Call for Presentation and Poster Abstracts
Deadline November 18, 2016

2017 Joint Meeting
Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society

February 28-March 3, 2017
Boise Center, Boise, ID

THEME: Common Grounds: Where Land and Water Meet

Tentative Schedule:
February 28 - Workshops* and Working Group Meetings, Welcome Reception
March 1 - Plenary, Special Sessions, Posters, Student-Professional Mixer
March 2 - Contributed Presentation Sessions, Posters, Banquet
March 3 – Contributed Presentation Sessions

*Separate registration may be required for some workshops

Special Session topics:

- Terrestrial/Aquatic Interactions
- Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife
- Managing Terrestrial/Aquatic Conflicts

Workshop topics will include:

- Program R
- Aquaculture
- Technical Manuscript Editing and Review
- Amphibian Identification & Ecology
- Riparian Habitat Improvement

We are accepting Contributed Papers for a wide range of fish and wildlife topics.
We invite abstracts for presentations and posters on all topics in fish and wildlife research and management, vertebrate biology, habitat management, conservation programs and practices, and application of research findings to conservation and management practices.
We strongly encourage students to present posters or oral talks. All student presentations (full oral and poster) will be considered for “best presentation” and “best poster” awards from your respective society.

Abstracts for Presentations and Posters are due November 18, 2016.

Contributed Paper Oral Presentations (Full Oral): Maximum 20 minute presentation. Plan approximately 15-18 minutes for the presentation and 2-3 minutes to answer audience questions. Power Point presentations are encouraged but are not required.

IGNITE! Presentations: These short, to-the-point talks provide a fun platform for people to quickly share project updates, notes from the field, or other important topics that don’t require a full 20-minute presentation. IGNITE! talks are 5 minutes long, and each slide in the presentation must advance automatically every 15 seconds (we will send a template and instructions if your abstract is accepted). Topics can be inspirational, funny, or informative, but all should strive to be engaging and entertaining.

Poster Presentations: Topic is presented on a 4x4 foot or smaller poster. A formal poster session is provided for viewers and authors to ask and answer questions.

Abstracts for all oral presentations and posters must be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word documents by November 18, 2016. Please follow abstract preparation instructions below. (Instructions are also available at www.ictws.org and at www.idahoafs.org.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assistance at the conference is always needed! Please consider volunteering some time to help your Chapter during the event. Whether you have a particular area you would like to help with or are willing to help in whatever capacity is needed, get in touch with one of the Steering Committee Chairs below and we will match your interest and availability with where assistance is needed.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Steering Committee Chairs:

Anna Owsiak (anna.owsiak@idfg.idaho.gov) ICTWS

Helen Neville (hneville@TU.org) AFS (after November 1, 2016)

Meeting information is also found at: www.ictws.org or www.idahoafs.org.
2017 AFS/TWS Joint Meeting Abstract Submission Form:

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES (Poster and Oral Presentations):

Please submit the following information as a Word document to Justin.barrett@idfg.idaho.gov. The deadline for submitting abstracts and background information is November 18, 2016.

1) Background information
   Name:
   Mailing Address:
   City, State, Zip:
   e-mail:

2) Presentation type:
   Please indicate two session topics that would best fit the topic of your paper.

   Session topics:
   ___Fish ecology
   ___Wildlife ecology
   ___Landscape ecology
   ___Climate change
   ___Methodologies/Modeling/Sampling
   ___Disease/contaminants
   ___Genetics
   ___Habitat Use and Management
   ___Human Dimensions
   ___Population dynamics – Wildlife
   ___Population dynamics – Fisheries
   ___Fish and Wildlife management
   ___Wildlife Law Enforcement
   ___Stocking/Hatchery Evaluation
   ___Food Habits/Food Webs/ Trophic structure
   ___Other (__________________________________)

   Presentation type (check one):     _____ Full Oral     _____IGNITE!     _____ Poster
   Student presenter (check one):     _____Yes     _____No
   Affiliation (check one):     _____AFS     _____TWS

3) Biographical sketch (2-3 sentences to be used by session chairs in their introductions)
4) **Abstract.**

Please follow the abstract format below. You will be notified of the receipt of your abstract within 1-2 days. Abstracts not meeting this format will be returned for editing and re-submission.

- Use Times New Roman 12 point font
- The title should be capitalized and in bold font
- Capitalize the name of the presenting author. Include affiliation and location information (city, state, and zip code)
- List names and affiliations of co-authors.
- Student presenters should put an * at the end of their name
- Include a single space between the title block and the abstract
- The abstract should be 300 words or less

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**EXAMPLE ABSTRACT:**

FLATTS, BUBBA* and D. Roads. Plugged Culvert University, Big Windy, Idaho 12345. FACTORS AFFECTING MIGRATION PATTERNS OF TUMBLE WEEDS IN THE INTER-MOUNTAIN WEST.

We studied Tumble Weeds (*Stickery pokerous*) in 4 study areas of public land: Southeastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Southern Idaho, and Western Wyoming. Radio-transmitters (14 g) were attached to randomly selected tumbleweeds (n=123) with 3 diameter sizes: itty-bitty (< 60 cm), pretty-good-sized (61-200 cm), and boone-and-crockett (> 200 cm). Radio-tags were woven into the main stalk of weeds prior to dormancy in mid-summer and before migration. Stepwise logistic regression analysis separated migrating from non-migrating tumble weeds with an 84% prediction accuracy using 3 variables in the model: wind velocity, wind exposure, and weed diameter. Tumble weeds were most likely to migrate during winds > 40 kph, growing in areas > 20 m from wind blocking structures, and with diameters > 47 cm. Home ranges could not be determined due to only 2 data points/weed (start and end of migration). Migration direction averaged 920±170 but distance traveled varied depending on distance to nearest management structure. Barb-wire fences, gates, canal ditches, water control structures, and leeward hillsides were preferred destinations. The longest distance traveled (175 km) was by a Western Wyoming tumbleweed caught in the grill of a pick-up truck but was not included in our analysis.

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POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:

Each poster should be contained within a maximum 4 foot-high x 4 foot-wide area. Contact the Steering Committee Chairs directly if you have additional questions about display boards and/or the size of your poster.

Be sure to submit an abstract for your poster by **November 18, 2016** - See abstract guidelines.

NOTE FOR ORAL PRESENTATION ILLUSTRATIONS (Contributed Papers and IGNITE!):

Visual support for oral presentations will only be allowed in PowerPoint format for PCs (Apple-based format will not be acceptable). PowerPoint presentations should be MS-Office 2010 or earlier version to ensure greatest compatibility with anticipated projection equipment and computer support. As always, give credit where credit is due by naming the image owner. If an image is copyrighted, then get permission from the image owner before using it.

**Video Clips in Oral Presentations:**
Additional details on video clip compatibility and format will be forthcoming and available on the websites.