



74th Tuna Conference

Lake Arrowhead, California

May 20-23, 2024

Bridging and filling the gaps: Uniting stakeholders and science through dialogue for successful conservation and management strategies in pelagic fisheries

Third Announcement

January 29, 2024

Hello, this is the third and final announcement to remind you about our invitation to attend the 74th Tuna Conference (<http://www.tunaconference.org/>) Monday through Thursday, **May 20-23, 2024**. The conference will be at its traditional venue at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Lake Arrowhead Conference Center (<http://uclaconferencecenter.com/>). In order to secure our venue and lodging, we must receive your registration and full payment no later than **February 23, 2024**. Please R.S.V.P. your intent to attend on or before this date. Please share this announcement with any other interested parties and refer to our webpage www.tunaconference.org for detailed information.

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 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 **“Bridging and filling the gaps: Uniting stakeholders and science through dialogue for successful conservation and management strategies in pelagic fisheries.”** In an era where large amounts of data are newly available to address complex issues in large fisheries spanning whole ocean basins, how do we as a community of resource users, including managers and policy makers, scientists, fishers and industry personnel, communicate research priorities and what data gaps are preventing the implementation of meaningful management actions, and then work together to find solutions? This year, we want to focus on mechanisms that bridge the gaps between management, science, and industry by engaging personnel across disciplines and fisheries sectors in a productive conversation where we share ideas and success stories. Recognizing the need for multidisciplinary collaboration and greater inclusion of key stakeholders in fisheries science and management, we welcome presentations and posters that demonstrate how the integration of diverse perspectives has been instrumental in the development and implementation of conservation measures. However, as always, we welcome presentations on tuna and tuna-like species whether they conform to the theme or not!

For this 2024 Tuna Conference, we are looking forward to a fun and engaging meeting where we can build relationships, advance dialogue, and work together to improve the sustainability of our fishing communities and marine resources. Hope to see you in May!

Scholarships and Awards

The application deadline for a student and non-student scholarship and award is **February 6, 2024**. **Current staff and students of Tuna Conference sponsors are ineligible to apply, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the “Tuna Conference Articles of Organization.”**

In addition to our traditional scholarships:

- Tuna Conference scholarship (**student only**)
- Manuel Caboz scholarship (**student only**)

The following scholarships and awards are also available for the 74th Tuna Conference:

- Wildlife Computers Scholarship (**student only**) was established to encourage students in their research efforts, promote good science, and provide an opportunity for students to share their research within the community. Wildlife Computers (<http://www.wildlifecomputers.com/>) produces tags for many diverse species, with a broad range of shapes and technologies that meet most research needs, while maintaining data consistency, as well as custom made designs. The Wildlife Computers Scholarship is awarded preferably to a student that will present the results of research that made use of electronic tagging technology.
- AFRF Scholarship (**student only**) was established to aid, encourage, promote, and support science and education in the field of albacore and related fish species. AFRF has been the only research group founded by the fishing industry to promote sound science and research on a particular species in order to remain sustainable and provide a healthful food source to the consumer. AFRF is a fishery research foundation funded entirely by the U.S. West Coast albacore troll-and-pole fishery. This scholarship conforms to the mission of AFRF to support students in their research and education of albacore and related species.
- David Linney Memorial Scholarship (**student only**). This scholarship was established in memory of David Linney, an avid Atlantic bluefin tuna harpoon fisherman in the Gulf of Maine for five decades. His respect and admiration for the bluefin resource was unmatched as was his commitment to engage with and help the management and scientific community whenever possible. This scholarship will support student projects whose success is built upon cooperative research between the industry and science, a partnership David held in the highest regard.

Additionally, all scholarship recipients will automatically be considered for travel scholarships generously provided by the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF).

Presentations and Posters

Full payment, completed registration form and abstract must be received by **February 23, 2024**.

