTOBER 22-26, 2018 | GRANLIBAKKEN LODGE, TAHOE CITY, CA

10/22 MON
9:00 am – 6:00 pm  Registration
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  WSFR Staff Meeting
3:00 pm  AREA Board Meeting
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  CDFW Staff Meeting
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  New Member Mixer (everyone welcome!)
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  Dinner

10/23 TUE
8:30 am  Welcome, General Membership meeting & Board Officer transfer
9:30 am  USFWS – WSFR Updates
10:00 am  Morning Refreshments
10:40 am  USFWS Fish & Aquatic Conservation (FAC) updates
11:00 am  Keynote Speaker – Tom McKee
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch, Exhibits Open
1:30 pm  Speaker Workshop – Tom McKee
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Silent Auction Opens (4:30pm); Reception with Exhibitors
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  Dinner
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm  Social

10/24 WED
8:30 am  Concurrent sessions (see pages 12-17)
10:15 am  Morning refreshments
Noon – 1:30 pm  Lunch; Exhibits / Silent Auction
1:30 pm  Breakout sessions
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6:30 pm  Dinner
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm  Campfire

10/25 THU
8:30 am  Morning Workshops (see page 18)
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Noon  Lunch; Exhibits close at 1:30 PM
1:30 pm  Round table discussions
3:00 pm  Afternoon Refreshments
3:15 pm  Silent Auction Closes
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  Regional Meetings
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm  Pick up Silent Auction Items
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Dinner & Awards Banquet
8:30 pm – 10 pm  Social

10/26 FRI
all day  Travel Day or Optional On-Your Own Day Field Trips

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AREA BOARD MEETING
New board members are welcome to join the meeting. The board will meet to approve the September meeting minutes and finalize conference business.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE STAFF MEETING
CDFW staff will hold a general meeting.

USFWS – WSFR MEETING
WSFR staff will hold a general meeting.

NEW MEMBER MIXER
Please join us to meet and welcome new AREA members.

LUNCH & DINNER
Lunch and dinner is included in your lodging fee and will be served in the Granhall.

SOCIAL HOUR
Join us for informal gathering in the Ski Hut to network with your colleagues. Complimentary beverages and snacks will be provided.

### MONDAY OCTOBER 22
#### AGENDA

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RBFF has its Sights Set on Reaching 60 Million Anglers in 60 Months.

Recruit – Retain – Reactivate (R3) anglers and boaters to ensure the future of fishing and conservation.
Visit www.TakeMeFishing.org/60in60.
**Welcome**
Charlton “Chuck” Bonham, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director

**Area General Membership Meeting**

**Partner Updates**
Updates from USFWS Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) and Fish and Aquatic Conservation (FAC); and R3 Program updates.

**Keynote & Afternoon Workshop**
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The Programs Branch works closely with the Regional WSFR Offices, WSFR HQ Branches, and external partners to support the consistent management and administration of the WSFR grant programs. Programs Branch staff manage the merit review process for WSFR competitive grant programs, support formula programs through budget development and working with Regional WSFR Offices for program consistency, and directly administer the Multi-State Conservation Grant Program in coordination with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and grants to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Programs Branch staff also provides leadership and support for the TRACS Working Group, the 5-Year Report, and the WSFR Strategic Communications Planning Team.

Christy has worked with the WSFR program in HQ for over 12 years in various roles, including as the national program lead and the WSFR Strategic Communications planning Team.

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Christy lives in Arlington, Virginia with her husband Rob and two boys. She was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio.

CONNIE YOUNG-DUBOVSKY

CONNIE YOUNG-DUBOVSKY FISHERIES BIOLOGIST, USFWS FISH & AQUATIC CONSERVATION

Connie Young-Dubovsky is a Fish Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver, Colorado. She coordinates the regional fisheries data base and Outreach activities with field offices in 8-state region which includes Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Her primary Outreach and Education responsibilities include maintaining lists of all fishery facility outreach and education events, passing on all requests related to national Outreach and Education initiatives, and coordinating with other Service Programs. She also contributes to the national conservation education online newsletter and passes through updates to External Affairs on activities of regional and national interest.

