

2017 Salmon Recovery Conference Call for Sessions



Deadline: November 4, 2016

Introduction

The Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board will hold its sixth biennial conference April 25-27, 2017 at the Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, Washington. Session proposals are being accepted through November 4, 2016.

Can you imagine Washington State without salmon?

When salmon got listed, the state of Washington and many tribal nations supported the unprecedented establishment of regional salmon recovery organizations and lead entities, the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to guide locally-driven salmon recovery.

Seventeen years in, these organizations now coordinate the work of thousands of people across our state to restore our rivers, streams, forests, and shorelines. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board has funded more than 2,000 community-based projects, and invested almost \$500 million across the state, demonstrating that habitat restoration and improved fish passage do in fact help salmon populations.

But it's not enough. We continue to face an uphill battle for salmon recovery, made even steeper by increasing pressures from a growing human population and the impacts of climate change.

What will it take to fully implement the recovery plans and realize salmon recovery and all the additional benefits that it provides our communities?

What do we know today that we didn't know when we launched this effort?

What are our priorities for the next 15 years?

These are the questions we seek to address at the 2017 Salmon Recovery Conference. Will you add your voice, experience, and knowledge to the dialogue?

We are at a critical point in the journey. The 2017 Salmon Recovery Conference can help set the direction for the next 15 years. Be a part of it!

Please note that we are seeking only session proposals at this time. Do not submit abstracts for presentations now.

A separate call for abstracts will be released after session topics are selected.

Who attends the conference?

Since 2007, the Salmon Recovery Conference has grown from a one-day event attended by 300 people to its current format of 2.5 days and 750 attendees.

Participants include salmon recovery project managers; staff from land trusts, fishery enhancement groups, watershed councils, and conservation districts; tribal members and staff; state, federal, city, and county agency employees; planners, landowners, hatchery workers, fishing professionals, sport fishers, fish scientists, restoration ecologists, wetland biologists, project engineers, hydrologists, educators, students, community volunteers, and other people active in salmon recovery in Washington, Oregon, and along the Pacific Coast.

Session Formats

Sessions will be scheduled in 2-hour blocks. Given the diverse experience of the people attending the conference, we encourage session proposals that are applicable and engaging.

Session formats include, but are not limited to, the structures below. **You may propose a session that does not adhere to one of these formats, but the logistics, rationale, and desired outcome of the format must be well-articulated.** If you propose an alternative session format, indicate why the topic is better served by the alternative format.

Standard Format Session

A standard format session includes four 15-minute presentations (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for Q & A) on a common subject or theme. A session lead will welcome the audience, introduce the speakers, and coordinate the session including keeping time throughout.

Each presenter will have approximately 10 minutes to present and discuss the key points of his or her work, with a 5 minute Q & A session at the end of each presentation. At the

end of the initial 15 minutes, the session lead will ask the speaker to cede the floor to the next presenter. Once all presenters have had the opportunity to speak, the session lead will facilitate a Q & A period during which audience questions are invited.

Presenters may provide a handout at the conference or supply one to be made available online after the conference. Most presenters usually supplement their talk with PowerPoint presentations or other audio visual aids illustrating their key points.

To propose a standard format session, you will be asked to:

- Choose a topic from the list below or provide your own topic.
- Suggest a session title.
- Write a description (300 words or less) that includes:
 - a. The purpose of the session
 - b. An overview of material to be covered
 - c. How the session will encourage open exchange about new science, lessons learned, and problems solved
 - d. Possible presenters or projects to be included.

Panel Discussion

A panel discussion includes 3-5 speakers focused on an issue facing salmon recovery. The panelists will offer brief coordinated brief presentations (3-5 minutes each) on the issue, but a panel discussion can be a good opportunity to air differing perspectives. A panel opens with the session lead welcoming the audience, introducing the panelists, and presenting an overview of the issue. The session lead will facilitate the discussion.

Panel discussions are less structured than a standard format session (described above). This format will offer a more discussion-oriented format with the panelists offering brief (3-5 minute) comments about the topic, and then responding to each other and to audience inquiries throughout the session.

To propose a panel discussion session, you will be asked to:

- Choose a topic from the list below or provide your own topic.
- Suggest a session title.
- Write a description (300 words or less) that includes:
 - The purpose of the session
 - An overview of issue to be discussed
 - How open exchange on differing perspectives will be encouraged
 - Possible presenters or projects to be included.

