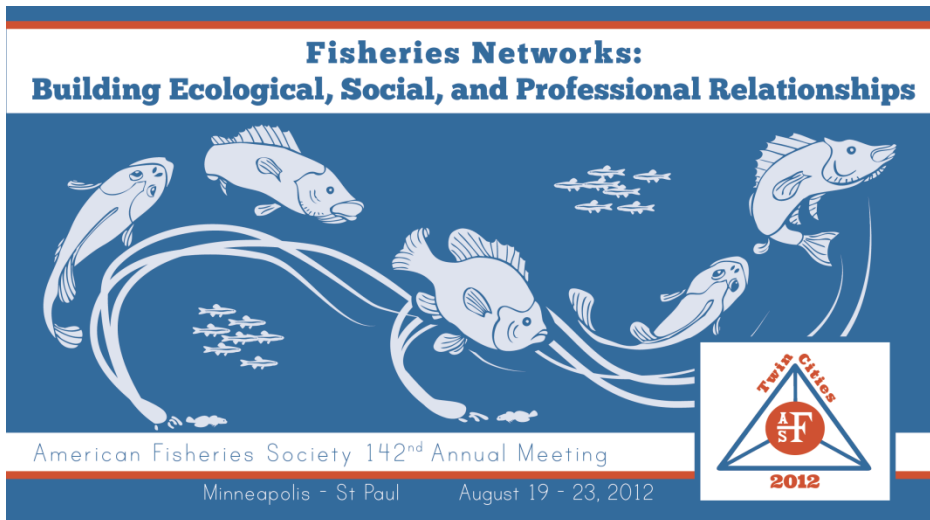


# Latest Call for Papers: Twin Cities 2012



The Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society announce the latest call for papers for the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota! The meeting's theme, "Fisheries Networks: Building Ecological, Social and Professional Relationships," promises to bring forth up-to-date and relevant information and discussions about ecological networks and trophic food webs, social networks that inform human-fisheries interactions, and professional networks that support and enhance interactions among fisheries scientists as well as other issues facing aquatic resource professionals. AFS 2012 will be **19-23 August 2012** at the RiverCentre Convention Center and neighboring Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel, in downtown St. Paul. The sister Twin City of Minneapolis will provide additional exciting activities for the meeting. We look forward to seeing you in St. Paul and Minneapolis!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Fisheries professionals are invited to submit symposia proposals and abstracts for papers in a range of topics and disciplines, particularly those that focus on the meeting theme. We encourage participation by professionals at all levels and backgrounds, and especially students. The scientific program consists of three types of sessions: Symposia, Contributed Papers, and Posters.

## SYMPOSIA

The Program Committee invites proposals for symposia. Topics must be of general interest to AFS members, and topics related to the meeting theme will receive priority. The Program Committee also encourages integrative symposia that span freshwater

and marine systems (e.g. food web ecology, climate change, stock assessment methods, biotelemetry and other bioengineering methods). Topics that bring inland (especially Great Lakes) scientists and managers together with their marine colleagues will fit well into the "Networks" theme for the meeting.

Symposium organizers are responsible for recruiting presenters, soliciting their abstracts, and directing them to submit their abstracts and presentations through the AFS online submission forms. Organizers are not required to recruit a full symposium at the time of proposal submissions. The Program Committee will work with symposium organizers to incorporate appropriate presentations that were submitted as contributed papers. A symposium should include a minimum of 12 presentations and we encourage organizers to limit their requests to one-day symposia (about 25 oral presentations). Regular oral presentations are limited to 15 minutes, but double time slots (i.e. 30 minutes) may be offered to keynote speakers. Displaying associated posters in the back of symposia rooms are also a possibility.

Symposium ideas may be submitted by email or on line at the meeting website (<http://www.afs2012.org>). Final symposium proposals must be submitted by **13 January 2012**, but earlier submissions are strongly encouraged to allow web posting and feedback from AFS members. All final symposium proposals must be submitted using the AFS online abstract submission forms available on the meeting website. The Program Committee will review all symposium proposals and notify organizers of acceptance or refusal by **27 January 2012**. If accepted,

organizers must submit a complete list of all confirmed presentations and titles by **2 March 2012**. Symposium abstracts (in the same format as contributed abstracts; see below) are due by **9 March 2012**.

