



Northwest Fish Culture Concepts
75th Annual Meeting
December 1 –3, 2026
The Hilton – Vancouver, Washington

Dear Fish Culture Associates:

This is your invitation to attend the 75th Annual Northwest Fish Culture Concepts (NWFCF) meeting, December 1 – 3, 2026. The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife is pleased to be hosting this event at the Hilton in the waterfront district of Vancouver, WA. We look forward to welcoming you to this year’s conference, where attendees will have the opportunity to network with peers and attend presentations highlighting advancements and ongoing work in our field. This conference continues to be extremely educational and beneficial for everyone attending, presenting, and exhibiting fish culture products.

We have also set up blocks of rooms at other hotels in the area. You will find a chart of these later in the document.

The early registration fee is \$175 and is available through September 30. Effective October 1, the registration fee will increase to \$200. Registration includes one entry to the social event. Extra tickets for guests at the social can be purchased for \$50 each and can be added to the online registration or purchased at the meeting. Registration for students and retirees \$75 each. Single day registration is \$75 per day. To register go directly to [NWFCF EZSignup Self Service Registration Link](#) or visit the NWFCF website at [Upcoming NWFCF Workshop – Fish Culture](#). Please contact Sou Lee at SouLee@dfw.wa.gov directly if you have any general questions or need assistance with registration.

Hotels with blocks set up for the meeting.

HOTEL	Phone No.	Available Nov. 30	Available Dec. 1 and 2
Hilton	(360) 993-4500	18	128
Hotel Indigo	(360) 816-0058	5	105
Homewood Suites	(360) 750-1100	0	20
AC Hotel by Marriott	(360) 993-8895	0	60

Booking information

Primary Hotel (Event Venue) – Hilton

Rate: \$155 USD + tax, Single Occupancy

Parking: \$34 per night

Rooms are limited. Book Early!

Booking Link: [Hilton NWFCC Booking Link](#)

Hotel Indigo Vancouver

Rate: 199.00 USD + tax per night, Single Occupancy

Destination Fee: The \$29 destination fee has been waived for this group block. Although it may appear during the online booking process, it will not be charged.

Last Day to Book: October 31, 2026

Booking Link: [Hotel Indigo NWFCC Booking Link](#)

If you need to book a room for November 30, just adjust the date range to show check-in on 11/30 and check-out 12/3

Homewood Suites Vancouver

Rate: \$155 USD +tax per night, Single Occupancy

Last Day to Book: October 31, 2026

Booking Link: [WA State Fish & Wildlife 2026-Overflow Block - Booking Link](#)

AC Hotel Vancouver Waterfront

Rate: 155.00 USD + tax per night and \$209 USD + tax per night, Single Occupancy

Last Day to Book: October 16, 2026

Booking Link: [AC Hotel NWFCC Booking Link](#)

Other nearby hotels:

Comfort Inn & Suites, 1 mile (360) 696-0411

Heathman Lodge, 7 miles (360-254-3100)

Please find below our contact information and First Call for Papers, which provides details on the submission procedures for both oral and poster presentations. The deadline for abstract submission is October 17, but early submission is highly encouraged.

NWFCC 2026 Contact Information: Log onto the NWFCC conference website for all online registration procedures including conference/exhibitor registration, paper submissions, and mail-in forms and hotel information [Upcoming NWFCC Workshop – Fish Culture](#).

Conference Registration: [NWFCC EZSignup Self Service Registration Link](#). For any questions or issues with registering, please contact Sou Lee at: Sou.Lee@dfw.wa.gov Phone: (360) 902-2574.

Abstracts for Oral Presentations: Please contact **Eric Kinne:** Eric.Kinne@dfw.wa.gov Phone: (360) 902-2418.

Poster Presentations: Please contact **Brian Missildine:** Brian.Missildine@dfw.wa.gov Phone: (360) 902-2676.

Vendor Information: Please contact **Laurel Hurley** or **Scott Williams:**
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Conference Chair: **Eric Kinne:** Eric.Kinne@dfw.wa.gov Phone: (360) 902-2418

For **general information** about the conference please contact **Jill Cady:** Jill.Cady@dfw.wa.gov Phone: (360) 902-2819

- 1) **FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS: NWFCC 2026** – The deadline for submitting abstracts for the 75th Annual NWFCC is October 17, 2026. All topics relevant to fish culture in the Northwest will be considered. Session topics will include: 1.) Operational Efficiency & Facility Optimization; 2.) Aquaculture Modernization; 3.) Aquaculture Research, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation; 4.) Fish Health/Nutrition/Early Maturation; 5.) Diversity in Aquaculture–Lamprey, Sturgeon, and Other Non-Salmonid Propagation; 6.) Supplementation, Reintroduction, and Conservation Programs

This year we will have 5–10-minute innovations talks in addition to the 20-minute technical talks. These 5–10-minute topics will include innovations at the hatchery or in the field that have made operations more efficient or safer for staff or the fish we raise. The object of the presentation will be to disseminate information on innovation or technique to others at the meeting. Submissions for both the 20-minute and 5–10-minute talks will include the same information as below.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS: All presentations must be in PowerPoint, 20 minutes (technical) or 5-10-minutes (Innovations) long. Posters need to fit in a 4x4 space. Hangers will be provided.

- 1) **TITLE** –Center and bold title in Times New Roman, 12 point font, at top of abstract.
- 2) **PRESENTER** –list authors and designate presenter by a “ * “ , employer or affiliation, mailing address, city, state, zip, phone and email should be included, superscript numbers can be used for authors with alternate contact information.
- 3) **POSTER** or **ORAL** –Please indicate presentation type before the abstract and time of talk (10 or 20 minute).
- 4) **ABSTRACT BODY** – (500 word limit) –Use Times New Roman Font / Size 12 in MS Word, full justification.

5) TABLES –A table or figure can be included with the abstract, but the entire “expanded” abstract (Abstract plus table or Figure) is restricted to one page total.

6) SUBMISSIONS – Please submit by October 17, 2026, to Eric.Kinne@dfw.wa.gov

EXAMPLE –Please see following page for an example abstract.

Example Abstract:

NWFCC 2026: Innovations in the Fish Culture Field

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ORAL or POSTER PRESENTATION

20-minute technical or 5-10-minute innovation talk

Fish culture has a long and diverse history in the Pacific Northwest and will continue to play a major role in fisheries management, species preservation, food production, and economics, as well as social and political change in the future. The 75th Annual Northwest Fish Culture Concepts meeting is the place to learn about progressive fish culture techniques and programs as well as a better understanding of our historical role in the region over the last 100+ years. Meeting participants will have the opportunity to attend presentations about advancements and observations in: 1.) Operational Efficiency & Facility Optimization; 2.) Aquaculture Modernization; 3.) Aquaculture Research, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation; 4.) Fish Health/Nutrition/Early Maturation; 5.) Diversity in Aquaculture–Lamprey, Sturgeon, and Other Non-Salmonid Propagation; 6.) Supplementation, Reintroduction, and Conservation Programs. Along with great presentations, attendees will be able to visit with vendors and exhibitors during breaks and socials, to ensure great information and products are taken back to each operation. Through these multiple inputs of knowledge and equipment, participants will increase their relative understanding of aquaculture principles and procedures, which may contribute to attainment of desirable fish culture outcomes upon return to their home stations.