

**68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference Madison, Wisconsin,
December 9-12, 2007**

**CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM, WORKSHOP, AND SPECIAL POSTER
SESSION PROPOSALS**

Deadline: March 1, 2007

Proposals for symposia, workshops, and special poster sessions are invited for the 68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Symposia and special poster sessions would ideally involve fisheries, wildlife, and forestry papers as they relate to management of landscapes, watersheds, habitats and organisms. Papers should be technical in nature and focus on topics of fish and wildlife science, management, education, or policy within the broad theme of 'Managing Locally and Conserving Globally'. Preference for selection will be given for interdisciplinary (fisheries, wildlife and forestry) sessions and symposia – using a holistic, watershed or ecosystem perspective in the presentation and discussion of the topic.

Symposia are usually a half day (8-10 papers); however requests for a full day (18-20 papers) will be considered depending on available space. Presentations should be 20 minutes in length which includes time for introduction and questions. Student involvement is encouraged during the planning and execution of the symposium. Below we have listed symposia proposals that we have already received and other potential symposia that are of interest to the steering committee.

Symposia Topics that are already being developed

Lead effects on fish and wildlife

Fish and Wildlife health

Landscape Scale Conservation Design: A way to manage for all species

Fisher and Marten management

Driftless area trout habitat

Education and outreach Mercury in the environment

Symposia Ideas of Special Interest

Farm bill

Prescribed fire

Urban fisheries and wildlife

Fish passage

Politics

AIS

Habitat fragmentation

Special poster sessions are similar to symposia, but presentations are poster rather than oral. Special poster sessions provide an opportunity for one-on-one dialogue between presenters and attendees. Space for special poster sessions is very limited. Special poster sessions are scheduled for a half or full day, depending upon available space. Organizers should plan on approximately 20 posters.

Workshops provide training on a specific skill, technique, or process and may involve one or more instructors. Workshops should not promote a commercial

product, product line, or company. Workshops are intended to emphasize learning through participation, discussion, and "hands-on" activities. For this reason, workshop organizers must specify an upper limit on attendance. A lower limit also is required reflecting the need to make the session worthwhile for the instructors. Workshops may be a half or full day in length. Workshops are scheduled on Saturday or Sunday, the days before the other sessions begin. Workshop organizers will be provided space, but are responsible for any additional costs, including those for audio-visual equipment, catering, or other materials.

Session Scheduling: Symposia and special poster sessions are generally scheduled to run concurrently with contributed paper and poster sessions. Workshops are scheduled the day before (Sunday the 9th) the main conference.

Responsibilities of Session Organizers: Organizers are responsible for coordinating with the Program Committee, planning their sessions, selecting instructors/presenters and coordinating their participation, moderating their sessions, and ensuring that presenters and session proposals meet all deadlines. Final session agenda and speaker list will be due by July 1, 2007. Presenters in symposia and special poster sessions must submit abstracts by August 1, 2007.

Proposal Requirements

All proposals must include a cover page with the following information: (1) session type (symposium, workshop, or special poster session), (2) preferred session length (half or full day), (3) session title (nine words maximum), (4) organizer(s) (name, affiliation, city, state/province), (5) sponsor(s) (institution/group sponsoring the session), and (6) contact information for the person responsible for the session (name, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail). The body of the proposal should begin on a new page and should include: (7) a statement of purpose and (8) a detailed description of the session including a list of proposed topics and speakers. The body of the proposal may not exceed four pages.

Workshop proposals must include the following additional information on the cover page: (9) minimum attendance and (10) maximum attendance.

Proposal Submission

Send a MS Word or PDF file of the proposal via e-mail to the program chairs; either Karl Martin (Karl.Martin@Wisconsin.gov) for wildlife related topics or Phil Moy (philip.moy@uwc.edu) for fisheries related topics by March 1, 2007. Proposals received after the deadline date will be considered only if space is available. A notice of receipt will be sent by e-mail. If you do not receive notification of receipt within 7 days or have any questions about proposal submission, please contact the Program Committee Chairs.

Proposal Evaluation and Notice of Decision

Proposals will be judged on timeliness of the subject, importance to the profession and/or contribution to science, interdisciplinary involvement and the overall quality of the written proposal. Applicants will be notified whether their proposals have been accepted or not by March 25, 2007.