

74th Annual Shellfish Conference

October 6-8, 2020 ▪ Wenatchee, WA

Call for Oral Presentations

*Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association
National Shellfisheries Association – Pacific Coast Section*

The Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association and the National Shellfisheries Association – Pacific Coast Section invite submissions of abstracts for oral presentations at the 2020 Annual Shellfish Conference. Conference attendees include shellfish growers, suppliers, service providers, researchers, academicians, government agencies, environmental organizations and students.

Submit workshop titles and abstracts at <http://pcsga.org/annual-conferences/abstract-login/>

Deadlines

- Workshops (2 hour limit)
 - Workshop title and invited speaker names – April 1, 2020
 - Full abstracts from invited speakers – May 30, 2020
- Session Presentations (includes regular 15 min presentations, and 5 min Shellfish Shorts)
 - Abstract titles – May 1, 2020
 - Full abstracts – May 30, 2020

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

- 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
- Shellfish Short (5 min slideshow in the Ignite Format)
- Other

Submit your presentation on a USB flash drive to the AV Desk at the conference **24 hours in advance of the start of your scheduled session** so that we may address potential AV issues. Presentations scheduled for the first day of the conference must be emailed **24 hours** in advance to szeiner@nwifc.org.

Regular conference presentations are 15 minutes in length (12 min talk, plus 3 min Q&A).

You may also choose to submit your presentation as a **Shellfish Short** in the [ignite style](#). Shellfish Shorts is a presentation format intended to stimulate the exchange of innovative and ideas in a 5-minute talk. Each Shellfish Short will feature 20 slides that advance *automatically* every 15 seconds, and can address any aspect of shellfish science or farming. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Recent advances in traditional topics
- Points and counterpoints from the discipline/industry
- Stumbling blocks and problems within the field
- How-to guides and toolkits
- Industry-science partnerships

Note to PCSGA Allied Members: You are invited to share information about your services and/or products during the Allied Breakfast Spotlight, a special session designated just for allied members. Please do not submit a competing abstract in the regular abstract submission portal. Notify our office if you wish to take part in the Allied Breakfast Spotlight.

Cancellations

Submit your abstract *only* if you are positive you are able to attend the conference, and that you have all the data necessary to support your talk. If you are not able to give your presentation, for unforeseen circumstances, you must find a substitute to present your abstract and notify conference personnel immediately. Once you've submitted your abstract and you've been assigned a day/time on the agenda, it poses an extreme hardship to remove your talk from a time slot, which then causes the entire agenda to shift (other talks, breaks, lunches, etc)

Students

- **Student 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.
- **Student Financial Assistance**
Financial assistance may be available to students for lodging, travel expenses, conference registration, and banquet tickets. Students requiring financial assistance should indicate a

request with their abstract. Students will be notified of awards prior to the early bird registration deadline. Questions regarding student financial assistance may be directed to NSA Treasurer Sandy Zeiner at szeiner@nwifc.org

- **Student Registration (Required)**

All students are required to register for the conference at www.pcsnga.org by the **early-bird deadline**. If NSA is covering your registration fee, check the “Pay by mail” option when registering, and NSA will take it from there. By registering, you will be included in the head count for meals and receive a conference packet with nametag. If you are staying for your session *only* – and not the entire conference – you must still register. Contact conniesmith@pcsnga.org or 360-754-2744 with questions.

Instructions for Abstracts

- 1. Title of Paper:** The abstract title should be CAPITALIZED, with the exception of scientific names, which should be upper/lower case and *italicized*.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Paragraphs:** Paragraphs should be separated by a blank line. Do not indent.
- 4. Margins:** Use a 1” margins on all sides.
- 5. Font:** Use 12-point Times New Roman font. No bold typeface. Abbreviations should only be used after first spelling the word out in full with the abbreviation in parentheses.

** Abstracts will appear in the program exactly as typed so check your spelling, wording, etc. See abstract format example below.

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. Male gametogenesis preceded female development and a 9.5:1.0 male-to-female sex ratio occurred during the first year of the experiment.

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