



61st Tuna Conference

Lake Arrowhead, California
May 17-20, 2010

***It's Not About the Catch,
but the Bycatch***

Second Announcement

January 6, 2010

You are cordially invited to the 61st Tuna Conference at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Lake Arrowhead Conference Center, Monday through Thursday, May 17-20, 2010.

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. The informal forum for discussion provides a unique opportunity to present ongoing studies and developing theories, and opportunities for open, stimulating exchanges of views and opinions. Please feel free to pass this announcement on to any interested parties.

"It's Not About the Catch, but the Bycatch" will be the theme of the 2010 Tuna Conference.

Fisheries for tuna and other highly migratory species are often constrained by the incidental take of vulnerable non-target species. Even fisheries that target productive, healthy stocks can face restrictions if interactions with protected species occur. In order to manage fisheries so that yield of target species is optimized and bycatch interactions are minimized, a multi-disciplinary, ecosystem approach is required. At the multi-species level, a better understanding of the pelagic ecosystem, species interactions, and how the environment affects species distribution is needed. For individual species, research into data-poor assessment methodologies, fine-scale habitat use patterns, and gear modifications to reduce bycatch will all contribute to inform management and help to promote healthy, sustainable fisheries for tuna and tuna-like species. The 2010 Tuna Conference will address some of these issues, and papers addressing these challenges are encouraged. As always, we welcome presentations on tuna and 'tuna-like' species that may not be directly related to the topic theme.

Presentation Particulars

Each presentation may run for up to 20 minutes, followed by up to 5 minutes for questions. There will also be an author-attended poster session. Preliminary titles of papers or posters must be submitted with the information requested on the enclosed registration form by **January 11, 2010**. A one-page, single-spaced abstract will be required for papers and posters. The final abstracts must be received by **March 15, 2010**. Guidelines are enclosed. Facilities for overheads, slides, video tapes, and computer presentations will be provided.

Please note the following logistic- and attendance-related concerns:

1. The Conference will begin on Monday (May 17th), with the first session starting at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m.
2. You may not check into your room until Monday at 4:00 p.m. (no early 'check-in') – this is Conference Center management policy. Please do not bring any pets.
3. Conference registration will be open starting at 1 p.m. on Monday. Conference registration will also be available throughout the week for later-arriving individuals.

4. Long-distance travelers should plan to book accommodations in a nearby city for Sunday night and drive to the Conference on Monday, arriving in time for the first session that begins at 2:00 p.m. For those wishing to spend nights in the local area either before or after the Conference, accommodations must be arranged independently. A list of La Jolla area hotels and contact information for the Lake Arrowhead Conference Center are available on the Tuna Conference website: www.tunaconference.org.
5. The Conference will finish at 1:00 p.m. (lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.) on Thursday, May 20th.
6. Individuals who choose to attend any Conference-related event, but do not stay overnight at the Conference Center itself, will be charged \$75 per full day (referred to as a 'Commuter Attendee' guest charge). This daily charge includes all meals served that day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) and the use of facilities and services – this is Conference Center management policy. Please note that Commuter Attendance may not be available, depending on the overall level of bookings at the Conference Center. Keep in mind that 'commuters' must also pay the one-time Conference registration fee of \$75.
7. There are outdated addresses in our mailing list. Please return the registration form or notify us if you wish to update your current information. Please include your e-mail address as we are using e-mail to announce future Tuna Conferences. E-mail use will reduce the postage and labor involved in mailing hard copies – money saved is used for scholarship funds.

The Tuna Conference provides scholarships in support of students presenting papers. Three student scholarships are available: the Manuel Caboz, Tuna Conference and Wildlife Computers Scholarships. Students must be enrolled in an accredited university to qualify and should not have received a Tuna Conference scholarship previously. See the enclosed information sheet (i.e., Student Financial Assistance Form and Application) if you are interested. The application deadline for a student scholarship is **January 11, 2010**. Students who apply for a scholarship will be allowed to register no later than one week after notification of awards.

