



## ***Announcement and Call for papers***

# **2024 Meeting of the Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**

## **“Investing In Rising Aquatic Science Professionals”**

Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Washington and Lee University  
Lexington, Virginia

The Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is inviting college students from across Virginia to attend this meeting to learn about the exciting field of Fisheries/Aquatic Sciences & the American Fisheries Society. We encourage students to submit presentations or posters and there are plans for several activities to foster student/professional interaction. Please send this letter (on the website) out to your contacts at colleges and universities and have interested students complete the survey on the chapter website to learn about possible travel scholarships. Meeting registration for students will be FREE! <https://forms.gle/KaJqzD7qxpSXzWHw7>

Registration and general meeting sessions will be held at the Elrod Commons/Stackhouse Theatre on the campus of Washington and Lee University. Socials (27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>) will be held in the Rockbridge Room at the Colo Alto Hampton Inn. 401 E. Nelson Street, Lexington.

There will be oral presentations on February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A poster session will be arranged the evening of February 28<sup>th</sup> during the start of the social.

### **Continuing Education Workshop**

A Continuing Education Workshop (QGIS for Fisheries Biologists) will be held 9:00am – 5:00pm on February 27<sup>th</sup> (room TBD) at Washington and Lee University. Registration will cost \$0 for students and \$20 for students. The workshop will be “capped” at 30 individuals, and you must register by February 13<sup>th</sup> to attend. More information is available on the chapter website.

**How to submit an abstract:** Complete the abstract submission form:  
<https://forms.gle/4m7F7NjkSPdmKBiG6>

Ways to present:

**Oral Presentation** – 15 minute talk, 5 minute Q+A, PowerPoint required.

**Lightning Talk** - 7 minute talk, 3 minute Q+A, PowerPoint optional for students and professionals to present new projects or programs, results from ongoing work.

**Poster** – to be on displayed February 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM at the Hampton Inn, during the start of the social.

**Submission Deadline for Abstracts is January 26, 2024.**

Authors will be notified of abstract/poster receipt and acceptance by February 9, 2024 or before.

### **Registration**

Currently open and available on the website.

(Early registration ends **February 13, 2024**)

Professionals	\$80 (by February 13, 2024) \$90 (After February 13, 2024 or on-site)
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Retired Professionals	\$25 (by February 13, 2024) \$35 (After February 13, 2024 or on-site)
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Students	Free
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### **Lodging**

A block of rooms is being held at the Hampton Inn/ Lexington (540-463-2223)

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lxtswhx-hampton-lexington-historic-district/>

under the name American Fisheries Society Meeting, all reservations must be made by **January 12, 2024** so make sure you book a room!!!

### **General Meeting Information**

[https://units.fisheries.org/va/annual\\_meeting/](https://units.fisheries.org/va/annual_meeting/)

### **Awards & Scholarships**

<https://units.fisheries.org/va/awards/>

For more information about the 2024 VCAFS meeting in Lexington, February 27-29, 2024 contact: Steve Reeser, VCAFS President Elect [steve.reeser@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:steve.reeser@dwr.virginia.gov)