

Call for Oral & Poster Presentations

65th Annual Shellfish Conference
September 19 – September 22, 2011
Salem, Oregon

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

ABSTRACT DEADLINES: (*register abstract at www.pcsqa.org*)

- **May 20, 2011 – abstract title due**
- **August 1, 2011 – full abstract due**

The Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association and the National Shellfisheries Association – Pacific Coast Section invite submissions of abstracts for oral or poster presentations at the 2011 Annual Shellfish Conference, September 19 – 22, 2011 at the Salem Convention Center in Salem OR. Conference attendees include shellfish growers, suppliers, service providers, researchers, academicians, government agencies, environmental organizations and students.

Abstracts addressing the topics identified below are welcome. The topics identified here are not intended to be exhaustive, and abstracts on additional research topics will be considered.

Session Topics

- Ocean Conditions: Climate change, ocean chemistry, acidification, etc
- Marine Pathogens/Shellfish Disease and Mortality
- Down on the Farm: Shellfish growers trials, tribulations, achievements, failures
- Resource User Conflicts, Permitting and Regulatory Issues
- Carbon Trading and Shellfish: Bivalves for Clean Water
- Marketing Issues: i.e. Branding, Sustainability, Certification, Emerging Markets, etc
- Restoration and Protection Efforts (Species and Habitat)
- Estuarine Habitat and Shellfish Culture Interactions
- Invasive and Exotic Marine Species
- Genetics, Brood Stock Development
- Marine Resource and Social Sciences
- Geoducks: Cultivation Techniques, Biology, Management
- Resource Assessment and Management
- Crustaceans: Biology and Management
- Public Engagement, Education and Outreach
- Other _____

Student Awards and Scholarships

The Conference Advisory Committee invites undergraduate and graduate students to submit proposals for oral presentations on research projects to be evaluated by a panel of judges. PCSGA will award scholarship(s) for “Best Applied Research.” Go to the PCSGA website at www.pcsqa.org or call 360-754-2744 for more information. In addition, NSA-PCS will present awards for the best undergraduate and graduate student presentations at the conference. If you are a student and wish to be considered for either of these awards, please state your interest by checking the box on the Abstract Submission Form. Student presenters must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution at the time that your proposal is submitted to be considered for an award.

Student Financial Assistance

Financial assistance may be available to student contributors for lodging, travel expenses, conference registration, abstract fees and banquet tickets. Students requiring financial assistance should submit a request with their abstract. Questions regarding student financial assistance may be directed to Lisa Crosson at lisa418@u.washington.edu or 206-616-6341.

Submission Instructions

1. The deadline for submission of abstract title is May 20, 2011. The deadline for submission of full abstract is August 1, 2011.
2. Submit your presentation online at www.pcsqa.org in the required format.
3. Presentations should be in PowerPoint. Please bring a back up copy of your presentation on a separate storage device such as a USB flash drive.
4. Time allowed for presentations is 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion (20 minutes total).
5. Cancellation: If you are not able to give your scheduled presentation, you must find a substitute to present your abstract and notify the conference personnel immediately.
6. Presenters must register for the conference, whether they are planning to attend just the session they are presenting in, or the entire conference. If presenters are only attending the session they are presenting in – and not the entire conference – they still must register, but the registration fee will be waived.
7. If your presentation is based upon a scientific paper and you desire to have your abstract published in the Journal of Shellfish Research, please indicate so on the Abstract Submission Form and include a **\$50 (U.S.) abstract fee** to cover Journal publishing costs, made payable to NSA-PCS.

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 and should not be indented.
- 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, and had more space within the shell than males. No histological differences were detected between clams from different densities or tidal locations. Age, size, and sex relationships to gonadal development are presented with a discussion of seasonal gonadal changes.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Presenting Author Information:

First Name:
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I am submitting a(n): oral presentation
 poster presentation

Is the author/presenter a student? Yes No

If so, does the author/presenter want to submit this paper
for the student scholarship award? Yes No

Is the author/presenter requesting student financial assistance
from the Ken Chew Endowment Fund? Yes No
If so, is the author/presenter a current NSA member? Yes No

Does the author choose to have their abstract appear in the
Journal of Shellfish Research? Yes No
(If so, please include \$50 fee payable to NSA-PCS)

Biography (100 words or less)

Abstract Information

Abstract Title:

Please select the most appropriate session for your abstract. The Conference Advisory Committee reserves the right to move your presentation to a different session if they feel it is more appropriate for the developing agenda.

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