We are pleased to announce that the ADMB Award will again be available this year. The Automatic Differentiation Model Builder (ADMB) Foundation has established an award to recognize outstanding achievement (student or non-student) in the application of statistical modeling in fisheries. See the enclosed information sheet (i.e., Application Information for ADMB Award Form and Application). The application deadline for the ADMB Award is **January 11, 2010**. Participants who apply for this award will be allowed to register no later than one week after notification of awards.

Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and return it with your room deposit fee by **January 11, 2010**, otherwise, room reservations cannot be guaranteed. Both registration and room deposit fees are non-refundable. **Checks must be made payable through a U.S. bank to the "Tuna Conference."** Final payment on room fees will be due on **March 15, 2010**. We look forward to your early reply, and hope to see you at Lake Arrowhead.

IMPORTANT DATES

- January 11** – Student scholarship and ADMB Award applications due
- January 11** – Registration form and deposit fee due
- January 11** – Preliminary poster and presentation titles due
- March 15** – Final payment and abstract due

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Visit the Tuna Conference's World Wide Web home page at: www.tunaconference.org.

Options for Paying for the Tuna Conference

Please remember that all payments must be made in U.S. dollars and from a U.S. Bank. The Tuna Conference will not accept payment in any other currency.

1. **Check** - made out to **Tuna Conference**

2. **Government Purchase Order** – for *NMFS employees only*. Tuna Conference now has a DUNS # and a CAGE #. Include these on the purchase order, but be aware that it will take approximately 30 days of processing for payment to reach us. This form of payment will not be accepted after March 31st.

DUNS #: 073368110

CAGE #: 6F790

3. **Money Order** - made out to **Tuna Conference**

4. **Wire Transfer** - send an e-mail to info@tunaconference.org and you will be sent the required information

5. **Cash**

6. **Credit Card** (or bank account) using **PayPal**

- Process for using PayPal:
 - » First, set up a personal PayPal account at <http://www.paypal.com>, and link it to your credit card or bank account.
 - » Make payment by sending payment from your account to payments@tunaconference.org. (You can use PayPal to send money to any e-mail address.)

NOTE: If paying by PayPal, please include an additional amount of 3.9% + \$0.30 USD for transactions made from outside the United States (international transactions) or 2.9% + \$0.30 USD for transactions made within the United States (domestic transactions) to cover the PayPal transaction fees.

- Example calculation for Shared Room:

- » First, compute registration fee and room costs per night:
 $(\text{Registration Fee}) + [(\text{Shared Room per night}) \times (\text{number of nights})] =$
 $\$75.00 + [\$180.00 \times 3] = \$615$
 - » Assuming International Transaction, add 3.9% and round to dollars, and add \$0.30 USD:
 $(\$615 \times 1.039) + \$0.30 = \$639.30$
 - » Assuming Domestic Transaction, add 2.9% and round to dollars, and add \$0.30 USD:
 $(\$615 \times 1.029) + \$0.30 = \$633.15$

- Example calculation for Private Room:
 - » First, compute registration fee and room costs per night:
 $(\text{Registration Fee}) + [(\text{Shared Room per night}) \times (\text{number of nights})] =$
 $\$75.00 + [\$210.00 \times 3] = \$705$
 - » Assuming International Transaction, add 3.9% and round to dollars, and add \$0.30 USD:
 $(\$705 \times 1.039) + \$0.30 = \$732.80$
 - » Assuming Domestic Transaction, add 2.9% and round to dollars, and add \$0.30 USD:
 $(\$705 \times 1.029) + \$0.30 = \$725.75$



APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All students who present papers at the Tuna Conference, who have not previously been awarded a meeting scholarship, are eligible to be considered for the Manuel Caboz Memorial Scholarship, the Tuna Conference Scholarship, and the Wildlife Computers Scholarship. These scholarships are presented for the best student abstracts and are awarded by a review committee prior to the Conference. Scholarships will cover the Conference registration fees, and room and board (value \$615).