Connie has been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 22 years working as a NEPA Coordinator and a Federal Aid Coordinator in addition to her primary role as a Fish biologist. An additional 3 years was spent as a Wild and Scenic River coordinator for the Forest Service. She has past experience as a State Hatchery Manager in North Carolina where she was involved with Project Wild and coordinated school visits to the hatchery. Connie received her B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Maryland and her M.S. in Fishery and Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University. She has two grown daughters and is married to a Migratory Bird biologist who also works for the Service.

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SURVEYS VS EVALUATIONS: BEST PRACTICES TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED

DESCRIPTION: How can we improve our programs? Survey and evaluation! In this session you will learn about the best practices of survey and evaluation that will get you the information you need. We will explore the many tools available to you and discuss how to create a well-crafted survey question. But most importantly, we will discuss the difference between a survey and an evaluation.

LOCATION: Granite Peak Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 8:30 AM, Repeated at 1:30 PM
PRESENTER: TRACY PAGE
Aquatíco Education Coordinator

DON’T REINVENT THE REEL: SHARING 20 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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PRESENTER: DING DARR
Aquatíco Education Coordinator

WILD ABOUT FISHING

DESCRIPTION: Join this hands-on session to learn about the WILD about Fishing program. It is designed to be a festival similar to that of the National Project WILD’s Flying WILD curriculum. A dozen or more activities (that you may or may not have seen before) will be incorporated into the festival, designed to be taught by students, teachers, and adult volunteers. Participants of the workshop will take part in the Festival and brainstorm ideas to include it in classrooms. Idaho’s first WILD about Fishing workshop was launched in April 2018 and was a success. Lori will share her successes and adaptations she acquired through sponsoring this workshop.

LOCATION: Alummi Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 8:30 AM, Repeated at 1:30 PM
PRESENTER: LOIS JORDAN
Aquatíco Education and Project WILD Coordinator

UTILIZING PARTNERS TO ENGAGE HISPANIC AUDIENCES

DESCRIPTION: Join this session to learn about projects focusing on connecting Hispanic audiences to the outdoors. These projects have been led by SCS, Wildlife Education, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and others.

LOCATION: Granite Peak Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 9:30 AM
PRESENTER: BARRI GUGON
Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources

WADING INTO SOCIAL MEDIA

DESCRIPTION: Description: How can you use social media to connect with your audience? This session will focus on using social media to reach a wider audience.

LOCATION: Scott Peak Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 9:30 AM
PRESENTER: SCOTT TRACER
Technique Assistant to Aquatic Resource Education/ Hunter Education Coordinator

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BEYOND THE FLY BOX: TYING INTO SOCIAL NETWORKS

DESCRIPTION: One of the main barriers preventing people from fishing is not having anyone to go with. Join this workshop to learn how to make connections and learn new skills.

LOCATION: Granite Peak Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 10:30 AM
PRESENTER: SCOTT TRACER
Technical Assistant to Aquatic Resource Education/ Hunter Education Coordinator

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING OUR NEXT GENERATION OF ANGLERS WITH R3 ENTERTAINMENT AND CLASSROOM AQUATIC EDUCATION

DESCRIPTION: This session creatively explores how states can use the new national ‘Getting’ Families Fishing!’ Coalition’s R3 initiative to reshape the future of fishing and aquatic education. This multi-level entertainment and education program offers a clear path to help achieve R3 goals by touching the hearts and minds of millions of kids and families using Emmy-winning broadcast television, digital channels, while also engaging kids in classrooms with family fishing lessons and aquatic education curriculum. Unlike other programs, all television, online, anglers, aquatic education, and all-school curriculum are being shared freely, open-source to all state and federal agencies, who in turn, have the opportunity to share the content to fulfill their goals.

LOCATION: Granite Peak Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 10:30 AM, Repeated at 2:30 PM
PRESENTER: DANNY ROYAL
Olive Into the Outdoors Education Network

PLUGGING INTO THE DIGITAL ANGLER

DESCRIPTION: Our customers already consume a massive amount of angling information and advice available on a host of online platforms. Can online instruction and support provide a path for new/novice anglers? What are the challenges? Rewards? Examples of existing products and uses will be shared followed by a facilitated discussion of potential opportunities. Can online instruction and support provide a path for new/novice anglers? What are the challenges? Rewards? Examples of existing products and uses will be shared followed by a facilitated discussion of potential opportunities.

