



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
41st Annual Meeting of the
Washington-British Columbia Chapter
April 8 - 11, 2019
Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA

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FIRST CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

The Washington-British Columbia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society invites you to submit your symposium ideas for the 2019 Annual General Meeting to be held in Bremerton, Washington, USA, April 8 - 11. The theme this year will be **“Feast and Famine from the Headwaters to the Sea”**.

Being an aquatic organism in the Pacific Northwest is a constant struggle, whether one inhabits the headwaters or the sea. Some, like sea lions, are enjoying a moment of “feast” where populations are stronger than ever, perhaps even to the detriment of other species. But others, like Southern Resident Killer Whales and steelhead, are on the losing side experiencing “famine” and facing extinction. We invite speakers to discuss potential causes for recent population trends, brainstorm ways we can help tip the scales for populations stuck in a cycle of famine, and share their experiences on the best ways to communicate this critical information to policy-makers.

Symposium organizers are encouraged to submit proposals, recruit presenters, solicit presenter abstracts, and direct presenters to submit their abstracts. Organizers are not required to recruit a full symposium at the time of proposal submissions. A symposium should include a minimum of 5 presentations. Time slots are limited to 20 minutes, but multiple time slots (i.e. 40 or 60 minutes) may be offered to keynote symposia speakers or wrap-up panel discussions.

FORMAT FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

When submitting your proposal, please include the following:

1. **Organizer’s information:** Provide first and last name, affiliation, telephone number, and e-mail address of organizer. (More than one person can help organize a symposium, but we will only collect information from the lead person.)
2. **Symposium title:** Be brief but descriptive.
3. **Description:** Submit a brief (<300 word) abstract that describes your proposed symposium. Deadline for symposia submittals is **Friday November 16, 2018**.
4. **Audiovisual requirements:** LCD projectors and laptops will be available in every room. Please list special AV requirements, if any.
5. **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”).

Email your symposia topics to Paul Spruell by November 16, 2018 to be considered for the Washington-British Columbia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 2019 Annual General Meeting in Bremerton, WA. For additional information email pspruell@ewu.edu or call (509) 359-7006.