Registration

The registration form, abstract and **full payment** (except for students applying for scholarships) must be received by us on or before **February 23, 2024**. Reservations may be transmitted using any of the following options:

- Fax to (858) 665-4946
- Email to tunaconferenceinfo@gmail.com or
- Mail to Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, IATTC

Attn: Peggy Loor
8901 La Jolla Shores Drive
La Jolla, CA 92037-1509

Payments may be made as follows (in US dollars):

- Check/Money Order: Made payable through a US Bank to the **Tuna Conference**
- Credit Card through Paypal: go to <https://www.tunaconference.org/current-information> – look for the document titled “Credit Card Reference Sheet” for fees. (note service fees are included in the amounts given) and push “**Buy Now**” button on the same page to pay thru Paypal.
- Wire transfer: please contact us directly and we will send instruction

Please note that **full payment** is **non-refundable**, due to contractual obligations assumed by the Tuna Conference with the Lake Arrowhead Conference Center.

Shuttle

For those that would like to ride the shuttle from San Diego to Lake Arrowhead, a required **non-refundable** deposit of \$30 will be collected no later than **February 23, 2024**.

Please refer to our website for forms and more information: <https://www.tunaconference.org> We look forward to seeing you at Lake Arrowhead!

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(Title) **GUIDELINES FOR 74th TUNA CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS**

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This page is an example of the abstract format. It provides guidelines to assist in the preparation of your abstract and to facilitate compilation of the 74th Tuna Conference proceedings. The proceedings will be available at the start of the Conference.

The deadline for inclusion of your abstract in the proceedings is February 23, 2024.

Abstracts must be submitted for both papers and poster presentations and should be clear in stating objectives and summarizing results and conclusions. If you are describing ongoing research, you should summarize results obtained to date. The title, authors, agency or school affiliation, and senior author's mailing address should be included. Do not include literature citations.

Each abstract will be printed on one American quarto (216 mm x 279 mm) page with 25 mm (1 in) margins, with text in 11 point Times New Roman, and using full-block justification. Abstracts exceeding the one-page format will be edited (perhaps truncated) to fit.

If possible, abstracts should be submitted by computer file. The preferred format is MS Word; plain ASCII text files are also acceptable. You are encouraged to send MS Word and ASCII files via e-mail to tunaconferenceinfo@gmail.com. Otherwise, CDs are acceptable.

If you cannot send a computer file, you may submit a camera-ready hard copy, preferably on American quarto paper. If you must use A4 paper, try to adjust the margins to 25 mm on the top and left side, 20 mm on the right side, and 42 mm on the bottom. If you need further clarification, contact:

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APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All students who present a paper at the Tuna Conference are eligible to be considered for all scholarships, including the Tuna Conference Scholarship and Manuel Caboz Memorial Scholarship. **Current staff and students of Tuna Conference sponsors are ineligible to apply, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the “Tuna Conference Articles of Organization.”** Students who have previously won scholarships are eligible, provided a different research topic is being presented. Scholarships are presented for the best student papers and are determined by a review committee prior to the Conference. Award recipients will be required to give an oral presentation on their paper at the Tuna Conference. Scholarships cover conference fees, and room and board (up to a value of \$1,065).

Scholarships are awarded based on scientific merit and the relevance to the conference theme, which at the 74th conference is **“Bridging and filling the gaps: Uniting stakeholders and science through dialogue for successful conservation and management strategies in pelagic fisheries.”** Presentations of research across the broad spectrum of subjects related to tunas and tuna-like species, the fisheries that interact with them, and the supporting ecosystems are welcomed at the Conference. Relevance to the conference theme is only one of the decision criteria, and students are encouraged to submit a paper on their research on any related subject.

To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the application form completely and attach an abstract, a description of your graduate study and career oriented research goals, a brief academic and professional background, and verification of your current status as a university student as of the date of the conference **May 20, 2024** (examples of acceptable verification include a brief letter on a school letterhead from your advisor or graduate representative, or a photocopy of your current student ID with an expiration date on it). 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 **February 6, 2024**. Awards will be announced by **February 23, 2024**. Students who apply for a scholarship will be allowed to register no later than one week after notification of awards. **Please do not send any money with your scholarship application; any fees required will be billed at a later date.**

Email all materials to tunaconferenceinfo@gmail.com no later than **February 6, 2024**.

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Application for Student Scholarship

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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 three professional references:		
Name	Telephone number	Email address
1.		
2.		
3.		

