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SUBJECT: National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Training Workshop

The National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) will hold its annual training workshop March 20-24, 2023, at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, in conjunction with the 88th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (<https://wildlifemanagement.institute/conference>). Attending the NMFWA training workshop offers an important opportunity for DoD natural resources (NR) personnel to maintain their professional certification, as required by the Sikes Act. NMWFA is the primary annual event where DoD NR Managers can discuss DoD-specific NR accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities, as well as recent policy and legislative changes.

The workshop will include a DoD NR Program policy update, Military Service breakout sessions, and multiple technical and informational sessions on topics of importance and relevance to DoD NR management (e.g., endangered, at-risk, and invasive species; climate change; habitat management; natural resources conservation).

The workshop will feature numerous training workshops focusing on topics addressing various aspects of climate resources and tools and climate vulnerability assessments for DoD NR Managers, the North American Bat Monitoring Program, DoD's use of the Avian Knowledge Network, the Motus wildlife tracking system, pollinator monitoring, how to become a pollinator steward, and how to develop a biological assessment. Other workshops will describe how to develop a successful application for the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards and submit effective proposals to the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program. Additionally, over 15 technical working groups will meet on topics including birds, bats, climate change, wildland fire, pollinators, invasive species, herpetofauna, bird/wildlife aircraft strike hazards, conservation law enforcement, technology for DoD NR Managers, and aquatic restoration for DoD NR Managers.

I ask that you inform your personnel of this valuable training opportunity and encourage their participation as resources permit. The workshop agenda and registration information will be available in soon at <https://www.nmfwa.org/workshop2023.html>.

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