



2018 KEYSTONE COLDWATER CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTERS



Proposals are now being accepted for presentations and posters for the 2018 Keystone Coldwater Conference. The conference theme is **"Coldwater Resource Conservation and Education: Rising to the Challenges; Embracing the Opportunities."** This conference, hosted by the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, will be held on February 23-24, 2018 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College, Pennsylvania.

Target Audience:

A very diverse group of individuals attend the conference including members from nonprofit organizations such as Trout Unlimited, sportsmen's groups and watershed associations, along with environmental professionals, and college faculty and students. A primary objective of the conference is to promote collaboration and an exchange of ideas among diverse groups with shared interests, motivations, and passions. Based on past attendance, we expect a turnout of over 200 people.

Conference Topics:

Proposals are welcome on topics related both to today's challenges to conservation, protection, restoration and stewardship of coldwater resources in Pennsylvania and to the opportunities for and examples of successes meeting these goals. Proposals that address such challenges as a changing climate, impacts of new and proposed policy changes, threats associated with exotic and invasive species, and water quality impacts associated with development **as well as** proposed or actual action to overcome and succeed in conserving and restoring coldwater resources and their watersheds will receive priority. We are especially interested in proposals about successful innovative and non-traditional education, outreach and stewardship initiatives for BOTH youth and adults.

We want to hear about:

- Current Research
- Successful on-the-ground projects
- Effective monitoring efforts
- Community stewardship successes
- Outreach and advocacy efforts and outcomes
- Unique approaches to environmental education
- Innovative funding sources and partnerships
- Measuring and building upon successes

Sessions and Speaker Information:

Each presentation will be allotted 30 min with *at least* 10 minutes for Q & A. *One speaker for each presentation will receive a free conference registration.* If interested, please complete the attached form.

Poster Session and Student Poster Contest:

There will also be a poster session on the evening of February 23. Trout Unlimited Chapters, agency staff, students, and any other groups that have research projects to share with the conference participants are invited to present a poster. Students may participate in the Student Poster Contest. Please visit www.coldwaterconference.com Do not use the form below for poster submissions.

Please use the presentation request form on the next page. Forms should be emailed to Tali MacArthur by October 20, 2017.

For questions please contact Tali at (814) 359-5233. For additional information on the conference please visit www.coldwaterconference.com.

Presentation Request Form

Presentation Title:

Presenter's Name and Affiliation:

Co-Author(s) Name and Affiliation(s):

- 1. Brief Biography of lead presenter** (for use in conference program):

- 2. Presentation Abstract or Summary** (please focus on the objectives of the presentation; what the audience will learn; and/or outcomes. This description, or an edited version of it, will be used in the conference program.)

Please submit requests to Tali MacArthur at c-tmacarth@pa.gov

Deadline for submissions is October 20, 2017

Thank you.