



AGENDA

19th REUNION

of the

Association of
U.S. Fish &
Wildlife Service
Retirees



June 20 - 24, 2022

*D. C. Booth Historic
National Fish Hatchery &
Aquatic Conservation Archives
Spearfish, South Dakota*

At the



2022 FWS Retiree Reunion

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

The reunion gathering raffle and silent auction have been a major fund raiser over the many reunion gatherings and allows the Association to support Service activities. Last year, for example, the Association allocated over \$40 k to 5 Service field projects to retire those "important but nagging that don't cost very much projects" that just never seem to get done.

Help us out! TICKET COST

\$ 1 - each
\$ 10 - 12 tickets
\$ 20 - 25 tickets

At this gathering there will be special drawings for 4 complimentary 1 night lodging at check-out.

Association of Retired Fish and Wildlife Service Employees 19th Reunion

June 19—24, 2022
Spearfish and Deadwood, South Dakota

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Early Arrivals – Board Members/Volunteers

All activities take place at The Lodge at Deadwood (the Lodge) unless indicated otherwise.

Set up for registration

MONDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 AM Workday – *Cody Room*

Board/Volunteers Meeting– Roosevelt Room, Scope out day's activities.

Sort raffle & silent auction items, Set-up for meeting rooms, Stuff "goody" bags

2:00-6:00 PM Registration – Lobby

3:00 PM Greenwalt Walk for Wildlife – Reunion fundraiser
Prior Registration Required

This year's *Walk for Wildlife*, a leisurely, fun and fundraising event, will start at the Lodge. We will gather near the hotel reception desk at 2:45 for a 3:00 PM departure. We'll drive 2.5 miles to a US Forest Service gravel parking lot and proceed to the Mt Roosevelt Trailhead. Ascending the moderate trail, we'll reach the summit after covering about one-half mile. At the summit of Mt Roosevelt, we can climb the Mt. Roosevelt Friendship Tower for a nice view of the Black Hills. Returning to the trailhead, we'll then drive to Spearfish for supper at the Jade Inn, an Asian buffet, before driving back to the Lodge at Deadwood. Cost at the Jade Inn is \$30 per person which will include the cost of the meal and a donation to the DC Booth Friends Group. This should be selected and paid as a separate option when registering for the Reunion. If anyone has a rental car or personal vehicle that can transport others, please indicate that, and how many others you can transport, on your registration form and inform Lew Gorman.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 AM Registration – Lobby

7:30-8:30 AM Light Breakfast – Pine Crest C

MEETING ROOMS

Retirees General Session – Pine Crest B 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FWS Broodstock Meeting – Roosevelt Room 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM History Table – at the back of the Pine Crest B.

Bring a piece of history to share. Questions? Contact Mark Madison (304-616-7905)

8:30-9:00 AM Announcements, Housekeeping, Today's Business
Jerry Grover

Bruce Halstead - Raffle Process - 1st Raffle Drawing
Booth Society Representative
FWS Broodstock Representative
FWS History Committee Representative

8:40-9:00 AM Welcome to the 2022 Reunion – Board Introductions

Cindy Barry - Chairperson, Board of Directors, Fish and Wildlife Service
Retiree Association

9:00-10:15 AM US Fish and Wildlife Service Retirees Association Accomplishment Report - Association Board

Cindy Barry, Chair (5 minutes)
Robin West, Vice Chair (5 minutes)
Steve Rideout, Treasurer (15 minutes)
Denise Baker, Secretary (5 minutes)
Doug Fruge, Communications (Newsletter, Website) (5 minutes)
Lew Gorman III, Grants and Outreach (5 minutes)
Deborah Holle, Membership (10 minutes)
Paul Tritaik, History (10 minutes)
Nancy Gloman, Reunion
Jerry Grover, Emeritus, Reunion

10:15-10:30 AM Raffle Drawing

10:30-11:00 AM National Wildlife Refuge Association

Mark Musau, Grant manager & Representative at-Large

11:00-11:30 AM Retirees Association Outreach

Lew Gorman, Retirees Association Grants and Outreach

11:30-12:45 PM Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM Raffle Drawing

Update on Retirement Legislation, Policy and Benefits
National Association of Active and Retired Federal
Employees John Hatton, Staff Vice President, Policy and
Programs, Washington, DC

