



CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
2017 Spring Conference
Orlando, Florida
5-7 April 2017

Plenary Theme: **New Techniques in Wildlife Research & Management**
Symposium Theme: **Advancing Wildlife Research: Case Studies**

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society will hold its annual Spring Meeting in Orlando, Florida, **5-7 April 2017**. The Meeting will include a symposium, business meeting, plenary session, technical sessions, poster sessions, socials, natural history quiz, banquet dinner, awards ceremony, a workshop and field trips. This Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for students and professionals working on wildlife research or habitat management in Florida to present results of recent studies, talk about ongoing projects, discuss collaborations, and share ideas. Students will be given special incentives to attend the Meeting and present their research, including reduced registration and lodging, a student-mentor breakfast, a chance to win awards, as well as networking opportunities.

This year's plenary theme is *New Techniques in Wildlife Research & Management*, but papers and posters dealing with any wildlife-related topic are encouraged, including ecology, economics, management, restoration, risk assessment, policy and regulation, evolutionary biology, and interdisciplinary projects. Abstracts will be edited and included in a meeting program booklet; proceedings will not be published.

Instructions for submitting abstracts (Papers and Posters)

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **1 March 2017**. Abstracts should be 350 words or less and conform to the general style of Journal of Wildlife Management abstracts (keywords not necessary; **see sample abstract below**).

The full name, address, phone number, email, and professional title and affiliation of all corresponding authors should be provided with the abstract. **Student** abstracts should be clearly identified as such, as well as **type** of presentation (paper or poster). We reserve the right to suggest that the presentation type be switched from paper to poster or vice versa based on topic or time limitations.

An abbreviated heading including the title and author name(s) should also appear before the abstract body (see example below). Use standard abbreviations for units of measure. Other abbreviations and acronyms should be spelled out in full at first mention, followed by the abbreviation/acronym in parentheses. A notification of acceptance or rejection will be emailed to the corresponding author no later than 15 March.

Abstracts should be submitted via email in MSWord format to Paul Moler at FLTWS.abstracts@fltws.org.

Guidelines for paper presentations

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, including 3-5 minutes for questions. A computer and LCD projector will be provided. Overheads and slides are not accepted. Please copy your presentation onto a USB flash drive; name the presentation with your last name and title of the talk. Before the start of your session, give your presentation to the AV assistant. There will not be time to copy the files once a session has begun. An AV person will be on hand for 15 minutes prior to each session. LCD presentations must be made using PowerPoint software. Macintosh users should ensure that their presentations will function properly in a Windows environment. DO NOT bring presentations on a CD or any other medium.

Guidelines for posters

Posters should be no larger than 100 cm (40 in) tall by 150 cm (60 in) wide. Poster stations will be provided and include a foam-core display board, easel, push pins, binder clips and tape. If you require a table for pamphlets, brochures, or other display items, please indicate this on your abstract submission. Poster stations will be available at the start of the conference. We ask that posters be in place by the first day and stay up for the duration of the conference. Poster authors are required to be present at their stations for one hour during the designated Poster Social to answer questions.

Sample Abstract Submission

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Student or nonstudent (*select one*), paper or poster (*select one*)

The effects of fish size on net energy intake of snowy egrets. T. R. Estord and M. Ritters

THE EFFECTS OF FISH SIZE ON NET ENERGY INTAKE OF SNOWY EGRETS

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Draining wetlands reduces their hydroperiod and causes a shift in the size structure of the fish community toward smaller and younger fish. Reduced fish size could potentially impact snowy egrets (*Egretta thula*) if it reduced their net energy intake. We tested the hypothesis...

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