

# FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS: LITTLE ROCK 2013



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The Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is pleased to announce the first call for papers for the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas! The meeting theme, "Preparing for the Challenges Ahead," is likely to stimulate thoughts and presentations on challenges facing natural resource agencies regarding mandates to do more with fewer resources, challenges facing educators regarding a growing knowledge base and changing student expectations, challenges facing students regarding their roles as future scientists and managers serving increasingly more diverse stakeholders, and other challenges that confront fisheries and natural resource professionals. AFS 2013 will take place on September 8-12 in Little Rock, at the Statehouse Convention Center located at the east end of President Clinton Avenue. The River Market District in Little Rock and the Argenta District in North Little Rock offer the best in dining, entertainment, museums, and shopping. Let Little Rock show you some southern hospitality next year.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Fisheries and natural resource professionals are invited to submit symposia proposals or abstracts for contributed oral and poster presentations that address the meeting's theme, or on other issues and subjects pertinent to our field. We encourage state and federal fisheries

professionals, private biologists, academics, and students to participate. There will be three types of sessions at the meeting: Symposia (oral presentations organized by individuals or groups with a common interest), Contributed Oral Presentations (grouped together into themes), and Contributed Poster Presentations (organized to coincide with either symposia or contributed oral presentations themes).

### SYMPOSIA

The Program Committee invites proposals for Symposia. We are specifically requesting topics related to the meeting

theme. Topics not addressing the meeting theme should be of general interest to AFS members. Symposia that address challenges facing broad groups of fisheries professionals, along with solutions to specific challenges will receive priority. Symposium organizers are responsible for recruiting presenter, soliciting their abstracts, and directing them to submit their abstracts and presentations through the AFS online submission forms (fisheries.org). Organizers are not required to recruit a full symposium at the time of proposal submissions. The Program Committee will work with symposium organizers to incorporate appropriate presentations that were submitted as contributed oral or poster presentations. A symposium should include a minimum of 10 presentations and we encourage organizers to limit their requests to 1-d symposia (about 20 oral presentations). Symposia with more than 20 presentations will be strongly encouraged to convert some oral presentations to posters (see further information in Poster section below). Regular oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes, but double time slots (i.e., 40 minutes) may be offered to keynote speakers.

Symposium proposals must be submitted by January 11, 2013. All symposium proposal submissions must be made using the AFS online symposium proposal submission form available on the AFS website (fisheries.org). The Program Committee

will review all symposium proposals and notify organizers of their acceptance or refusal by February 1, 2013. If accepted, organizers must submit a complete list of all confirmed presentations and titles by February 22, 2013. Symposium abstracts (in the same format as contributed oral or poster presentation abstracts; see below) are due by March 15, 2013.

The Program Committee is developing ways to increase the accessibility of symposia to all potential participants. See future calls for papers, e-mail messages, and the meeting web site for more details.

### FORMAT FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS – (submit using AFS online symposium submission form: fisheries.org)

When submitting your abstract, include the following:

- 1) Symposium title:** Brief but descriptive
- 2) Organizer(s):** provide name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of each organizer. Indicate by an asterisk the name of the main contact person.
- 3) Description:** In 300 words or less, describe the topic addressed by the proposed symposium, the objective of the symposium, and the value of the symposium to AFS members and meeting participants.
- 4) Format and time requirements:** Indicate the mix of formats (oral and poster). State the time required for regular oral presentations (i.e. 20 minutes per speaker) and the time required for speed presentations and poster viewing (3 minutes per speaker plus one hour of poster viewing).
- 5) Chairs:** Supply name(s) of individual(s) who will chair the symposium.
- 6) Presentations requirements:** Speakers should use PowerPoint for presentations.
- 7) Audiovisual requirements:** LCD projectors and laptops will be available in every room. Other audiovisual equipment needed for the symposium will be considered, but computer projection is strongly encouraged.
- 8) Special seating requests:** Standard rooms will be arranged theatre-style. Please indicate special seating requests (for example, "after the break, a panel

discussion with seating for 10 panel members will be needed”).

**9) Lists of presentations:** Please supply information on potential presenters, tentative titles, and oral or poster designations for each presenter.

**Sponsors:** If applicable, indicate sponsorship. Please note that a sponsor is not required.

## CONTRIBUTED ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The Program Committee invites abstracts for contributed oral and poster presentations. Authors must indicate their preferred presentation format:

- 1) Contributed oral presentation only,
- 2) Contributed poster presentation only,
- 3) Contributed oral presentation preferred, but poster presentation acceptable.

Only one contributed oral presentation will be accepted for each senior author. Contributed oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentation plus 5 minutes for questions). All oral presenters are expected to deliver PowerPoint presentations.

We encourage poster submissions because of the limited time available for oral presentations. The program will include a dedicated poster session to encourage discussion between poster authors and attendees. In addition, the Program Committee is exploring alternative presentations methods for posters. For example, “Speed Presentations”, short oral presentations of poster highlights are being considered, as well as exhibiting symposium posters in the same room as oral symposium presentations. Decisions on these alternatives will be provided in the final call for papers.

## STUDENT PRESENTERS

Student presenters must indicate if they wish their abstract to be considered for competition for a best student presentation (i.e., paper or poster, but not both) award. If they respond “no,” the presentation will be considered for inclusion in the Annual Meeting by the Program Committee, but will not receive further consideration by the Student Judging Committee. If students indicate “yes,” they will be required to submit an application to the Student Judging Committee.

Components of the application will include an extended abstract and a check-off from their mentor indicating that the study is at a stage appropriate for consideration for an award.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts for contributed oral and poster presentations must be received by March 15, 2013. All submissions must be made using the AFS online abstract submission form, available at [fisheries.org](http://fisheries.org). When submitting your abstract:

- 1) Use a brief but descriptive title, avoiding acronyms or scientific names in the title unless the common name is not widely known;
- 2) List all authors, their affiliations, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses; and;
- 3) Provide a summary of your findings and restrict your abstract to 200 words.

All presenters will receive an email confirmation of their abstract submission and will be notified of acceptance and the designated time and place of their presentation by April 5, 2013.

The Program Committee will group contributed oral and poster presentations thematically based on the title and two or three keywords you will choose and prioritize during the abstract submission process.

Late submissions will not be accepted. AFS does not waive registration fees for presenters at symposia, workshops, or contributed oral or poster presentation sessions. All presenters and meeting attendees must pay registration fees. Registration forms will be available on the AFS website ([fisheries.org](http://fisheries.org)) in May 2013. There is a cost savings for registering early.

## FORMAT FOR ABSTRACTS

**Title:** An Example Abstract for the AFS 2013 Annual Meeting

**Format:** Oral

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**Presenter:** Steve Lochmann

**Abstract:** Abstracts are used by the Program Committee to evaluate and select papers for inclusion in the scientific and technical sessions of the 2013 AFS Annual Meeting. An informative abstract contains a statement of the problem and its significance, study objectives, principle findings, and applications. The abstract conforms to the prescribed format. An abstract must be no more than 200 words in length.

**Student presenter:** No

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