

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NPAFC International Symposium on Bering-Aleutian Salmon International Surveys (BASIS): Climate Change Production Trends, and Carrying Capacity of Pacific Salmon in the Bering Sea and Adjacent Waters



The North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) was established to promote the conservation of anadromous stocks in the North Pacific Ocean.
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November 23-25, 2008
Seattle Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, WA, USA

BACKGROUND

Dramatic fluctuations in the ocean growth and survival of many Asian and North American salmon populations over the past decade have been attributed to changes in the Bering Sea and other marine ecosystems. The absence of scientific observations for salmon, ecologically related species, and environmental conditions in the North Pacific Ocean has limited our understanding of these changes and how they affect salmon populations and economies around the Pacific Rim.

International research efforts to address these issues were developed by the NPAFC, as part of its Science Plan. The research plan, called [BASIS](#) (the Bering-Aleutian Salmon International Survey), began in 2002 as a coordinated program of cooperative research on Pacific salmon in the Bering Sea. The goal of BASIS research was to clarify the mechanisms of biological response by salmon to the conditions caused by climate change in the Bering Sea. The purpose of the present symposium is to summarize BASIS research conducted during 2002 to 2006 and increase our understanding about how climate change will affect salmon growth and survival in the ocean.

SCHEDULE

Nov 22 (Saturday): One-day Excursion (Optional), Registration
Nov 23 (Sunday): Registration, Oral and Poster Presentations, Award Presentations, Reception
Nov 24 (Monday): Oral and Poster Presentations
Nov 25 (Tuesday): Oral and Poster Presentations, Discussion and Summary

VENUE

Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Room: [Metropolitan-A](#) (3rd floor)

1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, USA

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PROGRAM

1. Introduction
2. Overviews of Climate Change, Bering Sea Ecosystems, and Salmon Production
3. Biological Responses by Salmon to Climate and Ecosystem Dynamics
 - 3-1. Migration and Distribution of Salmon
 - 3-2. Food Production and Salmon Growth
 - 3-3. Feeding Habits and Trophic Interactions
 - 3-4. Production Trends and Carrying Capacity of Salmon
4. Discussion and Summary on BASIS 2002-2006: Where do we go from here?

For details, please download [the program and abstract book](#).

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2008 (one day)

Excursion route (tentative): NMFS laboratory, net-pen aquaculture facility, state hatchery, and site visit for salmon conservation program in Hood Canal region.

Cost: US\$50 (additional to the registration fee), including lunch and admission fees.

On a first come-first serve basis, as limited seats are available.

Details will be posted on the symposium website as soon as it becomes available.

REGISTRATION

- ✓ **Online:** Register and pay [Online](#)
- ✓ **Fax or Mail:** Download [the Registration Form](#) and send the completed form by fax (+1-604-775-5577) or by regular mail (NPAFC Secretariat, Suite 502, 889 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3B2, Canada).

Registration Fee:

Regular: US\$150 (Including symposium attendance, reception, abstract book, and symposium proceedings)

Students: US\$75 (all inclusive) or US\$15 (for symposium attendance only)

The registration form and payment must be received by the NPAFC Secretariat **by October 6, 2008**.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

NPAFC Secretariat has blocked rooms at:

Sheraton Seattle Hotel

1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, USA

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The standard room rate (single/double): US\$149 plus 15.6% tax (tax rate is subject to change).

Reservation:

- ✓ **Online:** Go directly to [Sheraton Seattle Hotel Reservation Page for NPAFC](#)
- ✓ **Phone:** 1-888-627-7056 (within North America); +1-206-621-9000 (from outside North America)
- ✓ **Fax:** Print out [the Hotel Reservation Form \(PDF\)](#) from the symposium website and fax the completed form to Sheraton Seattle Hotel (+1-206-621-8441).

The reservation cut-off date: **October 20, 2008**

US VISA

Some nationals will be required to obtain the US VISA in order to enter to the USA. Please go to the nearest US Embassy/Consulates or their website for necessary information.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please visit [the symposium website](http://www.npafc.org/new/basis_home.html) (www.npafc.org/new/basis_home.html)

or contact:

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