2:15-3:00 PM Fish and Wildlife Service, Report from Headquarters
Martha Williams, Director

3:00-4:00 PM Status of Waterfowl Populations and the
Work of Ducks Unlimited

Dr. Mike Brasher, Waterfowl Scientist,
Ducks Unlimited, Memphis, Tennessee

4:00-5:00 PM AARP Fraud Network—How to Avoid Fraud and
Scams and What to Do About It

Bud and Mary Olson, Retired Law Enforcement Officers,
South Dakota American Association of Retired Employees
(AARP) volunteers

6:00-10:00 PM ICEBREAKER SOCIAL – PINE CREST C

Serving a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar for mixed
drinks, & wine and a complimentary local IPA microbrew

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

7:00-8:00 AM Light Breakfast – Pine Crest C

MEETING ROOMS

General Session – Pine Crest B 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Broodstock Meeting – Roosevelt Room 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

History Subcommittee – Bullock Room 1:00 – 5:00 PM

8:15-8:30 AM Announcements, Raffle Drawing

8:30–10:00 AM FWS Mountain-Prairie Region Presentation

Regional Director Matt Hogan and the Regional Directorate will
discuss the Region's priorities and projects.

10:00-10:15 AM Raffle Drawing

10:15-10:45 AM FWS Experienced Services Program

Edith Thompson, FWS, Headquarters Liaison,
National Conservation Training Center
Paul Schmidt, FWS Retiree

10:45-11:15 AM Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery and the role of Charles Aikin in Atlantic Salmon Restoration
Steve Rideout, Retiree Association Board Member

11:15-11:45 AM FWS History Committee (Presenter TBD)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-1:30 PM FWS National Eagle and Wildlife Repository
Elisa Dahlberg, Acting Supervisory Wildlife Repository Specialist, Denver, CO

1:30-2:00 PM Closeout/Next Reunion

Logistics for hatchery tour and tomorrow's activities (Jerry Grover)

3:00-8:00 PM Depart for tour of D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives with evening picnic and live concert music. A local restaurant, Barbacoa's, is catering for us in the picnic shelter immediately behind the band shell. You can build your own dish as you go through the line and make beef or chicken tacos, nachos, rice bowl or a salad with water. Drinks will be available from a ring of food carts at the seating area.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Open/Fun Day!!!

Today is a "free day." You have several options:

Visit the nearby towns of Spearfish or Deadwood. Drive on your own or take the \$2 Deadwood Shuttle from the resort, which departs hourly at five minutes past the hour.

Attend the FWS History Committee meeting – Roosevelt Room, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Attend the FWS Broodstock Meeting – DC Booth Hatchery, time TBD

Complete your FWS oral history

10 AM MT RUSHMORE FIELD TRIP

Field Trip with sack lunch to Bear Butte State Park, a Native American Heritage site, and Mt Rushmore where you can have dessert of Thomas Jefferson's vanilla ice cream, said to be the best-flavored in the world. Seating is limited to the first 56 to register for the trip by motor coach (but you will need to pay \$10 for the sack lunch.) Departs 10:00 AM from the Lodge and returns at 5:00 PM.

Prior Registration Required – This should be selected and \$10 lunch fee paid as a separate option when registering for the Reunion.

REUNION BANQUET – PINE CREST C

6:00 PM No-host Bar and Silent Auction open. Final Raffle Drawing(s)

7:00 PM Dinner Service begins

Plated dinner with wine included. Your choice of sirloin, chicken piccata or vegan was indicated when registering for the Reunion.

6:00 PM *Group Photo - Pine Crest B*

8:00 PM Banquet Program Begins

Annual History Committee Award Presentation
American Fisheries Society Fish Culture Hall of Fame Inductee Presentation
Retirees Association Life Members Recognition

*And a Special Appearance and Performance by
Mr D.C. Booth*

Featuring Max G. Merchen, a Spearfish, SD, resident and community theatre actor, as DeWitt Clinton (D.C.) Booth

9:30 PM Silent Auction closes

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 AM Volunteer Workday – Clean up and pack up!

Travel Day! Safe travels everyone! See you at the Next Reunion!