

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Spring Conference
Tallahassee, Florida
21-23 April 2010

Plenary Theme: Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration and Management

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society will hold its Spring Conference in Tallahassee, Florida, 21-23 April 2010. The Conference will include a plenary session, technical sessions, poster session, social, networking dinner, workshops and field trip. This meeting provides an excellent opportunity for students and professionals working on wildlife research and management in Florida to present results of recent studies, discuss works in progress, and share ideas. Students are given special incentives by the Chapter to attend the conference and present their research (see Chapter web site for details). This year's plenary theme is "Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration and Management", but papers and posters dealing with any wildlife topic are encouraged. Abstracts will be edited and provided to registered conference participants. Proceedings will not be published.

Instructions for submitting abstracts (Papers and Posters)

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 2 April 2010. Abstracts should be 300 words or less and conform to the general style of Journal of Wildlife Management abstract format (keywords not necessary; **see sample abstract below**). The name, address, phone number, email, and affiliation of the corresponding author(s) should be provided with the abstract. Student abstracts should be clearly identified as such. An abbreviated heading including the title and author name(s) should also appear before the abstract body (see example below).

Abstracts must be submitted in MS Word. Presenters are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts via e-mail to the Program Chair, Paul Moler (paul.moler@MyFWC.com). If access to email is not possible, then abstracts may be submitted on a CD-R to:

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Guidelines for paper presentations

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, including 3-5 minutes for questions. LCD projectors will be provided. Overheads and slides are not acceptable. Please copy your presentation onto a CD-R (not CD-RW) that is labeled with your last name and title of the talk. Before the start of your session, give your presentation (in the form of a CD-R) to the AV assistant. There will not be time to copy the files once a session has begun. An AV person will be on hand to assist. LCD presentations must be made using PowerPoint software. Macintosh users should ensure that their presentations will function properly in a Windows environment. **DO NOT** bring presentations on a CD-RW, portable hard drive, zip drive, or super disc.

Guidelines for posters

Posters should be no larger than 100 cm (40 in) tall by 150 cm (60 in) wide. Poster stations will be provided and include a foam-core display board, easel, push pins, and tape. If you require a table for pamphlets, brochures, or other display items, please indicate this on your abstract submission. Poster stations will be available at the start of the conference. We ask that posters be in place by the first day and stay up for the duration of the conference. Poster authors are required to be present at their stations for one hour during the designated Poster Social to answer questions.

Registration and Lodging

Participants are encouraged to register for the conference and reserve their rooms early. See the Chapter web site for conference details (<http://fltws.org>). Questions about presentations should be directed to Paul Moler (352-955-2081 ext 130, paul.moler@MyFWC.com). All other conference questions should be directed to Maria Zondervan, Vice President, Florida Chapter of TWS (407-659-4872, mzondervan@sjrwmd.com).

Sample Abstract Submission

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Student or nonstudent presentation (select one)

The effects of fish size on net energy intake of snowy egrets. T. R. Estord and M. Ritters

THE EFFECTS OF FISH SIZE ON NET ENERGY INTAKE OF SNOWY EGRETS

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Draining wetlands reduces their hydroperiod and causes a shift in the size structure of the fish community toward smaller and younger fish. Reduced fish size could potentially impact snowy egrets (*Egretta thula*) if it reduced their net energy intake. We tested the hypothesis ... **MAXIMUM 300 WORDS**