



We invite you to the Land of Enchantment as the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society and Arizona/New Mexico Chapter co-convene the 2009 WDAFS Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico (3-7 May 2009). The theme of the meeting is "Evolution of the Western Landscape: Balancing Habitat, Land, and Water Management for Fish". The program will offer a full-range of topics in fisheries science as well as provide the opportunity for networking and socializing. Come and enjoy majestic vistas, taste the many flavors of our New Mexico cuisine, and explore the diverse cultural and historical opportunities that Albuquerque and the surrounding area have to offer. See first hand the uniqueness of our arid landscape to appreciate how it has shaped our native fauna and flora.

SECOND CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND PAPERS

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

Oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes (15-minute presentation with 5 minutes for speaker introductions and questions). Breaks and socials will be organized around the Posters to encourage discussion between attendees and poster presenters.

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 be at least half-day, but may span a maximum of two days. Half-day symposia can have 8-11 presentations and full-day symposia can have 17-21 speakers, depending on the day. Symposia may include keynote speakers with two time slots (40 minutes total) or panel discussions. The maximum number of posters per symposium is 10.

Symposium proposals must be submitted by 16 January 2009 via the website (<http://www.aznmfishsoup.org/wdafs09/>); choose the "Call For Papers/Symposia" option on the home page. Contact Julie Carter (jcarter@azgfd.gov; 623-236-7576) if you have any questions or do not receive email confirmation of your

submission. The Program Committee will review all symposium proposals and notify organizers of acceptance or decline within five days after submission. If accepted, organizers must submit a complete list of confirmed speakers and titles by 23 January 2009 to Julie Carter electronically @ jcarter@azgfd.gov. Symposium abstracts (in the same format as the contributed abstracts; see below) are due 20 February 2009 and can be submitted on the website beginning 9 January 2008 (<http://www.aznmfishsoup.org/wdafs09/>); choose the "Call For Papers/Symposia" option on the home page.

Format for symposium proposals:

SYMPOSIUM TITLE: Brief but descriptive.

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.

DESCRIPTION: In 500 words or less, describe the topic addressed by the proposed symposium, objective of the symposium, and value of the symposium to AFS members and meeting participants.

FORMAT: Indicate format and length of the proposed symposium (e.g., a full-day session with 17-21 speakers, a full-day session with 2-hours designated for a panel discussion, a half-day session with 8-11 speakers; keynote speaker and full-day session).

MODERATOR: Identify who will moderate the symposium. If there is more than one moderator, please supply all names and contact information.

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS: We encourage speakers to use PowerPoint for presentations. Presentations in other software programs must be approved by the Program Committee.

AUDIOVISUAL REQUIREMENTS: Pentium M based laptops and LCD projectors with support will be supplied for all sessions. All MAC-based presentations must be converted to PC format prior to the meeting.

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").

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS: Provide each speakers name, tentative title of presentation, and the speakers confirmation status.

CONTRIBUTED ORAL AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

The Program Committee for the 2009 WDAFS Annual Meeting invites abstracts for contributed oral presentations and posters. The meeting will include a poster session to encourage discussion between poster presenters and attendees.

Contributed oral presentations and poster abstracts must be received by 20 February 2009. All submissions must be made by using the online abstract form, which is available on the 2009 Western Division meeting webpage (<http://www.aznmfishsoup.org/wdafs09/>). Select the "Call For Papers/Symposia" option and choose "Submit your abstract". In this form, indicate whether you are submitting for a poster or oral presentation and choose a category from the drop-down subject menu that best describes the general content of your presentation or poster.

Submitting via the website is required, and formatting is automatically done for you. 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 affiliation, and 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 receive notification of their acceptance, place and time of their presentation in March.

General topics for contributed papers and posters include but are not limited to:

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, Larval Fishes, Marine Fish Ecology, Marine Fisheries Management, Native Fishes, Invasive Species, Physiology, Policy, Population Dynamics, Statistics and Modeling, Student Symposia*, Species Specific (specify), and Other (specify). *A special Student Symposium is scheduled to provide an opportunity for students to present their research and receive a objective critique by fisheries professionals. The Best Student Oral and Poster presentations will receive a cash award. While students are encouraged to participate in the Symposium, it is not required.

Late submissions will not be accepted. Please note that WDAFS and the AZ/NM AFS Chapter do not waive registration fees for symposium, workshop, or contributed sessions participants. All presenters and meeting attendees must pay registration fees. Registration forms will be available on the 2009 Western Division meeting webpage (<http://www.aznmfishsoup.org/wdafs09/>) in early January. Register early to take advantage of a cost savings. Late registration will start 1 April 2009.

Indicate your preference for the presentation format using one of the following (for contributed papers and symposia):

- Oral
- Poster

EXAMPLE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH ABSTRACT:

ORAL OR POSTER: Oral

SESSION: Freshwater Fisheries Management

TITLE: Effects of Grazing on Growth Rate and Movement Behavior in Brown Trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve, New Mexico

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ABSTRACT: An informative abstract contains a statement of the problem and significance, study objectives, principal findings, and applications.

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

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