

CALL FOR SPEAKERS FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS AT AQUACULTURE AMERICA 2017

Numerous special sessions are being organized and you are invited to contribute presentations to those sessions. Contact the session chair or co-chairs if you are interested in participating and include the name of the presenter and a presentation title.

NAA SPECIAL SESSION – AQUACULTURE TO RESTORE COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

Session Chair: Robert Jones, The Nature Conservancy (Robert.Jones@tnc.org). Commercial aquaculture can play a role in restoring ecosystems by providing many of the same benefits of traditional marine restoration projects. Mollusk and seaweed aquaculture, in particular provide a host of ecosystem services, including filtration, nutrient reduction, and habitat provision. Under the right conditions, aquaculture can help improve water clarity, reduce eutrophication, and support growth of marine species such as sea grasses, invertebrates, and fish. Farmers, scientists, and policymakers are invited to present on current information in this arena. Example topics could include, but are not limited to:

- growing practices that demonstrate/ enhance ecosystem services
- scientific studies that quantify the ecosystem services provided by aquaculture
- efforts to incorporate the ecosystem services of aquaculture into regulatory decisions or product marketing

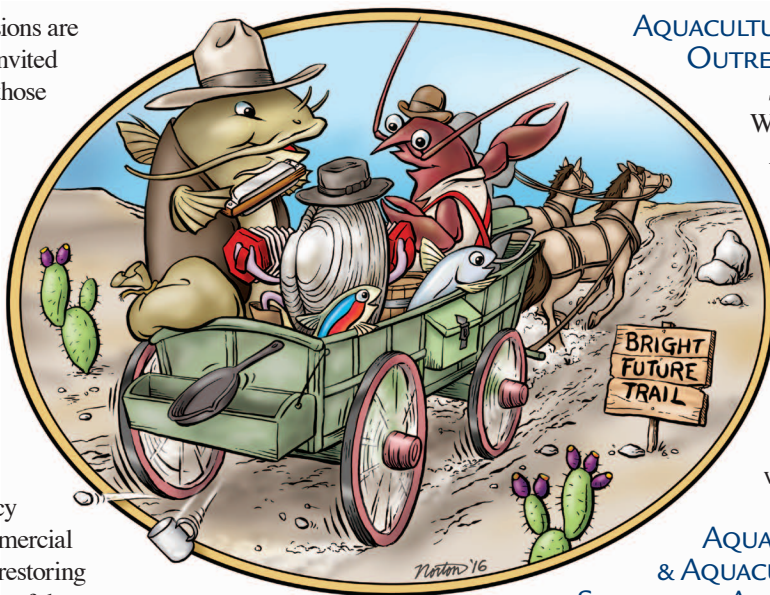
As an NAA Special Session, abstracts are welcome but not required for this session. Scientific and non-scientific talks are welcome, but presentations should be easily understood by a general audience.

AQUACULTURE IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Session Chair: Ian Bricknell, University of Maine (ian.bricknell@maine.edu). This session will include a broad range of subjects including the effects of climate change, policy changes, shifting demographics, invasive species, etc. on aquaculture.

LARVAL FEEDS

Session Chair: Guillaume Salze, Auburn University (gsalze@auburn.edu). We seek presentations pertaining to the production and use of live prey in fish or shrimp hatcheries (e.g., improving nutritional value and other quality metrics, delivery to fish/shrimp, etc.), as well as the design and performances of inert feeds for larval organisms.



AQUACULTURE EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

Session Co-Chairs: Forrest Wynne (fwynne@uky.edu) and Allen Pattillo (pattillo@iastate.edu). Presentations pertaining to aquaculture extension and outreach such as program updates, new programs, new or updated methods of information transfer, use of information technology, use of social media, and demonstration projects are welcome.

AQUATIC VETERINARY PRACTICE & AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION SESSIONS – AQUATIC VETERINARY

MEDICINE CEPD SESSIONS

Session Chair: A. David Scarfe (dscarfe@ameritech.net). Presentations by veterinarians, other aquatic animal health professionals and student presentations are welcome. Of particular interest are presentations dealing with programs, services and tools that enhance aquatic veterinary practice, and fulfill aquaculture industry's and client's needs for increase production, profits and meeting regulatory requirements. The Aquatic Veterinary Medicine CEPD Sessions are organized and coordinated by the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association & American Association of Fish Veterinarians and is intended for Veterinary Continuing Education.

FISH HEALTH AND DISEASE

Session Co-Chairs: Benjamin H. Beck, USDA-ARS, Aquatic Animal Health Research Unit (benjamin.beck@ars.usda.gov) and Benjamin R. LaFrentz, USDA-ARS, Aquatic Animal Health Research Unit (benjamin.lafrentz@ars.usda.gov). The intent of the session is to bring together diverse aspects of aquatic animal health with an emphasis on applied research to solve disease problems associated with aquaculture production.

ORNAMENTALS

Session Co-Chairs: Matthew DiMaggio, University of Florida Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory (mdimaggi@ufl.edu), Michael Schwarz, Virginia Tech (mschwarz@vt.edu) and Andrew Rhyne, Roger Williams University (arhyne@rwu.edu). This session will focus on both freshwater and marine ornamental species and cover a broad range of disciplines within the aquaculture field.

FARMING MARINE SEAWEEDS

Session Chair: Michael Chambers, New Hampshire Sea Grant (Michael.Chambers@unh.edu). Focus areas will include aquaculture, processing, biofuels and marketing of seaweed.