

From	To	Activity
6:30	9:00	Welcome Social - Cash Bar
<b>Monday, March 26, 2018</b>		
7:30	4:00	Registration
8:00	8:10	Welcome - Opening Announcements
8:10	9:45	<b>Plenary Session</b> Moderator: Dan Gibbs, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Ed Carter, Executive Director, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Cassius Cash, Superintendent, Great Smoky Mountains National Park Mike Pelton, Professor Emeritus, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Kim Delozier, Wildlife Biologist (Retired), Great Smoky Mountains National Park
9:50	10:10	Break
10:10	10:55	<b>Measuring Public Attitudes Towards Bears, Mark Damian Duda, Responsive Management</b> Audience Discussion
10:55	12:10	<b>Reducing Conflicts: Tactics and Tools (Part 1)</b> Moderator: TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Wildlife in the Cloud: Using Technology to Enhance Human-Wildlife Conflict Management" - Sarah Barrett, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</li> <li>"A Qualitative Assessment of the Polar Bear-viewing Experience: A tool for Identifying Experience Indicators in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" - Jessica Fefer</li> <li>"Assessing Survival and Spatial Ecology of American Black Bears Released from the Appalachian Bear Rescue" - Coy Blair, University of Tennessee</li> <li>"Use of GPS-radiocollared Bears to Identify and Delineate a Community "BearWise" zone" - Jessica Giacomini, University of Tennessee</li> <li>"Using Technology to Monitor Polar Bear (Ursus maritimus) Behavior, Track Movements, Mitigate Conflict, and Support Public Outreach Efforts in a Changing Arctic" - Jan Kirchhoffer, Polar Bears International</li> </ul>
12:10	1:10	Lunch - Cash Buffet Visit Outdoor Vendors
1:10	1:40	Demonstration: "How Cloud-based Technology Gives a Holistic View to Wildlife Management Professionals"- Amy Hanlon, Coastal Cloud
1:40	2:55	<b>Reducing Conflicts: Tactics and Tools (Part 2)</b> Moderator: TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Efficacy of Bear Spray Versus Polar Bears" - James Wilder, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</li> <li>"Preliminary Evaluation of Conducted Electrical Weapons on Black Bears in Great Smoky Mountains National Park" - Ryan H. Williamson, Great Smoky Mountains National Park</li> <li>"Conducted Electrical Weapon Use for Wildlife Management in Alaska - Adapting Law Enforcement Tools and Technology to Natural Resource Conservation" - Larry L. Lewis - Alaska Department of Fish and Game</li> <li>"Coexisting with Grizzly Bears" - Gillian Sanders, Grizzly Bear Solutions</li> <li>"Brute Force: Reducing Food Attractants Through Modification of Trash Containers" - Mike Orlando, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</li> </ul>
2:55	3:15	Break
3:15	4:30	<b>Panel Discussion: Reducing Conflicts: Tactics and Tools</b> Moderator: David Telesco, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
4:30	6:30	Dinner Break
7:00	9:00	Poster Session/Evening Social Cash Bar
<b>Tuesday, March 27, 2018</b>		
7:30	4:00	Registration
8:00	8:10	Announcements
8:10	8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Update on Grizzly Bear Status" - Hilary Cooley, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</li> </ul>
9:30	9:50	<b>Bear Management among Multiple Jurisdictions</b> Moderator: TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Hikers vs. Bears - Management Challenges on a Long-distance Trail" - Morgan Somerville, Appalachian Trail Conservancy</li> <li>Managing bears across jurisdictional landscapes in Canada - Steve Michel, Parks Canada, and Jay Honeyman, Alberta Environment and Parks</li> <li>Audience Q&amp;A Session</li> </ul>
9:50	10:10	Break
10:10	11:40	<b>Managing Bears: Individuals and Populations</b> Moderator: Kim Annis, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Human-sloth Bear Conflicts: A Significant Challenge to Conserve the Real Baloo of India: - Nishith Dharaiva, HNG University, Patan (Gujarat) India</li> <li>"The Savage Bear: A Case Study of Individual Bear Management in Denali National Park and Preserve" - Patricia A Owen, Denali National Park and Preserve</li> <li>"Human-Asiatic Black Bear (Ursus thibetanus) Interactions in the Kaghan Valley, Pakistan" - Ashfaq Ali, Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan PR China</li> <li>"Understanding Sloth Bear Attacks in Gujarat for Formulating Future Conservation Strategies" - Arzoo Malik, HNG University, Patan (Gujarat) India</li> <li>"Is it Addiction? Food-Conditioning in Grizzly Bears of Alaska's North Slope" - Dick Shideler, Alaska Department of Fish &amp; Game</li> <li>"What to do with all the Bears? The Challenges Post-HBC-reduction that Worked to Significantly Improve Conservation Status of Several Threatened Grizzly Bear Populations" - Michael Proctor, British Columbia Ministry of Kaslo, BC</li> <li>Audience Q &amp; A</li> </ul>
11:40	12:40	Lunch - Cash Buffet Visit Outdoor Vendors
12:40	1:10	Demonstration: Gary Moses, Counter Assault