Skill-Building Workshop

A skill-building workshop teaches a specific skill and may include one or more exercises that let attendees practice using this skill. Workshop presenters should be proficient in their field, with experience teaching adult learners.

A workshop may take many forms but generally will include an overview of a new skill or technique followed by hands-on practice by participants. Examples of hands-on practice might include: role-playing, working through an analysis with sample data, identifying local funding sources, editing a short communications piece, or completing a worksheet and discussing it in a small group.

These sessions should provide active opportunities for learning and may include take-home materials for use and reference.

To propose a skill-building workshop, you will be asked to:

- Choose a topic from the list below or provide your own topic.
- Suggest a session title.
- Write a description (300 words or less) that includes
 - The purpose of the session
 - Why this skill is important
 - How the presenter will teach the skill within the session timeframe
 - What attendees can expect to take away from the session

Possible Session Topics

The 2017 conference will showcase new and innovative salmon recovery efforts, with special emphasis on an open exchange about lessons learned and problems solved.

An important aim of the conference is to share information and dialogue about climate change adaptation, new science, and the four Hs of salmon recovery (habitat, hatcheries, harvest, and hydropower) and their integration with the broader context of salmon recovery.

Sessions may cover a broad range of subjects relating to salmon recovery. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the subjects below:

Planning

Assessments

Cultural resources

- Data management
- GIS tools
- Permitting
- Recovery planning

Modeling

- Climate change modeling
- Lifecycle modeling
- Snowpack-forest restoration modeling

Habitat Protection

- Acquisitions
- Conservation easements
- Land use challenges and successes
- Regulatory effectiveness
- Treaty rights
- Water rights

Restoration

- Climate change adaptation in projects
- Estuary restoration
- Fish passage
- Floodplain connection and restoration
- In-stream projects
- Invasive species
- Marine and nearshore restoration
- Post-disturbance restoration
- Revegetation and vegetation management
- Riparian restoration
- Upland restoration
- Wood placement

Communications and outreach

- Board and organizational development
- Building partnerships
- Community building
- Data visualization
- Fundraising
- Landowner engagement
- Legislative outreach

- Negotiation and consensus-building
- Project management
- Science communication
- Social marketing
- Social media
- Volunteer management

Adaptation

- Adaptive management
- Agriculture and salmon
- Climate change
- Forest health and salmon
- Managing other listed species
- Ocean conditions
- Region-specific adaptation to climate change
- Wildfire and salmon

Monitoring

- Citizen science involvement with monitoring
- Fish-in/fish out
- Intensively monitored watersheds
- Project effectiveness
- Temperature
- Water quality

H-integration

- Co-management
- Commercial fisheries
- Dams in the Northwest
- Fisheries management
- Hatchery reform
- New and applied research
- Recreational fisheries

Geographic focus

- Chehalis Basin projects
- Columbia Basin: natural history, policy issues, success stories, Columbia River Treaty
- Marine survival
- Regional recovery plan updates

How to propose a session

We are using the conference management system Easy Chair to manage session and abstract proposals. Please follow these instructions:

Step 1. Access the conference submission site at:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=src2017>

Step 2. Click “create an account” on the login screen.

Step 3. Complete the information in the “Create an Account” screen

Step 3. Check your email for the Easy Chair account confirmation and click on the setup link.

Step 4. Complete the information on the activation screen and click on “Create my account” to activate your account.

Step 5. Click on the SRC 2017 link to access the Call for Sessions Submission website.

Step 6. Review and agree to the Easy Chair terms of service to continue to the submission screens.

Step 7. Provide the title and a 300-word description of the proposed session. Provide at least 3 keywords and select 1–3 topics that best fit the proposed session.

Selection process

All session proposals will be reviewed and selected based on relevance and available space by the Agenda Subcommittee of the Conference Advisory Committee. Not all session proposals are guaranteed a place in the schedule. **Everyone submitting a proposal will be notified of acceptance by November 30.**

To review programs from the previous conferences, see:

http://www.rco.wa.gov/salmon_recovery/2017-SalmonConference/ProgramsFromPrevConf.shtml