

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## 7<sup>th</sup> International Sea Duck Conference

**Virtual Event: 8-11 January 2024**



*Deadline to submit your abstract: **30 September 2023***

The 7<sup>th</sup> International Sea Duck Conference (ISDC), 8-11 January 2024, will draw together sea duck enthusiasts from academia, government agencies, conservation organizations, industry, and communities to discuss our shared interests in sea duck research, conservation, management, and community connections.

The theme of the 7th ISDC is “**Bridging Communities: Human Connections to Sea Ducks**” and each day of the science program follows a general theme:

**Day 1:** Collaboration & Knowledge: Exploring integrative learning and science

**Day 2:** Cultural Connections to Sea Ducks: Linking communities that value sea ducks

**Day 3:** Humans in Sea Duck Habitats: Understanding and mitigating unintended impacts

**Day 4:** Coexistence & Conservation: Acting for climate change adaption and resilience

Contributed oral presentations on a wide range of contemporary topics including:

- Adaptive Management
- Alternative Energy Development
- Annual Cycle
- Breeding Ecology
- Climate & Adaptation
- Conservation & Management
- Emerging Disease and Contaminants
- Foraging & Energetics
- Harvest Management
- Innovative Techniques for Sea Duck Studies
- Indigenous Knowledge
- Migration & Movement
- Population Dynamics
- Spatial Ecology

**We invite you to submit an abstract for the 7thISDC!**

### **Ways to present your work:**

- Pre-recorded, Oral presentations with live Q&A
- Pre-recorded Lightning Talks
- Panel and Round-table discussions
- Virtual field trips
- Poster Expo – Interactive, multi-media Poster booths (see below for details)
- Art Exhibitions – we invite you to display your Sea Duck themed artwork! Call for Artists coming soon!

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*Please note that we have a limited number of oral presentation slots available during the live conference days. However, there are several ways to present your work including Lightning talks and in the Poster Exhibition Hall with fully customizable, interactive, multi-media poster booths that will allow you to upload a short presentation along with your poster and other documents.*

### **Students!**

We encourage submissions by Student presenters (undergraduate and graduate) and will offer four (4) registration awards to the highest-ranking student abstracts, as determined by the Science Committee.

Awards will also be offered for Best Student Oral Presentation and Best Poster Presentation in three categories: Undergraduate, Master's and PhD.

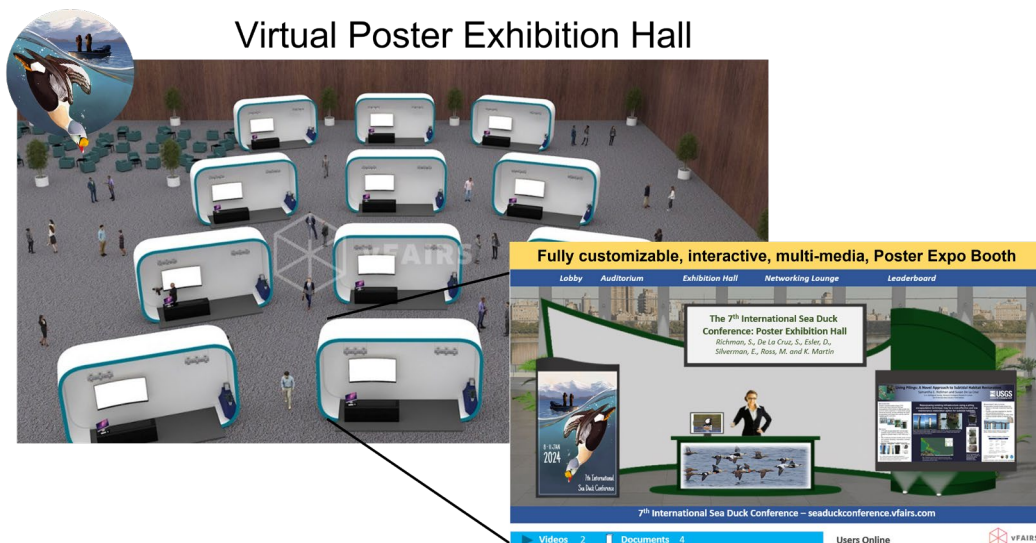
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### **Poster Expo Booth**

On the virtual platform, Poster presenters can create an engaging, interactive, multi-media virtual booth in our Poster Exhibition Hall! Virtual booths are fully customizable and can be designed for a single presenter or a research group.

You can host your Poster as a traditional pdf, upload additional documents, white papers, photographs, video content, or create a short presentation. During the Live Poster Session, booths will have a Live Q & A, and you can also schedule one-on-one meetings with attendees and chat functions have video and audio capabilities. The possibilities are endless!



**Questions:** Please email us at [seaduckconference@gmail.com](mailto:seaduckconference@gmail.com)

**More Information at** <https://seaduckconference.vfairs.com/en/call-for-abstracts>

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### ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES

Use Arial font, 11 pt, left justified, and single spaced.

**TITLE SHOULD BE IN BOLD AND ALL CAPITAL LETTERS**

List authors with presenting author in bold.

Use author initials to indicate affiliations.

Abstract should be no more than **300 words**.

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### Instructions for submitting abstracts

1. Go to: [Abstract Submission on vFairs virtual platform](#) (Submit button coming soon)
2. Follow the online instructions:
  - a. **Enter the TITLE IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS**
  - b. **List of Authors** (First I. Last, First I. Last, and First I. Last)  
*Please note that for multi-author papers, due to space requirements, only the first 5 authors will be shown in the agenda online, but all authors will be listed in the proceedings.*
  - c. **Author affiliations**, please use Initials (ex. TB: US Fish and Wildlife Service)
  - d. **Presenting author & email**
  - e. **Abstracts should be no more than 300 words** – upload a Word.docx (preferred) or pdf.
  - f. **Please choose from the following daily themes** (if appropriate)
    1. Collaboration & Knowledge: Exploring integrative learning and science
    2. Cultural Connections to Sea Ducks: Linking communities that value sea ducks
    3. Humans in Sea Duck Habitats: Understanding and mitigating unintended impacts
    4. Coexistence & Conservation: Acting for climate change adaption and resilience
  - g. **Please choose 1 to 3 topics from the list**
  - h. Indicate your **preferred presentation type**:
    1. Oral Presentation
    2. Lightning talk
    3. Poster & Poster Expo Booth
    4. Virtual Field Trip
    5. Special Session, Panel Discussion, Workshop
  - i. Are you a student?

**Students:** *If you have graduated in the last 2 years (after January 2022) and are presenting your thesis research, you may register for the conference at the student rate, but sorry, only currently enrolled students will be considered for the Student Presentation or Registration Awards.*

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### Example Abstract

#### POPULATION ESTIMATES OF SEA DUCKS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

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After years of winter data collection in the wet, cold North Pacific, it dawned on us that the South Pacific had been poorly studied in terms of sea duck abundance, distribution, and ecology. We conducted an exhaustive search of the literature and found absolutely no evidence of attention to sea ducks at southern latitudes, which we consider a gross oversight with significant conservation and population management implications. Over the past decade, we have sampled numerous near shore areas of the Hawaiian Islands, generating population estimates with very low coefficients of variation for all North American sea duck species.

Presentation Preference: Oral  
Presentation 2<sup>nd</sup> Option: Poster or Lightning Talk  
Student: No

*Please limit to 300 words, use Arial font, size 11, and left-justified.*

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