1:10	2:55	<b>Successfully Managing Attractants</b> Moderator: Caitlin Lee-Roney, Yosemite National Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Challenges to Becoming a Bear-Wise or Bear-Smart Community: Tourists and Hikers" - Joel G. Zachry, Smoky Mountain Field School</li> <li>"WildSafeBC: Current and Future Outlook" - Mike Badry, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division</li> <li>"A Stakeholder's Perspective of Successes and Challenges with the BC Bear Smart Communities Program" - Mike Badry, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division</li> <li>"Management Techniques to Minimize Backcountry and Frontcountry Bear-Human Conflicts in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska" - Tania Lewis, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve</li> <li>"Addressing Human-bear Conflicts in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem: Montana's "Other" Grizzly Bear Population" - Kimberly M. Annis, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife &amp; Parks</li> <li>"Polar Bear Attacks on Humans: Implications of a Changing Climate" - James Wilder, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</li> <li>"Coexisting With Black Bears Through Education/Exclusion, Attractant Management, and Non-Lethal Aversion" - Toogee Sielsch, BEAR League</li> </ul>
2:55	3:15	Break
3:15	4:30	<b>Panel Discussion: Successfully Managing Attractants</b> Moderator: Jay Honeyman, Alberta Environment and Parks
4:30	6:30	Free Time
6:30	7:00	Pre-Banquet Social
7:00	9:00	Banquet
<b>Wednesday, March 28, 2018</b>		
7:30	12:00	Registration
8:00	8:10	Announcements
8:10	8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Non-fatal Black Bear Attack Associations, Manager Perceptions of Risk Management and Litigation" - Janel Scharhag, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point</li> </ul>
8:30	9:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Human-black Bear Conflict in Urban Environments of Colorado: Results of 11 Years of Research Investigating the Impacts of Human Development on Black Bears and Strategies for Reducing Conflict" - Stewart W. Breck, USDA-Wildlife Services-National Wildlife Research Center</li> <li>Audience Discussion</li> </ul>
9:40	10:00	Break
10:00	11:40	<b>Motivating People: Pathways to Success</b> Moderator: Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"The 'Endangered' Polar Bear Viewing at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Inputs to Science-based Visitor Management and Experiential Capacities" - Jeffrey Halla</li> <li>"Visitor Management of Commercially-Guided Polar Bear Viewing: A Collaborative Strategy for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" - Robert Dvorak</li> <li>"Black Bear Management at Big Bend National Park: A 25 Year Perspective" - Raymond Skiles, Big Bend National Park</li> <li>"Wildlife Connectivity in the Pigeon River Gorge: A Proactive Approach to Mitigating Wildlife-vehicle Collisions" - Jeff Hunter, National Parks Conservation Association</li> <li>"Massanutten Village: An Imperfect Success Story" - David M. Kocka, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries</li> <li>Audience Q &amp; A</li> </ul>
11:40	12:55	Lunch - Cash Buffet Visit Outdoor Vendors
12:40	1:40	Demonstration (Tentative): Rich Beausoleil, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
12:55	2:55	<b>Building Partnerships that Work</b> Moderator: TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Sharing the Range" - Andrea Morehouse, Waterton Biosphere Reserve, Alberta, Canada</li> <li>"Changing Bear Feeding Prohibitions in Florida: Education Through Notification" - Sarah Peltier, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</li> <li>"Working with Residents to Secure Attractants and Prevent Bear-human Conflict - Lessons from the Field" - Erin Edge, Defenders of Wildlife</li> <li>"Incentives for Local Governments to Become BearWise" - David Telesco, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</li> <li>"Partnering with the Air Force to Reduce Human-Bear Conflicts" - Kaitlin Goode, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</li> <li>"Collaborative Conservation: Coping with Increasing Polar Bear Use of Alaska's Coastline" - Susanne Miller, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</li> <li>"Private Contractors Extend Agency Reach in Resolving Human-Bear Conflicts" - Alyssa Simmons, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</li> <li>"Building Partnerships to Reduce Grizzly Bear Conflict in the Bow Valley, Alberta, Canada" - Jay Honeyman, Alberta Environment and Parks</li> </ul>
2:55	3:15	Break
3:15	4:30	<b>Panel Discussion: Building Partnerships that Work</b> Moderator: Erin Edge, Defenders of Wildlife
4:30		Dinner Own Your Own
<b>Thursday, March 29, 2018</b>		
8:00	4:00	Conducted Electrical Weapons Training, Larry L. Lewis, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
9:00	4:30	<b>Committee/Working Group Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Parks Biologists Meeting Coordinator: Bill Stiver, Great Smoky Mountains National Park</li> <li>Northeast Black Bear Technical Committee Coordinator: Colin Carpenter, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources</li> <li>SEAFWA Large Carnivore Working Group Coordinator: Dan Gibbs, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency</li> </ul>