Please provide the following additional documents with this application form:

1. Your abstract, following the abstract guidelines provided.
2. A description of your graduate study and career oriented 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 as of the date of the conference **May 20, 2024** (examples of acceptable verification include a brief letter on the school letterhead from your advisor or graduate representative or a photo copy of your current student ID with an expiration date on it).

Send all application materials by **February 6, 2024** to: Peggy Loor, Tuna Conference Coordinator
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Tuna Conference 2024 Registration Form

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

Complete the following sections **ONLY** if you are attending the conference

Room Type or Center Use (see notes)	Days attending	Total Number of Days	Daily Rate	ROOM CHARGE = Days × Daily Rate
With: Shared Room	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/20 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/21 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/22	___	\$305	\$
Vintage Single Room	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/20 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/21 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/22	___	\$325	\$
Deluxe Room <i>(Entire Condolet to yourself)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/20 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/21 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/22	___	\$479	\$
Commuter Fee (Staying Elsewhere)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5/20 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/21 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/22 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/23 (\$75) (\$131) (\$131) (\$75)	___	½ day - \$75 1 day - \$131	\$
Ride the Shuttle - (This is only a deposit to reserve a spot on the shuttle)	This deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE	___	\$30	\$
ROOM CHARGE (From above)				\$
REGISTRATION FEE (Non-refundable)				\$ 150
TOTAL <u>NON-REFUNDABLE</u> CONFERENCE CHARGES DUE BY <u>February 23, 2024</u> (Room Charges + Registration Fee + Other):				\$

Special Needs: Level Access Room Vegetarian Meal Other (specify):

Presentation Type (if any)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Poster	<input type="checkbox"/> Willing to serve as session moderator
Equipment needed:	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer (PowerPoint) <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Check Off List:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment	Payment #: <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract

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

Paying with: Check Cash Money Order *PayPal **Wire Transfer

*Note: Paypal/Credit Card charges a service fee. See "Credit Card Reference Sheet," attached and at www.tunaconference.org. Pay by Paypal click here "[BUY NOW](#)"

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

74th Tuna Conference Paypal Fees Sheet for Credit Card Payments

(These includes all the Paypal fees for using a credit card)

<u>In United States</u>		<u>Outside the United States</u>	
Item	Credit Card Charge	Item	Credit Card Charge
Only registration	\$156.00	Only registration	\$157.00
One night at Shared plus registration	\$472.00	One night at Shared or Private room rate plus registration	\$476.00
Two nights at Shared plus registration	\$788.00	Two nights at Shared or Private room rate plus registration	\$795.00
Three nights at Shared plus registration	\$1,104.00	Three nights at Shared or Private room rates plus registration	\$1,113.00
One night at Vintage Single room rate plus registration	\$493.00	One night at Vintage Single room rate plus registration	\$497.00
Two nights at Vintage Single room rate plus registration	\$829.00	Two nights at Vintage Single room rate plus registration	\$836.00
Three nights at Vintage Single room rates plus registration	\$1,166.00	Three nights at Vintage Single room rates plus registration	\$1,176.00
One night at Deluxe room rate plus registration	\$652.00	One night at Deluxe room rate plus registration	\$658.00
Two nights at Deluxe room rate plus registration	\$1,149.00	Two nights at Deluxe room rate plus registration	\$1,158.00
Three nights at Deluxe room rates plus registration	\$1,645.00	Three nights at Deluxe room rates plus registration	\$1,659.00
One Half day Commuter Fee plus registration	\$234.00	One Half day Commuter Fee plus registration	\$236.00
One Full Day Commuter Fee plus registration	\$292.00	One Full Day Commuter Fee plus registration	\$294.00
Two Full Days Commuter Fees plus registration	\$427.00	Two Full Days Commuter Fees plus registration	\$431.00
Two Full Days and One Half day Commuter Fees plus registration	\$505.00	Two Full Days and One Half day Commuter Fees plus registration	\$509.00
Two Full Days and Two Half days Commuter Fees plus registration	\$583.00	Two Full Days and Two Half days Commuter Fees plus registration	\$588.00
Shuttle (please add this amount to any of the above options)	\$32.00	Shuttle (please add this amount to any of the above options)	\$32.00