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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
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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 8-12, 2021, virtually in conjunction with the 86th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (<https://wildlifemanagement.institute/conference>). Due to the current pandemic, this is the first virtual delivery in their history. While the delivery may be different, the NMFWA training workshop still offers an important opportunity for DoD natural resources (NR) personnel to maintain their professional certification, as required by the Sikes Act. NMFWA is the primary annual event where NR managers can discuss DoD-specific NR accomplishments, challenges and opportunities, and 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; bats; habitat management). For the first time, we are excited to announce a new NMFWA session: *Partnerships: Partnering with Tribal Nations on Natural Resources Management*. We encourage cultural resource managers and those who work with Federally Recognized Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations to participate.

The workshop will feature numerous training workshops, including one on using the Legacy-funded *Climate Adaptation for DoD Natural Resource Managers* guide to incorporate climate adaptation strategies into Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans; one on DoD wildland fire agency administrator training; and another on DoD using the Avian Knowledge Network. Additionally, over 11 technical working groups will meet on topics including birds, bats, wildland fire, invasive species, herpetofauna, and bird/wildlife aircraft strike hazards.

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 early in 2021 at <https://www.nmfwa.org/workshop2021.html>.

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