

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY 2021 Annual Meeting of the WA-BC Chapter March 1 - 3, 2021 Delivered in a Virtual Format

The Washington-British Columbia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society invites you to submit your symposium proposals for the 2021 Annual General Meeting to be held virtually March 1-3, 2021. The theme this year will be **"Crossing Boundaries and Navigating Intersections"**.

Boundaries are divides that may include technology, methodology, mindsets, disciplines, environments, borders, politics, communications, values and the like. Intersections represent pathways where these often-separate factors converge. We have all been on a learning journey during 2020 as we navigate new boundaries prompted by this age of pandemic. This meeting will be another exercise in learning as we cross these boundaries using a virtual format to navigate our meeting. Our desire remains the same, leveraging our collective talent to cross spatial, topical, and cultural boundaries to navigate towards intersections that lead to the betterment of our profession and the advancement of management of fisheries and of aquatic resources.

Symposium organizers are encouraged to submit proposals, recruit presenters, solicit presenter abstracts, and direct presenters to submit their abstracts. Organizers are not required to have recruited a full symposium at the time of proposal submissions. However, a symposium should include a minimum of 3 presentations and the planning committee reserves the right to pool symposia and contributed papers into similar topic areas. Time slots for individual presentations are limited to 15 minutes, but multiple time slots 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 Monday January 4, 2021.

4. The majority of presentations will be pre-recorded and submitted prior to the meeting. The virtual format will allow opportunities for interactions among, organizers, and authors. Additional live interactions being considered should be discussed with the meeting organizers (below).

Email your symposia topics or contact for additional information: Alf Haukenes <u>ahaukenes@gmail.com</u> and Paul Spruell<u>pspruell@ewu.edu</u>