



2026 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Call for Presentations for
PCSGA & NSA-PCS 80th
Annual Shellfish Conference
& Tradeshow in Blaine, WA
September 14 - 17, 2026

PRIMARY THEMES & TOPICS

- Ecosystem Services Provided by Shellfish Farms
- Increased Sustainability of Shellfish Gear
- Shellfish Breeding for Sustained Production, Sustainability, and Resilience
- Public Health and Food Safety
- Social License to Operate
- Technology in Farming & Fisheries Management
- Ocean Conditions: Ocean Chemistry, Acidification
- Integrated Pest Management
- Emerging Species and Markets
- Product to Market
- Business Basics
- Down on the Farm
- Fisheries Management
- Shellfish Restoration, Conservation, and Protection Efforts

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 29, 2026	JUNE 19, 2026	JUNE 26, 2026	JULY 10, 2026	JULY 31, 2026	SEPTEMBER 14 - 17, 2026
Presentation Submission Form Due - Title & Brief Description Only	Notification of Acceptance to Present	Presenters Indicate Commitment to Participate	Final Conference Agenda Released	Early Bird Registration Ends	Conference Dates

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE VISIT
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Call for Presentation Titles & Workshops

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Join PCSGA and NSA-PCS at the **longest continuously held, shellfish-focused industry conference anywhere**. For eight decades, this gathering has been the heart of collaboration among shellfish professionals on the Pacific Coast. It's at this conference that shellfish producers, researchers, regulators, students, and industry partners come together to share information that has shaped farming practices, advanced science, informed policy, and strengthened coastal communities.

We are seeking presentation titles and workshop ideas that reflect the depth, diversity, and innovation of the shellfish industry. The PCSGA–NSA Pacific Coast Conference welcomes voices from all sectors—farmers, scientists, economists, lawyers, chefs, educators, and advocates—offering practical insights, research findings, case studies, and bold ideas for the future.

The information shared at this conference over the past 80 years has had real-world impact, helping protect public health, improve environmental outcomes, and ensure the long-term viability of shellfish farming. Presenting at the 80th conference means contributing to a remarkable legacy and helping set the course for the decades ahead.

In honor of this milestone year, we are planning special events and experiences that celebrate our history, our people, and our shared work. This will be more than a conference; it will be a celebration of an industry and a community that continues to lead.

This is a conference not to be missed.

For more information about relevant themes and topics, please visit (pcsga.org/conference-tradeshow/). As a shellfish conference, research about and restoration efforts for any species of shellfish, i.e. cockles, Dungeness crab, Green Crab, etc. is welcome; as is research relating to commercially cultivated species like oysters, mussels, clams, and geoduck, and shellfish species that could be commercially harvested such as pismo clams, scallops, and others. If you have an idea for a presentation or workshop, we encourage you to submit something and we will work with you to find the right spot.

We encourage speakers to make their talks accessible to all attendees and clearly link science to real-world management and policy applications.

GOVERNMENT & AGENCY FOLKS:

Let us know if having an official role as a moderator or presenter at the conference will help in getting approval to attend.

PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITIES

Standard Presentations – 15 minutes (12-minute talk + 3 minutes for Q&A)

Present as part of a themed session and contribute to broader discussions within the shellfish community.

Workshops & Panel Discussions – 45-60 minutes

Propose and lead an interactive session that dives deep into a shellfish-related topic. Past workshops have included hands-on activities, skill-building, expert panels, facilitated discussions, and collaborative problem-solving.

Lightning Talks – 3 minutes

A fast-paced opportunity to introduce new technology, farm practices, emerging research, or marketing ideas. Lightning Talks often spark discussions, collaborations, and even full-fledged research projects or business ventures! Choose from the following categories:

- Technology Trends
- Farm Fable or Fumble
- Research Incubator (test out your idea and gauge interest)

STUDENT AWARDS

NSA-PCS will present an award for the outstanding student presentation at the conference. If you are an NSA-PCS student member (in good standing) and wish to be considered, please state your interest by checking the box on the [Presentation Submission Form](#). Student presenters must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution (or recently graduated) at the time of submission to be considered for an award.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to students for conference registration, banquet dinner, shared lodging, and up to \$100 in travel costs. Recipients are expected to volunteer during the conference. Students requiring financial assistance should make a request in the [Presentation Submission Form](#). Questions, contact NSA-PCS's at nsapcs@gmail.com

Shellfish growers may also be eligible for financial assistance to attend the conference. For more information, please contact PCSGA Executive Director Margaret Pilaro at margaretpilaro@pcsga.org

CONSIDER JOINING US!

PCSGA and NSA-PCS Annual Shellfish Conference and Tradeshow is a unique opportunity to share your expertise, engage with peers, and help shape the future of shellfish aquaculture. We encourage clear, practical, and engaging presentations that resonate across industry sectors. Whether you're a student, farmer, scientist, or policy expert, we welcome your voice in these important conversations. Join us in celebrating this significant milestone for Shellfish Farming, Management and Research!