To increase the accessibility of symposia to all meeting participants and advertise topics, initial symposium ideas and contact information will be posted on a conference web page. This may help you recruit speakers and see if others have similar ideas that could be merged into one proposal.

## FORMAT FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS (Submit using AFS online symposium submission form)

When submitting your abstract include the following:

- 1) Symposium title and any sponsors:** A brief but descriptive title. A sponsor is not required.
- 2) Organizer(s) and moderator(s):** Provide name, telephone number, and e-mail address of each organizer. Indicate by an asterisk the name of the main contact person.
- 3) Description:** In 300 words or less, describe the topic addressed by the proposed symposium, the objective of the symposium, and the value of the symposium to AFS members and participants.

Organizers will be contacted later to describe:

- 4) Format and time requirement:** Indicate the mix of formats (oral, poster, or keynote presentations).
- 5) Presentation requirements:** Speakers should use PowerPoint for presentations.
- 6) Audiovisual requirements:** LCD projectors and laptops will be available in every room. Other audiovisual equipment needed for the symposium will be considered, but computer projection is strongly encouraged.
- 7) 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").
- 8) List of presentations:** Please supply information on: potential presenters, tentative titles, and oral or poster designations.

## PAPERS AND POSTERS

The Program Committee invites abstracts for papers and posters. Authors will be asked whether they are an invited speaker and whether or not they would like their presentation considered for a specific symposium. Authors must indicate whether their preferred presentation format is an oral presentation or a poster.

Oral presentations for contributed papers will be limited to 15 minutes (12 minutes for presentation plus 3 minutes for questions). All oral presenters are expected to deliver PowerPoint presentations.

We encourage poster submissions because of the limited time available for oral presentations. The program will include a dedicated poster session to encourage discussion between poster authors and attendees. In addition, the Program Committee is exploring alternative presentation methods for posters such as electronic delivery on large LED screens. We will also work with symposia organizers to exhibit associated posters in the same room as oral symposium.

## STUDENT PRESENTERS

Student presenters must indicate if they wish their abstract to be considered for competition for a best presentation (i.e., paper or poster, but not both) award. If they respond "no," the presentation will be considered for inclusion in the Annual Meeting by the Program Committee, but will not receive further consideration by the Student Judging Committee. If students indicate "yes," they will be required to submit an application to the Student Judging Committee. Components of the application will include an extended abstract and a check-off from their mentor indicating that the study is at a stage appropriate for consideration for an award.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts for all papers and posters must be received by **9 March 2012**. All submissions must be made using the AFS online abstract submission forms available at <http://www.afs2012.org>. When submitting your abstract:

- Use a brief but descriptive title, avoiding acronyms or scientific names in the title unless the common name is not widely known;
- List all authors, their affiliations, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses;
- Provide a summary of your findings and restrict your abstract to 200 words.

All presenters will receive an email confirmation of their abstract submission

and will be notified of acceptance and the designated time and place of their presentation by **13 April 2012**.

The Program Committee will group contributed papers thematically based on the title, abstract and two keywords selected during the submission process.

Late submissions will not be accepted. AFS does not waive registration fees for presenters at symposia, workshops, or contributed paper sessions. All presenters and meeting attendees must pay registration fees. Registration forms will be available on the AFS website ([www.fisheries.org](http://www.fisheries.org)) in **May 2012**; register early for cost savings.

## FORMAT FOR ABSTRACTS

**Title:** An Example Abstract for the AFS 2012 Annual Meeting

**Format:** Oral

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**Abstract:** Abstracts are used by the Program Committee to evaluate and select papers for inclusion in the scientific and technical sessions of the 2012 AFS Annual Meeting. An informative abstract contains a statement of the problem and its significance, study objectives, principal findings and application, and it conforms to the prescribed format. An abstract must be no more than 200 words in length.

**Student presenter?** No

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