

SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM – CALL FOR SPEAKERS



Angling for Dinosaurs: Status and Future Study of the Ecology, Conservation and Management of Ancient Fishes

A special symposium is planned for the 146th annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Kansas City, Missouri in August 2016. This symposium will focus on the biology, ecology, life history, conservation and management of Holostean Fishes (Bowfin and gar species). As anglers' perceptions of these ancient fishes begin to transform from "rough fish" to "sport fish," the need for a better understanding of the ecology and conservation status of these species is fundamental to effective management. We intend to highlight past and current research by including presentations related to:

- Biology/ecology/life history
- Age and growth evaluations
- Population genetics & evolutionary perspectives
- Sampling methodologies
- Management evaluations
- Hybridization
- Human dimensions

If you manage or are conducting research related to Holostean fisheries, please consider participating in this special symposium. The organizers are planning some type of proceedings or special journal issue where presenters can publish their work if they wish, but the final decision will be based on input from participants. If you have information you'd like to share that would advance our understanding of Ancient Fishes, please contact the organizers for more information.

The organizers are also seeking potential sponsors for this event. If you or your organization is interested in sponsoring the symposium, please contact the organizers.

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