



71st Tuna Conference

Virtual Event
May 18-20, 2021

First Announcement

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You are cordially invited to the [71st Tuna Conference](#), to be held *virtually* **May 18-20, 2021**. Please share this announcement with any other interested parties.

The annual Tuna Conference is sponsored by the NOAA Fisheries and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, and it attracts an international community of scientists and participants interested in research on tunas and tuna-like species and their associated fisheries and ecosystems. The Tuna Conference provides an informal forum for the presentation of ongoing research and developing theories, and unique opportunities for stimulating exchanges of views and opinions.

The theme for this year's Tuna Conference will be **“Using new technologies to update and validate life history studies: The times they are a changin’.”** Technologies, fisheries, and marine environments are constantly undergoing change. Subtle changes in life history characteristics and data collection methods can have large impacts on stock assessments that are reliant on accurate and current data. In addition, the dynamics of our marine environments are under constant change from both anthropogenic and natural influences. Despite living in an ever-changing world, many important fisheries management institutions rely on biological or genetic information that may be outdated because they do not account for recent changes or rely on older methods that can now be validated, and/or require time-intensive data collection methods that could benefit from application of improved technologies. Validation of basic life history parameters is important if we strive to provide and produce sound, undeniable, and unbiased science that is incorporated into stock assessment and management decisions. This conference will explore the application of new methods and technologies to collect, update, and validate biological and genetic information on large pelagics who now live in an ever-changing marine environment.

We invite presentations that address this year's topic; however, as always, we welcome presentations on tuna and tuna-like species whether they conform to the theme or not.

Presentations and Posters

Oral presentations are allotted 10 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions and discussion. We will also offer a poster session that will be prerecorded and played during the conference. Given the reduction in days and hours available for the virtual format there is a limited number of spaces for presentations. If you had submitted an oral presentation last year we will prioritise your talk.

Guidelines for the required one-page, single-spaced abstract are also enclosed. The abstracts must be received by **April 23, 2021** with your complete registration form. Given the virtual format for 2021 there will be **no fee** to register and attend this year. We hope the virtual format may inspire more people to attend for the first time, and continue coming in future years!

Scholarships and Awards

Each year the Tuna Conference and our associated sponsors provides several scholarships in support of students delivering an oral presentation. Due to the conference cancelation in 2020 the winners of the 2020 scholarships will be carried over and present their graduate research virtually in 2021.

- Nan Himmelsbach was awarded the Tuna Conference Scholarship
- Ryan Logan and Pavel Dimens were both awarded the Manuel Caboz Memorial Scholarship
- Mitchell Lovell was awarded the American Fisherman's Research Foundation Scholarship
- Géraldine Pérez was awarded the Wildlife Computers Wildlife Scholarship

Registration

The attached registration form for the online forum must be returned by **April 23, 2021**. A link and instruction on how to join the virtual conference will be emailed to registrants by **May 10**.

Please email your registration form to info@tunaconference.org. Registrants submitted via mail or fax will not be accessible to conference staff.

Whether you attend or not - please return the registration form or notify us if you wish to update your current information. Please include your e-mail address and/or fax number as we would like to send you information about future Tuna Conferences. Also, information is always available on our website www.tunaconference.org

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Email to info@tunaconference.org by April 23, 2021

<input type="checkbox"/> ATTENDING	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Attending: KEEP on emailing list	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE from emailing list
Name:		Student: <input type="checkbox"/>
Organization:		
Mailing Address:		City:
State:	Zip/Postcode:	Country:
Phone:	Email:	
Presentation Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Poster
<input type="checkbox"/> Willing to serve as session/Q&A moderator		
Presentation Title:		

Please be advised that abstracts will be posted to the Tuna Conference website in PDF format