



## Call for 2024 Abstracts, Posters and Presentations

*2024 Annual Conference - How it's made: Understanding Process & Policy in Wildlife Decision Making*

Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society

February 14 – 16 || Hood River, Oregon

Best Western Plus Hood River Inn - <https://ortws.org/events/annual-conference/>

We invite abstracts for oral presentations and posters, special session proposals, and ideas for other facets of the program. All topics in wildlife, vertebrate biology, habitat management, conservation, and application of research findings to conservation and management practices are welcome.

Additional topics that are especially applicable to this year's theme include:

- Remote monitoring methods and techniques (ARUs, remote cameras, etc)
- Pollinators
- Wildlife management policy at the state and federal level

**\*\*\*Abstract Deadline: Close of business December 31, 2023 \*\*\***

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

*Wednesday 14 February* – Registration Opens, Plenary and Invited Speakers, Contributed Sessions, Poster Session, Student/Professional Mixer, and more!

*Thursday 15 February* –Contributed Sessions, Banquet, Awards, Raffle, and Silent Auction.

*Friday 16 February* - Field Trips (tentatively)\*, Workshops\*, Special Events, and Adjourn

*\*Separate registration is required*

*Regarding COVID 19 - this conference will be in-person following safety protocols as required and recommended by the State of Oregon and the CDC. If it is unsafe to have a conference, we will notify registrants as soon as possible and post updates to the conference web page.*

## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Abstracts for oral presentations and posters must be submitted electronically by **close of business December 31, 2023** at the following link <https://ortws.org/events/annual-conference/>

Please limit abstracts to 250 words.

*We strongly encourage all students to be present! Feedback on your abstracts will occur by January 5, 2024.*

Note for software associated with oral presentations:

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 2013 or later 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.

## **RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT UPDATES (BRIEF PRESENTATIONS)**

Want to present at the conference but you don't yet have all your results or perhaps you have a new management consideration or project for your peers? Consider a shortened, eight minute update that provides brief background, brief methods, and preliminary results. The goal for these talks is to allow your peers to know what you've been working on and allow for discussion. Make sure the presentation type is "IGNITE."

## **POSTER PRESENTATION GUIDELINES:**

Each poster should be contained within a 3 foot-high x 4 foot-wide area. Please contact poster session lead Mikal Cline at [mikalcline@ortws.org](mailto:mikalcline@ortws.org) 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 **close of business December 31, 2023** at the following link - <https://ortws.org/events/annual-conference/>

## **BEST STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARDS**

The Les Eberhardt award is granted to a student who is judged to have presented the 'best student presentation' at the ORTWS annual conference.

To be considered, the presenter must submit an extended abstract for a full-length oral presentation at the ORTWS annual conference. The content presented must have been developed while the presenter was a student. ORTWS will pay for the winner to attend the next National TWS meeting and present their research (pending abstract acceptance by National TWS). The recipient's name will also be added to the ORTWS Les Eberhardt Award Plaque (kept in Nash Hall, Oregon State University). Applicants must either be:

- Actively pursuing a degree in wildlife biology or related fields (e.g. wildlife management, ecology, natural resources, fisheries biology, entomology, forestry, soil science, etc.) *OR*
- Have recently (within one year) received a degree in wildlife biology or a related field, and are presenting results of information obtained as a student

To be considered for the 2024 Les Eberhardt award, please indicate your interest when submitting your abstract. Students wishing to be considered will be asked to submit an extended abstract (500 word limit). Only students with completed research will be considered (please no proposed research talks).

Note: all students presenting posters will be considered for the Best Student Poster award, but a smaller pool of students giving oral presentations will be considered for the Les Eberhardt award.

## **SPECIAL SESSIONS**

We encourage submission of full special sessions devoted to a single topic or theme. Special sessions at the 2024 Annual Conference should encompass a 2-hour time slot, which can be formatted in a variety of different presentation styles; ORTWS encourages unique and different presentation styles, including, but not limited to:

**Moderated Panel Discussion** - Six or more individual speaker presentations around a similar topic, developed with a moderator introducing and concluding the various speakers. Question and answer at the conclusion is encouraged to be built into the session time.

**Collaborative Discussion** - Attendees are actively encouraged to participate in the discussion, led by a moderator and possible speakers, and may be in the form of roundtable topics.

**Point-Counterpoint Panel** - Moderated discussion focused on various sides of a topic, which may or may not include presentations.

**Conversation Starter** - Moderator is prepared to facilitate an open discussion along a particular topic. They begin with a five- minute intro of the topic or sides of the topic, then opens to the audience for interactive discussion.

If you have questions about whether your topic is a good fit for the conference or a proposed session style please contact abstract committee chair Jenniffer Bakke at [jbakke@ortws.org](mailto:jbakke@ortws.org)

For additional questions on the conference, or if you are interested in volunteering contact Vice President & Annual Conference Chair Nancy Doran at [nancydorand@ortws.org](mailto:nancydorand@ortws.org)