

2008 Western Division AFS Annual Meeting

Human Population Growth and Fisheries: The Western Challenge

1st CALL FOR PAPERS AND SYMPOSIA



We invite you to Oregon as the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society and Oregon Chapter co-convene the 2008 WDAFS Annual Meeting in Portland, 4-9 May, 2008. The theme of the meeting is "Human Population Growth and Fisheries: The Western Challenge." Portland provides an outstanding venue for fisheries professionals to discuss the effects of human population growth on fisheries, advance professional networking, and to keep current on emerging ideas in fisheries science and management. In addition, Portland is an ideal base for a personal or family vacation with many cultural and outdoor experiences locally and within a few hours drive. We encourage everyone to enjoy Portland and Oregon before, during, and after the meeting.

FIRST CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND PAPERS

The scientific program includes the following types of sessions: Symposia (oral presentations organized to focus on a single topic; see format below), Contributed Papers (oral presentations on any relevant topic), and Posters.

Oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes; a 15-minute presentation with 5 minutes for speaker introductions and questions. In some symposia, two time slots (for a total of 40 minutes) may be used for a keynote speaker or panel discussion.

SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

The Program Committee invites proposals for symposia from individuals or groups. Symposia may be presented as oral presentations, posters, or both. Symposium organizers are responsible for recruiting speakers, soliciting their abstracts, and directing them to submit their abstracts within the allocated time period. Each symposium should last at least a half-day (about 8 presentations) and may span a maximum of two days

(about 32 presentations). There is no limitation for the number of posters submitted for symposia.

Symposium proposals must be submitted by 7 December 2007 via e-mail to Neil Ward (neil.ward@cbfwa.org) with the proposal attached in the correct format in MS Word; please contact Neil Ward (address and phone below) if you do not receive confirmation by 14 December 2007. The Program Committee will review all symposium proposals and notify organizers of acceptance or refusal by 28 December 2007. If accepted, organizers must submit a complete list of confirmed speakers and titles by 18 January 2008. Symposium abstracts (in the same format as contributed abstracts; see below) are due 22 February 2008.

Format for symposium proposals:

- 1) **SYMPOSIUM TITLE:** Brief but descriptive.
- 2) **ORGANIZER(S):** Provide names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for all organizers. Indicate, using an asterisk, the name of the main contact person.
- 3) **DESCRIPTION:** In 300 words or less, describe the topic addressed by the proposed symposium, objective of the symposium, and value of the symposium to AFS members and participants.
- 4) **FORMAT:** Indicate format and length of the proposed symposium (e.g., a full-day session with 16 speakers, a full day session with 14 speakers followed by a 2-hour panel discussion, half-day session with 8 speakers; in general, allow 8 time slots per half-day session).
- 5) **MODERATOR:** Identify who will moderate the symposium. If there is more than one moderator, please supply all names.
- 6) **PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** We encourage speakers to use PowerPoint for presentations. Presentations in other software programs must be approved prior to acceptance.
- 7) **AUDIOVISUAL REQUIREMENTS:** Symposia chairs need to provide a PC-interface laptop computer for their sessions. We encourage symposia chairs to bring a LCD projector. All Mac-based presentations must be converted to PC format prior to the meeting.
- 8) **SPECIAL SEATING REQUESTS:** Standard rooms will be arranged theater-style. Please indicate special seating requests (e.g., "after the break, a panel discussion with seating for 10 panel members will be needed").
- 9) **SPEAKERS AND TOPICS:** Provide each speaker's name, tentative title of presentation, and the speaker's confirmation status in the following format:

	Speaker	Title/Topic	Confirmed
1.	_____	_____	(yes/no)
2.	_____	_____	(yes/no)

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CONTRIBUTED ORAL AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

The Program Committee for the 2008 WDAFS Annual Meeting invites abstracts for contributed oral presentations and posters. The meeting will include a poster session to encourage discussion between poster authors and attendees.

Contributed oral presentations and poster abstracts must be received by 22 February 2008. All submissions must be made by using the online abstract form, which is available on the WDAFS (www.wdafs.org) and ORAFS (www.orafs.org) websites.

Submitting via the websites is required, and formatting is automatically done for you. On the "Session Topic" lines of the abstract form, please indicate which two general topics best fit the concept in your abstract. Use a brief but descriptive title, avoiding acronyms or scientific names in the title unless the common name is not widely known. List all authors, their affiliations, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Abstracts are restricted to 300 words and should be a summary of your findings. All presenters will receive an immediate e-mail confirmation of their abstract submission and will be notified of format acceptance and the designated time and place of their presentation in April.

General topics for contributed papers and posters include: Bioengineering, Communities and Ecosystems, Contaminants and Toxicology, Education, Fish Culture, Fish Health, Fish Conservation, Freshwater Fish Ecology, Freshwater Fisheries Management, Genetics, Habitat and Water Quality, Human Dimensions, Marine Fish Ecology, Marine Fisheries Management, Native Fishes, Physiology, Policy, Population Dynamics, Statistics and Modeling, Species Specific (specify), and Other (specify).

Indicate your preference for the presentation format using one of the following:

- 1) Oral
- 2) Poster

Late submission will not be accepted. Please note that WDAFS and ORAFS do not waive registration fees for symposium, workshop, or contributed session participants. All presenters and meeting attendees must pay registration fees. Registration forms will be available on the WDAFS and ORAFS websites in January 2008; register early for cost savings.

EXAMPLE ABSTRACT

Abstract will follow the format below:

ORAL OR POSTER: Oral

SESSION: Education

TITLE: An example abstract for the WDAFS 2008 Annual Meeting

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ABSTRACT: Abstracts are used by the Program Committee to evaluate and select papers for inclusion in the scientific and technical sessions of the 2008 WDAFS Annual Meeting. An informative abstract contains a statement of the problem and significance, study objectives, principal findings and application, and it conforms to the prescribed format.

Student Presenter? (Work being reported was completed while a student): Yes

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