

Call for Oral Presentations

67th Annual Shellfish Conference
September 30 – October 3, 2013
Sunriver, Oregon

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

ABSTRACT DEADLINES: *Register abstract at www.pcsqa.org*

- **May 15, 2013 – abstract title due**
- **August 1, 2013 – full abstract due**

The Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association and the National Shellfisheries Association – Pacific Coast Section invite submissions of abstracts for oral presentations at the 2013 Annual Shellfish Conference, September 30 – October 3, 2013 at the Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon. Conference attendees include shellfish growers, suppliers, service providers, researchers, academicians, government agencies, environmental organizations and students.

If you are interested in presenting a group **panel** or **workshop**, please let us know.

Session Topics The 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, 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: 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
- Ecosystem Services
- Culinary – Tourism
- Other _____

Submission Instructions

1. The deadline for submission of abstract title is May 15, 2013. The deadline for submission of full abstract is August 1, 2013.
2. Submit your presentation and register 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 Q&A (20 minutes total).
5. Cancellation: If you are not able to give your presentation, you must find a substitute to present your abstract and notify the conference personnel immediately.
6. Presenters **must** register for the conference. If you plan to attend *only* the session you are presenting in, you must still register, however your registration fee will be waived. If you are planning to attend the entire conference, you must pay the conference registration fee. Questions? Please call Connie at 360-754-2744.
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.

Students

Student Awards and Scholarships

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, 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 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 Bethany Stevick at Bethany.Stevick@dfw.wa.gov or 206-851-6805.

Student Registration

All students **must** register for the conference at www.pcsqa.org by the **early-bird deadline**, even if NSA is covering your registration fees. When registering, simply check the "Pay by mail" option, 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. Even if you are staying for your session *only* – and not the entire conference – you must still register. If you have any questions, please call Connie at 360-754-2744.

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:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Affiliation -- School, Agency or Company:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip or Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone:

Email:

Are you interested in presenting a:

- 15 min presentation
 group panel/workshop

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? If so, please
include \$50 fee payable to NSA-PCS.

- Yes No

Biography (100 words or less)

Abstract Information

Abstract Title:

I would like to register for a:

- 15 min oral presentation
- longer group panel/workshop

Please select the most appropriate session for your abstract/talk. 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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Abstract Text: