

Abstract Submission Open for 2027 IEP Annual Workshop Deadline November 6, 2026 (11:59 p.m.)

Open Call for Abstracts for the 2027 IEP Annual Workshop Submissions due November 6, 2026 (11:59 p.m.)

We are now accepting abstracts for the **March 2-4, 2027 IEP Annual Workshop**.

Participants wishing to present an oral talk, lightning talk, or poster must submit an abstract (2,000 characters = ~300 words) and complete the abstract submission form.

Abstract Submission Form

There are 13 topics for abstract submissions. An author may select up to 3 that best describes the work to be presented.

1. **Monitoring Modernization & Survey Redesign** – Research focused on redesigning long-term monitoring programs, evaluating new sample frames, gear efficiency, electronic data capture, or integration across agencies.
2. **Technology, Automation & AI-Enhanced Tools** – Research involving automated video review, machine learning, drones, hyperspectral imagery, remote sensors, or software that improves monitoring efficiency.
3. **Fish Ecology & Population Dynamics (Smelt, Salmonids, Other Species)** – Research on fish life histories, survival models, supplementation, telemetry, habitat use, recruitment patterns, and species interactions.
4. **Hydrodynamics, Flow & Physical Processes** – Studies linking flow, residence time, circulation, stratification, X2 dynamics, or physical drivers of ecological responses in the estuary.
5. **Wetlands, Habitat Restoration & Food Webs** – Work examining restoration outcomes, marsh productivity, trophic pathways, managed wetlands, or food web subsidies exported to adjacent habitats.

6. **Water Quality, Contaminants & Toxicology** – Research on contaminant mixtures, pollutant fate and transport, toxicity scoring, water chemistry changes, or ecological responses to chemical stressors.
7. **Harmful Algal Blooms & Cyanotoxins** – Projects addressing bloom drivers, metagenomics, early-warning systems, toxin monitoring, ecological impacts, or HAB coordination efforts.
8. **Genomics, eDNA & Advanced Molecular Tools** – Studies utilizing eDNA, metabarcoding, SHERLOCK assays, genetic markers, or other molecular innovations for species detection or ecosystem assessment.
9. **Climate Change, Extreme Events & System Resilience** – Research exploring drought, heatwaves, salinity intrusion, wildfire-associated contaminants, extreme hydrology, or resilience indicators.
10. **Integrated Modeling, Forecasting & Decision-Support Tools** – Work presenting coupled models, forecasting systems, Bayesian approaches, conceptual models, or applied management tools.
11. **Cross-Agency Coordination & Integrated Monitoring Frameworks** – Work highlighting multi-agency survey alignment, shared sample frames, coordinated pilot studies, or collaborative science efforts.
12. **Human Dimensions, Data Management & Science Communication** – Research or tools addressing data systems, data governance, visualization, accessibility, communication strategies, or social dimensions of monitoring.
13. **Other** – Any other topic not identified above.

We welcome submissions from all IEP member agencies, affiliates, and stakeholders at all career levels. Preliminary work is welcome.

Participants are limited to one abstract as primary presenting author but may be a contributing author on any number of other submissions. If you have collaborators presenting related work and are interested in putting a session together provide their names and affiliation in the submission form.

Questions

Questions on the abstract submission process or the workshop can be directed to the workshop organizer, Adam Nanninga (adam_nanninga@fws.gov) and IEP Program Support, Christine Joab (iep@wildlife.ca.gov).

More information on the workshop can be found on the [IEP Annual Workshop](#) page.