

24TH ANNUAL

WISCONSIN AQUACULTURE CONFERENCE 2019

FOR INTERESTED FARMERS, BEGINNERS
AND CURRENT PRODUCERS...

“EXPANDING HORIZONS”

FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH

EAU CLAIRE, WI



RESERVE YOUR STAY:

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ROOMS AVAILABLE UNDER WI AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION CONF.
FRONT DESK: 1-715-830-9889

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, February 14th: Meetings & Set Up

- 2:00-5:00pm *WI Aquaculture Association & Wisconsin Aquaculture Industry Advisory Council Meetings*
- 5:00-7:00pm *Trade Show Set Up*

Friday, February 15th: WAA Conference

Industry Updates

- 8:00-8:30 ***“Welcome & Updates in WAA”***
Peter Fritsch - Rushing Waters Fisheries of Palmyra, WI
- 8:30-9:00 ***“Moving the Needle for US Aquaculture: The Critical Importance of National and State Association Partnerships”***
Paul Zajicek – National Aquaculture Association
- 9:00-9:10 ***“Sea Grant’s Aquaculture Vision”***
John Downing- MN Sea Grant & LaDon Swann- MS/AL Sea Grant Consortium
- 9:10- 9:25 ***“Important Research Updates for Wisconsin Aquaculture”***
Titus Seilheimer- University of Wisconsin-Sea Grant Institute
- 9:25-9:45 ***“MN Aquaculture Workshop Synthesis Outcome”***
Don Schreiner- Minnesota Sea Grant

9:45-10:00 BREAK

- 10:00-10:15 ***“Premiere Supplier for Fresh & Frozen Seafood- Respect at Every Step”***
Josh Nelson- The Fish Guys, Inc. of St. Louis Park, MN
- 10:15-10:30 ***“Rainbow Trout from the Driftless Area”***
Zach Lind- Driftless Fish of Rushford, MN
- 10:30-10:45 ***“Contract Growing”***
Peter Fritsch- Rushing Waters Fisheries, WI & Bill West- Blue Iris Fish Farm, WI & Zach Lind-Driftless Fish, MN

10:45-10:50 TRADE SHOW SHORT INTRODUCTIONS

10:50-11:20 BREAK & TRADE SHOW

11:20-12:00 EXPERT PANEL

WI, MN, MI Representatives: Changes & Updates to Rules & Regulations

12:00-12:30 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **“Building a Better Food System Starts with Great Food”**
Steven Summerfelt – Superior Fresh of Hixton, WI

12:30-1:30 LUNCH & TRADE SHOW BREAK

Species & Technology

- **1:30-2:00 “Atlantic Salmon for Wisconsin”**
Nicole Larson- Riverence of Olympia, WA
- **2:00-2:20 “Walleye Advancements in RAS”**
UW-Stevens Point Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility
- **2:20-2:40 Growth Performance of Four Varieties of Sweet Basil Grown in a Greenhouse with Both Aquaponic Effluent and Soil**
Mark Schmitz- Concordia University-Wisconsin

Education & Outreach

- **2:40-3:00 “Consumer Attitudes Toward Wisconsin Farm-Raised Fish”**
Bret Shaw- UW-Madison
- **3:00-3:30 “Steps Toward Fish Health Management”**
Myron Kebus- WI DATCP
- **3:30-3:45 “How to Raise Walleye Intensively- Video Series”**
Emma Wiermaa- UW-Stevens Point Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility

3:45-4:00 BREAK

4:00-5:00

- **GENERAL WAA MEMBERSHIP BOARD VOTING**
- **TRADE SHOW/SILENT AUCTION**

5:00-6:30pm TASTE OF WI RECEPTION/AUCTION WINNERS

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Saturday, February 16th: Fish Health Workshop

“Making Fish Health & Water Quality a Priority!”

Presentations by experts and hands on activities led by fish health professionals, guiding each registrant to perform a fish necropsy, conduct a fish health assessment and water quality monitoring activities. An additional Perch Forum is offered as a concurrent session to the hands-on activities.

Provided by: The North Central Region Aquaculture Center, NCRAC.

Organized by:

- ***Matt Smith- The Ohio State University***
- ***Dr. Nick Phelps-University of Minnesota***
- ***Dr. Alexander Primus-University of Minnesota***

7:30-8:30am Arrive & Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:40 Welcome, Introductions

Presentations

8:40-9:10 Fish get sick too: Identification and Treatment of Disease

9:10-9:40 Stress Management at Every Stop

9:40-10:00 Eating Right: Why Nutrition Matters for Fish Health

10:00-10:20 Fish Health Regulations: Why We Need Them

10:20-10:30 DIY Fish Health

10:30-10:45 ***BREAK***

OPTION 1- FISH NECROPSY

10:45-11:20 VFDs and Your Farm

11:20-12:00 Know Your Risks: Planning Biosecurity

OPTION 2- YELLOW PERCH FORUM

10:45-12:00 Big Picture- Needs of Perch Production

12:00-12:45 LUNCH/NETWORKING

Hands on- Enrollment up to 60 people

➤ ***Group 1***

12:45-1:30 DIY Fish Necropsy

1:30-2:15 DIY Fish Health Assessment

➤ ***Group 2***

12:45-1:30 DIY Fish Health Assessment

1:30-2:15 DIY Fish Necropsy

2:15-3:30 Monitoring Water Quality to Manage Fish Health

12:45-3:30 Identify Culture Bottlenecks &

Potential Areas of Research

A. Discuss 9 Focus Areas

B. Prioritize Needs

C. Most Immediate Areas to be Addressed

D. Determine Need for Working Group

3:30pm Adjourn, Safe Trip Home!