

Call for Oral Presentations and Posters

75th Annual **VIRTUAL** Shellfish Conference and Tradeshow September 20-22, 2021

The Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association and the National Shellfisheries Association – Pacific Coast Section invite submissions of abstracts for oral presentations and posters for the 2021 Annual Shellfish Conference and Tradeshow. Conference attendees include shellfish growers, suppliers, service providers, researchers, academicians, government agencies, environmental organizations and students.

SUBMIT ABSTRACT: <http://pcsga.org/annual-conferences/abstract-login/>

DEADLINE: Abstract Title by May 1
Full Abstract by August 1

Session Topics

Session topics identified here are not intended to be exhaustive, and abstracts on additional research topics will be considered.

*Presentations are 15 minutes in length: 12 min talk, 3 min Q&A

- Ocean Conditions: Climate Change, Ocean Chemistry, Acidification
- Marine Pathogens, Shellfish Disease, Harmful Algal Blooms
- Human Health Issues
- Emerging Species: Beyond Bivalves
- Kelp, Seaweed
- Restoration and Protection Efforts (Species and Habitat)
- Estuarine Habitat, Ecosystem Services, Multitrophic Interactions
- Genetics, Broodstock Development
- Wild Stock Management
- Public Engagement, Education and Outreach
- Markets, Trade
- Economics of Shellfish, Social Science
- Working Waterfront Conflicts
- Marine Debris, Microplastics
- Pest Management
- Down on the Farm: Shellfish Growers Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs
- Permitting and Regulatory Issues
- Workshop (must be approved by Conference Admin)
- Poster Session – varied topics
- Other

Cancellations - Submit your abstract only if you are committed to giving your presentation, and you have all the data necessary to support your talk. When you submit an abstract, you will be assigned a day/time on the agenda. Cancelling your talk poses an extreme hardship to move all other speakers around to fill the void. Please take this into consideration before you submit an abstract.

Students

- **Awards**

NSA-PCS will present an award for the best student presentation at the conference. If you are a NSA-PCS student member (in good standing) and wish to be considered, please state your interest by checking the box on the Abstract Submission Form. Student presenters must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution (or recently graduated) at the time of submission to be considered for an award.

- **Financial Assistance**

Financial assistance is available to students for conference registration. Students requiring financial assistance should indicate a request with their abstract. Questions regarding financial assistance may be directed to NSA Treasurer Sandy Zeiner at szeiner@nwifc.org

Instructions for Abstracts Abstracts will appear in the program exactly as typed so check your spelling, wording, etc.

- **Title of Paper:** The abstract title should be CAPITALIZED, with the exception of scientific names, which should be upper/lower case and *italicized*.
- **Authors:** The first name listed should be the presenting author, with an asterisk (*) following the presenting author's last name. List all other authors. All last names should be capitalized. Include institution, school, business or other affiliation.
- **Paragraphs:** Paragraphs should be separated by a blank line. Do not indent.
- **Margins:** Use a 1" margins on all sides.
- **Font:** Use 12-point Times New Roman font. No bold typeface.

ABSTRACT FORMAT EXAMPLE:

REPRODUCTIVE CYCLE OF MERCENARIA MERCENARIA IN A SOUTH CAROLINA ESTUARY

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Hatchery seed of *Mercenaria mercenaria* planted at two tidal locations and at three clam densities were sampled over a 3-year period. Gonadal development was determined histopathologically and related to clam size and experimental treatments.

Shell length, tissue wet weight, and internal shell volume varied significantly between sexes and development stages of clams. Females were larger, weighed more.....