



## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

### American Fisheries Society – Alabama Chapter Meeting 2021

**Meeting Dates:** Thursday, September 23<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Venue:** Kick Back Ranch and Event Center, LLC  
414 Union Academy Ada Road, Ramer, AL 36069.  
Phone: (334) 286-4140.  
Website: <https://kickbackranch.net/>

**Accommodations:** There is lodging available on-site and a room block is set up at a Hampton Inn in Hope Hull located 20 minutes away.

There are 27 Kick Back West Suites (queen and twin with trundle) for \$128.00/night (plus tax) and 3 Wagon Wheel Suites (queen and queen/twin bunk) for \$142.40/night (plus tax). Cowboy Cabins are also available which are more rustic (no TV and community restroom). Please visit the website for photos and descriptions of all available on-site accommodation options. Other accommodation arrangements may be made available. Please see phone number above for reservations. On-site lodging is limited. Room block and special group rate will be available until August 19, 2021, just mention ALAFS room block upon reservation.

For those that are looking for a more traditional hotel stay, there is a room block (25 rooms: 20 double-Queens, 5 single-Kings) at the Fairfield Inn and Suites-Montgomery Airport South located 20 minutes from the venue at 7563 Mobile Highway, Montgomery AL. 36105. The rate is \$114 + tax. Call (334) 281-6882 for registration. The room block and group rate will be available until August 23, 2021. Be sure to mention the ALAFS annual meeting for the room block.

**Registration:** Registration is available on our website.  
Please visit <https://alabama.fisheries.org/2021-alafs-meeting-registration/> to register by card or check.

**Agenda:** Agenda schedule TBD July 2021.

## **About the Alabama Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 2021 Meeting:**

The Alabama Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (ALAFS) Program Committee invites presenters (university faculty, students, aquatic science professionals, etc.) who have current aquatic research projects with study results of interest to the membership at large. Acceptable presentations may cover a variety of topics on freshwater and marine science, including: fisheries management, fisheries dynamics, aquaculture, habitat use, ecology, invasive species, or other aquatic science-based projects. Please join us at the Kick Back Ranch and Event Center located in Ramer, Alabama!

Students are encouraged to present and will be featured during a technical session during the meeting. Successful student presenters will have the opportunity to win the ALAFS best student presentation award.

Registration includes:

- one student session of presentations,
- one professional session of presentations,
- poster presentation session and social hour(s),
- banquet with dinner,
- access to raffle items and door prizes,
- breakfast, snacks, and refreshments.

Future announcements on a time-specific meeting agenda are forthcoming. Please pass this information on to anyone you feel may have an interest in attending. We encourage you to consider submittal of an oral presentation or poster. Please see separate attachment for guidelines to design posters. Please see page three below for instructions to submit an abstract.

## Abstract Submission Instructions:

Email abstracts to ([cal.johnson@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:cal.johnson@adem.alabama.gov)) by 5:00 PM, **Friday, August 13, 2021**. Abstracts (**300 words MAX**) should be submitted as an attached Word document or PDF (FONT: Arial, SIZE: 12 point). Questions, call (256) 432-2162.

**PLEASE arrange your abstract submittal in the following order and **indicate if you are a student presenter**:**

1. **Presenting Author** (with student status (Student), email and work phone #):
2. **Presentation Title:**
3. **Names of Presenting Author, Co-author(s)**
4. **Author, Co-author(s) Work Address**
5. **Abstract** (300 words **MAX**):
6. **Preferred Presentation type:** Oral or Poster
7. **ADD a brief, 1-2 sentence Bio (home state, prior school or work background, current project(s), major professor)**

### EXAMPLE:

Bill Smith (**Student**), [bsmith@mail.eep.net](mailto:bsmith@mail.eep.net), 251-555-5555

Comparison of two statistical models to assess Centrarchid recruitment

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We employed the use of two statistical models to investigate recruitment of age-0 to age-1 Largemouth Bass, *Micropterus salmoides* and Black Crappie, *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*.....**ABSTRACTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 300 WORDS.**

### Oral presentation

Bio: I grew up in Okay, OK. Graduated in 2015 ( B.S. Biology) from U. of Kansas . My thesis work is on the TN River Largemouth Bass recruitment project under Dr. Xo.

**NOTE:** If the number of oral presentations submitted exceeds the agenda schedule time, we may contact authors to consider poster presentations based on order received. We plan to accommodate everyone as best we can.