

7th International Bonefish & Tarpon Trust Science Symposium, November 12-13, 2021

Tips for Presenters

Oral Presentations:

- Each presentation time slot is a total of 15 minutes. Please target 12 minutes for the presentation and 3 minutes for questions. Time limits will be strictly adhered to by session moderators.
- This is shorter than the standard for most conferences, but we want to fit in as many presentations as possible. In addition, we expect most questions and conversations to occur during the social interaction opportunities built into the overall event schedule. Indeed, this interaction is encouraged.
- You may send your presentation to aaron@bonefishtarpontrust.org electronically prior to the Symposium or load your presentation onto the session laptop THE DAY BEFORE your presentation is given.
- The presentation laptop will be running Windows and PowerPoint. Due to the packed speaker schedule, it is unlikely we will be able to switch computers to enable different formats, but if you require a different format let us know WELL IN ADVANCE and we will examine our options.
- If you are giving a presentation, you have been assigned to a session. This will not change. The order of presentations within a session may change. A final schedule will be provided to you upon arrival at the Symposium.

Posters:

- Posters can be up to 4' x 3' (1.2m x 0.9m) in size. Presenters are responsible for bringing their poster, we will not have printing capabilities at the conference location. We will provide the boards and materials for mounting posters.
- Posters should be set up upon arrival at the Symposium and remain up for the duration of the Symposium. The goal is for the posters to spur conversations between the presenters and Symposium attendees. There will be no specific poster session time slot, but social activities (breaks, lunch, evenings) will be planned in areas where posters are displayed.

All Presenters:

- When preparing your presentation or poster, please remember that the audience will be from a mixture of backgrounds – scientists, anglers and guides, resource managers, fishing industry reps, journalists, and policymakers. Use this as a guide when choosing the terms you use (e.g., avoid acronyms, use common fish names). Most importantly, please do your best to present your results in straightforward English. This does not mean “dumb it down”, an oft-used and inappropriate term. This means translating your presentation from science terms (aka geek speak) to terms familiar to non-scientists. An important (and often lacking) part of Conservation Connections is translating scientific results into formats applicable to outreach, conservation, and management.
- To the extent appropriate, when creating your presentation please consider the overall goal of the symposium (translating actionable science into resource management) and that presentations are intended, in part, to inform the panel discussion that follows. In other words,

this is not just about sharing interesting data, but about how the data can be applied to conservation.