LOCATION: Diamond Peak Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 10:30 AM
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Technical Assistant to Aquatic Resource Education/ Hunter Education Coordinator

BROKEN LINES TO BUILD STRONGER LINES: ANGLING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DESCRIPTION: Learn about the benefits of engaging with the angling community and how to create meaningful connections with your partners and other organizations.

LOCATION: Alummi Room
SESSION TIMES: Wed., 10:30 AM
PRESENTER: SCOTT TRACER
Technical Assistant to Aquatic Resource Education/ Hunter Education Coordinator

WEDNESDAY CONCURRENT SESSIONS - (LISTED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)
WE AVOID CULTURAL VALUES AND TRADITIONS TO SUSTAIN FISHING

DESCRIPTION: Fishing has always had a significant role in the lives of the Pacific Islanders. In earlier times, societies depended on wise management of fishery resources for their very survival. Local culture, tradition, and knowledge kept fish populations at sustainable levels. Islanders had a connection with the resource that faded away as societies have changed.

These days getting kids (or even adults) excited about fishing and learning about aquatic resources depends a lot on the successful experience of being able to catch fish or see them in their natural environment. Another challenge is the Pacific Island groups of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Marianas, are separated by thousands of miles, but there are remarkable similarities in traditional management practices related to fishing. Each one of these island groups has seen the value of integrating the unique culture and deep traditional knowledge that exists in the Pacific into fishing and aquatic education programs. Traditional fishing methods have been replaced by modern fishing programs and has enhanced their relevance and allowed for perpetuation of culture in a changing world. The preservation of traditional fishing knowledge and values depends on today’s stewards.

Join us to look at some of the materials developed locally. We will share activities that demonstrate how a knowledge and understanding of some traditional cultural values can still be relevant and important today as we strive to help restore sport fish populations in the Pacific.

LOCATION: Scott Peak Room
SESSION TIME: Wed., 3:30 PM
PRESENTERS: ROSEMARY CAMACHO
                        Federal Program Coordinator
                        Division of Fish and Wildlife Department of Lands & Natural Resources
THURSDAY OCTOBER 25
WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

MORNING WORKSHOPS DESCRIPTIONS - (CHOOSE 1 OF 3)

1. ANGLER R3 – FROM PLANNING TO PRACTICE

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MAXIMUM CAPACITY: N/A
LOCATION: Lake Room
SESSION TIME: 8:30 am to Noon
PRESENTERS:
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Angler R3 Lead
Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources
STEFANIE HUSSEY
Director State R3 Program
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LOCATION: Alumni Room
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PRESENTERS:
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 25
WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

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The visitor center store has a wide selection of maps, books, T-shirts, hats, stuffed animals and much more available for purchase.

TRAVEL NOTES: Transportation will be provided by carpool. The center is approximately a 45-minute drive from Granlibakken Lodge. The lodge will provide box lunches, please bring a water bottle or beverage of your choice. Dress for outdoor activities.

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TRUCKEE RIVER SYSTEM MAP:
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LITTLE TRUCKEE RIVER

Classic western talavka stream with big trout best describes the Little Truckee. A fall spawn of Kokanee brings large trout up to feed. This is the perfect place to hunt big fish.

FISHING REPORT:
renoflyfishingoutfitters.com/ourwaters/little-truckee-river/

LAKE TAHOE

Lake Tahoe is home to a variety of fish including lake (Mackinaw), brown and rainbow trout, as well as a self-sustaining population of Kokanee salmon. Fishing Lake Tahoe itself can require rather specialized tactics and gear designed for deep water. For your best chances at success, it is recommended you hop on a charter boat.

MORE INFORMATION:
www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g155987-Lake_Tahoe_Nevada-Destinations.html

DONNER LAKE

Donner Lake, named after the leader of the stranded colonists, is located a few miles west of Truckee. Donner Lake is very productive and offers great fishing for Mackinaw, kokanee, rainbows, brookies and brookies. It is a steep sided, deep lake with a bit more of a greenish hue than Tahoe. Even though it is in a valley, it can get a bit breezy here in the afternoons so, keep this in mind if you’re out in a small craft. Big Macks adds to Donner’s popularity. Trout in the 10 – 15 pound class are very common. Lahontan cutthroat trout roam its waters and anglers come from all over in pursuit of these giants. Being “Home of the World’s Largest Cutthroat Trout” adds to Pyramid’s popularity. Trout in the 10 – 15 pound class are abundant and it is possible to catch a fish over 20 pounds.

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