

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT, CALL FOR GRADUATE TALKS AND STUDENT POSTERS

The Florida Marine Science Symposium

When: Wednesday October 25, 2017

**Location: Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
St. Petersburg, Florida**

The inaugural Florida Marine Science Symposium will showcase presentations on the current state of Florida's unique habitats, coastal ecosystem dynamics, and fish and wildlife populations, as well as panel discussions and cross-disciplinary synthesis of selected topics. The one-day symposium is designed to provide high-level and current overviews by recognized experts drawn from leading agency, academic and research institute personnel. Although open to the public, our target audience is resource managers, researchers, and marine science students from around the State. Symposium organizers include the Florida Institute of Oceanography, Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

In addition to invited expert speakers, the conference will host a keynote presentation, a networking reception, graduate lightning talks, and a student poster session. There will also be an opportunity to tour Florida's newest marine research vessel, the R/V Hogarth.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we invite you to share this announcement with friends and colleagues who might want to attend this inaugural event. Updated meeting information can be found at: <https://www.fio.usf.edu/research>. Thank you for your interest in the Florida Marine Science Symposium. We hope to see you in St. Petersburg in October!

Sincerely,

The Florida Marine Science Symposium Planning Team

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Call for Graduate Talks and Student Poster Presentations: The Florida Marine Science Symposium welcomes submissions for graduate "lightning talks" and student poster presentations in two broad areas of interest to Florida: coastal fisheries and wildlife research and monitoring, and comprehensive observation, monitoring, and mapping. Graduate talks will be five minutes in length with an emphasis on research and monitoring outcomes rather than methodology. Posters will be displayed during the evening reception with awards for the top three submissions.

The conference is open to all interested participants and stakeholders; however submission of lightning talks is limited to Florida graduate students whereas poster presentations are open to both graduate and advanced undergraduate students conducting research in marine science and related fields. We encourage potential presenting students to submit a note of intent of attending the symposium. Please send a 150-word abstract of the proposed presentation/poster with a title, authorship, affiliation and key words to both Jim Gelsleichter at jim.gelsleichter@unf.edu and Libby Fetherston-Resch ehfetherston@usf.edu by **5pm Eastern time on September 22, 2017**. Notification of acceptance will be made on or about September 29, 2017. Additional information can be found at the conference website: <https://www.fio.usf.edu/research>.

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