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## PNAMP July 2024 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

- July 9-10 [Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting](#)
- July 23-24 [Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Meeting](#)
- Aug 7 [Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board Meeting](#)
- Aug 13-14 [Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting](#)
- Sep 10-11 [Northwest Power and Conservation Council Meeting](#)
- Sep 24-25 [Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board Meeting](#)

If you would like your meetings posted on the PNAMP calendar, please email [Quinnell Flanagan](mailto:Quinnell.Flanagan) with details.

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**AFS National Meeting Early Bird Registration Rates Ends Soon!**

The 154th Annual American Fisheries Society (AFS) meeting is being held in Honolulu, HI, from September 15-19, 2024. The theme “Conserving Fishes and Fishing Traditions through Knowledge Co-Production” will stimulate a wide range of sessions focusing on the past, present, and future of fisheries conservation and management.

You can save up to \$200 on registration rates as an AFS member. Early bird rates end on July 19, 2024. You can register for the event [here](#). Members must login to their AFS accounts to receive discounted rates. All presenters are required to register for the meeting. For assistance with registration for individuals, or to register a group, please contact Lauren Tanner at [ltanner@fisheries.org](mailto:ltanner@fisheries.org).

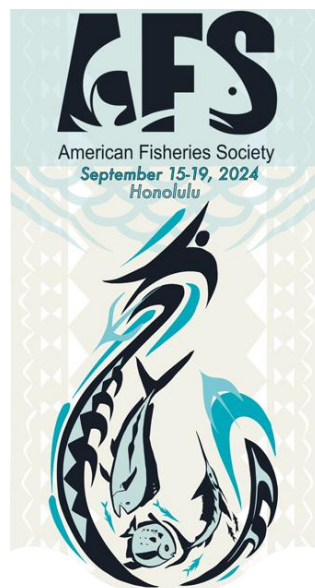


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## **Abstracts Due Soon for the Annual Washington State Lake Protection Association and Oregon Lake Association Conference**

The Oregon Lakes Association (OLA) and Washington State Lake Protection Association (WALPA) have combined forces for this year’s conference at the University Place Hotel & Conference Center in Portland, Oregon on October 9-11. This year’s theme is: ‘Limnology – The Next Generation’.

Share your latest project or research by submitting an abstract for the conference. They may be submitted for oral presentations and posters. **Abstract Submissions are due by August 1, 2024.**

Submit your abstracts on the [Oregon Lakes Association website](#). Your submission should include:

- Your presentation title,
- Author(s), noting the lead presenter and any student authors,
- Your preference for an oral or poster presentation,
- Whether you prefer to present on Wednesday or Thursday,
- An abstract of 300 words/3,000 characters or less (.docx or .pdf format).

To learn more about the conference and for registration information, [visit the event website](#).



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## **ICYMI – Stakeholders Explore Strategies to Link Toxics Monitoring in Columbia River Basin Tributaries to Mainstem and Estuary Monitoring**

The Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Toxics Monitoring Subgroup convened on June 18, 2024 to hear three presentations intended to stimulate discussion of strategies to link toxics monitoring in Columbia River Basin tributaries to mainstem and estuary monitoring.

- Laura Shira and Sherrie Duncan (Yakama Nation Fisheries Program) presented on the Columbia River Mainstem Fish Tissue and Water Quality Monitoring Program development, pilot study progress, and next steps.
- Kirsten Wallace (UMRBA), Jeff Houser (USGS), and Kathi Jo Jankowski (USGS) presented on two complementary multi-state monitoring programs on the Upper Mississippi River - the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association water quality monitoring program and the Upper Mississippi River Restoration Program's Long Term Resource Monitoring element.
- Steve Corsi (USGS) and Dan Villeneuve (EPA) presented on integrated chemical and biological effects monitoring in Great Lakes tributaries, associated prioritization strategies, and some lessons learned from a 10-year, multi-agency research effort.

The presentations were followed by a 15-minute discussion focused on how we can move towards a programmatic approach for toxics monitoring at the Columbia River Basin scale. With only 15 minutes, it was just the beginning of this conversation. The group will continue to discuss this complex topic and brainstorm ideas at future meetings.

If you missed the meeting, the notes and slide deck can be found on the [EPA Region 10 file sharing site](#), and a recording is available by request; email us at [gs-crbtoxmon@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-crbtoxmon@usgs.gov).

You can learn more by visiting the [Toxics Monitoring Subgroup website](#), and the larger [Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Working Group website](#), or feel free to reach out to Jen Bayer ([jbayer@usgs.gov](mailto:jbayer@usgs.gov)) and Amy Puls ([apuls@usgs.gov](mailto:apuls@usgs.gov)).



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## Be Prepared and Wildfire Aware!

Though May is Wildfire Awareness Month, we believe it's important all year long to bring awareness to wildfires, especially as we get into the summer, and what is considered the "peak" of wildfire season.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center ([Statistics | National Interagency Fire Center \(nifc.gov\)](https://www.nifc.gov)), 19,834 wildfires have burned this year alone, with a total of 2,213,017 acres of land burned (stats on June 24, 2024). Wildfire season is year-round, and there are many things you can do to help protect yourself while out in the field or at home.

It's important to be prepared in case of a wildfire, but also to know what to do during and after an event. You can visit [Wildfires | Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov/wildfires) to learn more about what you can do to stay safe before, during, and after a wildfire, and access additional resources for other natural disasters and emergencies.



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