Scholarships will be awarded based on scientific merit, the student's accomplishments and the paper's relevance to the conference theme "**It's Not About the Catch, but the Bycatch.**" It is important to note that the paper's relevance to the conference theme is only one of the decision criteria and papers on any appropriate subject are welcome.

To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the application form and attach an abstract, a description of your research goals, a brief academic and professional background, and verification of your current status as a university student (examples of acceptable verification include unofficial transcripts, a brief letter or e-mail from your advisor or graduate representative or a photo copy of your current student ID). On the application form please describe the status and contribution of any co-authors. If you anticipate having other sources for financial assistance to attend the Conference, please state the type and approximate amount of the funding. This information may influence the amount of financial assistance awarded, but will not affect a student's eligibility for the scholarships. All materials, talks, and presentation materials must be presented in English. Materials must be received by **January 11, 2010**. Awards will be announced by **January 25, 2010**. Students who apply for a scholarship will be allowed to register no later than one week after notification of awards.

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Application for Student Scholarship

Student Name:		Male: <input type="checkbox"/> Female: <input type="checkbox"/>
University Name:		Masters: <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D.: <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:		City:
State:	Zip/Postcode:	Country:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:

Abstract Title:	
List co-authors and contribution, if applicable (if more authors, please provide information on an additional sheet):	
1.	Student <input type="checkbox"/> Non-student <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Student <input type="checkbox"/> Non-student <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Student <input type="checkbox"/> Non-student <input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Student <input type="checkbox"/> Non-student <input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Student <input type="checkbox"/> Non-student <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have additional funding to attend the conference? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, how much and what type of funding?
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Please list two professional references:		
Name	Telephone number	Email address
1.		
2.		

Please provide the following additional documents with this application form:

1. Your abstract, following the abstract guidelines provided.
2. A description of your research goals (one-page or less).
3. A description of your academic and professional background (one-page or less) OR a curriculum vitae.
4. Proof of your current status as a university student (examples of acceptable verification include unofficial transcripts, a brief letter or e-mail from your advisor or graduate representative or a photo copy of your current student ID).

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APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR ADMB AWARD

The ADMB Foundation's (admb-foundation.org) goal is to coordinate development and promote use of the AD Model Builder software. This goal is subsidiary to the more general aim to improve data analysis and non-linear statistical modeling. The field of fisheries has had a central role in the development of ADMB and there are literally thousands of ADMB applications in fisheries.

The Foundation has established an award to recognize outstanding achievement (student or non-student) in the application of statistical modeling in fisheries. The recipient of this award will be required to give an oral presentation of her/his paper at the Tuna Conference. The Award will cover the Tuna Conference registration fee, and/or room and board (up to a value of \$615). The outstanding achievement will be judged on the basis of:

1. Integration of diverse data
2. Creative solution of computational problems
3. Analytical innovations
4. Contribution to the goals of the ADMB Foundation

by a special committee nominated by ADMB Foundation members.

To apply for this award, please fill out the application form and attach an abstract, a description of your research goals, and a brief academic and professional background. On the application form please describe the status and contribution of any co-authors. If you anticipate having other sources for financial assistance to attend the Tuna Conference, please state the type and approximate amount of the funding. This information may influence the amount of financial assistance awarded, but will not affect the eligibility for the award. All materials, talks, and presentation materials must be presented in English. Materials must be received by **January 11, 2010**. Awards will be announced by **January 25, 2010**. Participants who apply for this award will be allowed to register no later than one week after notification of awards.

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Application for ADMB Award

Name:		Male: <input type="checkbox"/> Female: <input type="checkbox"/>
Organization Name:		
Mailing Address:		City:
State:	Zip/Postcode:	Country:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:

Abstract Title:	
List co-authors and contribution, if applicable (if more authors, please provide information on an additional sheet):	
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