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### **Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation Celebrates Annual “Nature Mapping Potluck” with Presentation by Innovative Great White Shark Biologist**

Jackson, WY – On Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, research scientist Dr. Taylor Chapple, from Stanford University, will give a talk at the Center for the Arts exploring one of the most captivating and feared predators alive today – the great white shark. Chapple’s multi-media presentation, entitled “*The Science of Sharks: Using Technology to Separate Fact from Fiction*” will follow the annual Nature Mapping potluck dinner, which celebrates the volunteer data contributions of citizen scientists in our community. The entire event is free to the public. Doors open at 5 pm, the potluck dinner begins at 5:30 pm, a raffle drawing commences at 6:45 pm, and the keynote from Dr. Chapple begins at 7 pm.

Dr. Chapple is recognized as a leading authority on shark ecology and his work has been featured on the Discovery Channel and on “CBS This Morning” among other programs. Dr. Chapple will share discoveries from 15 years of research across three oceans tagging, tracking and trying to understand these apex predators. He will explore why we need to change our current mantra of fear and apprehension of sharks to one of awe and appreciation. Dr. Chapple’s work to educate the public on one of the most misunderstood predators provides an example to replicate around the world, including here in Jackson Hole.

Living compatibly with wildlife anywhere on this planet, and certainly within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, requires a respectful relationship with predators grounded in a greater understanding of how our lives and theirs intersect.

For those attending the potluck dinner, dish “assignments” are as follows:

Last name: A-K, main dish / L-P, side or salad / Q-Z dessert. Attendees are welcome to join for Dr. Chapple’s presentation even if they cannot attend the potluck dinner beforehand.

Link to CBS Interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olpqGiDBYRc>

Link to Discovery Channel promo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygpFXw8gERs>

#### **ABOUT NATURE MAPPING JACKSON HOLE**

Nature Mapping Jackson Hole is a community of more than 500 trained citizen scientists who record wildlife observations that are vetted by a scientific advisory committee and then shared

with state wildlife management agencies. These collective observations create a long-term dataset of wildlife distribution throughout Jackson Hole, and can inform local land management decisions. Nature Mapping Jackson Hole is a program of the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation, made possible by the support of the Meg and Bert Raynes Wildlife Fund and other important donors and partners.

#### **ABOUT JACKSON HOLE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1993, the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation (JHWF) works to promote ways for our community to live compatibly with wildlife. It accomplishes its mission primarily through on-the-ground projects that it guides in collaboration with agencies, organizations and private land owners. Through its Nature Mapping Jackson Hole program, it gathers and disseminates wildlife data that can inform wildlife-friendly policies and educate the public on how to reduce potential conflict with our wild neighbors while increasing local knowledge of all wildlife species. JHWF has utilized thousands of volunteers in its Wildlife Friendlier Fencing Program over the past two decades to remove or improve more than 200 miles of fences for the benefit of migrating wildlife.

Since 1996, JHWF has introduced a variety of measures to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs) on Teton County highways. JHWF's Give Wildlife a Brake program has strategically installed fixed radar signs and variable digital message signs to protect wildlife in collision "hotspots" identified in its comprehensive Teton County Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions Database and in its corresponding "hotspot" maps.