



AFS Cal-Neva Newsletter

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2024 CAL-NEVA 58th ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE!

April 9-12th, 2024 *Continuing Education April 9th, 2024 in Redding, California



2023 CAL-NEVA ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The 57th AFS Cal-Neva chapter annual meeting was a huge success! The theme this year was “Connecting the Mosaic”. In today’s changing climate, we need a diverse set of voices in fisheries to confront the many challenges that fish are facing today. Connecting the mosaic is all about connecting with people of diverse backgrounds in order to connect the fish to their conservation needs. This was achieved at the meeting by hearing from 3 different plenary speakers speaking on a

diverse set of topics from shark research, DEI work with the Marine Diversity Program, to finding meaning as an Early Career researcher followed by a panel featuring 3 outstanding early career scientists.

Several continuing education courses were offered at the start of the meeting. Led with help from the Cabrillo Marine Museum staff, students and professionals conducted near shore beach seines and identified southern California marine fish species at Point Conception. In the afternoon, there was a salt marsh restoration tour where attendees learned about the planning, implementation, and monitoring process of the Salinas de San Pedro salt marsh. To wrap up a fun day of continuing education, Bruce Koike led two classes of Gyotaku fish printing!

The meeting continued with presentations on a variety of topics followed by a casual social at the Aquarium of the Pacific before heading into the poster session. This was a full meeting with 3 days of over 100 presentations, 30 poster presentations and over 190 attendees! There were so many incredible student talks and posters with the student winners listed below.



Gyotaku Fish Printing



SoCal Fishes Beach Seine



Early Career Scientists Panel

Many Thanks....

On behalf of the planning committee and the executive committee, we cannot thank you all enough for attending another successful meeting. These meetings take a lot of work from our *all-volunteer group* but it is highly rewarding to see a meeting come together as successfully as this one was. Please consider joining us in the planning for the next one as a great way to get more involved with the Cal-Neva chapter! This is a fun way to give back to our wonderful organization. Plus, this is a really fun group to work with!

We also appreciate the support that was provided by the following donors and sponsors: Oregon RFID (including additional support for student travel), EBMUD, Environmental Science Associates (ESA), HELIX environmental planning, CA Department of Water Resources, Metropolitan Water District, Stantec, Sonoma County Water Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and DUDEK.



Cal-Neva AFS BBQ



When: Saturday, August 26 at 11am

Location: William B Pond Park Dockside at
Sacramento County Parks along the
American River Parkway

RSVP and Potluck sign up available on our
website! Please RSVP by Monday, Aug 21st!

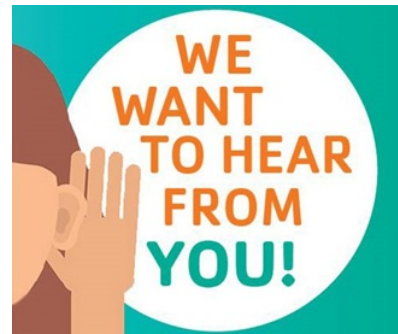
This BBQ is a great opportunity to bring family, get together and hang out outside of regular chapter business. Please feel free to **invite other folks interested in participating in AFS** (at any level)! This is the perfect opportunity to bring new folks into the fold or remind others how much they've missed us! Dogs are welcome here but this picnic spot, though right next to the fishing pier, is also right next to a corner on the bike path so leashes are recommended.

Cal/Neva AFS will supply burgers, hot dogs, and vegan/vegetarian options. We're going potluck style for the rest. Please [RSVP on our shared spreadsheet](#) in the first few columns and include the number of people you're bringing so we can estimate attendance. Also **sign up for what you're bringing on that same [Potluck Spreadsheet](#)** in the next few columns so we don't double up on the same stuff. (Sorry, no alcohol allowed at this park without a permit.)

RSVP by Monday, August 21st!

Member Highlight

Cal-Neva wants to hear from you! In an effort to highlight our awesome members, please submit a brief narrative and photo to be featured on the Chapter website and social media outlets. Narratives can include topics like "What Cal-Neva has done for you", a relevant research project, species highlight, etc. Please submit entries to [Cal-Neva Communications](#) with **Member Highlight** in the subject line.



Trawl for a meeting that interests you



The 2024 Annual Meeting of WDAFS (joint with AFS) will be September 15-19, 2024 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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