

# CALL FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

## Kansas Natural Resources Conference

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**Kansas Chapter of The American Fisheries Society**  
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**Kansas Section of The Society for Range Management**  
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**Great Plains Society of American Foresters**  
**Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams**  
**Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition**  
**Kansas Association of County Agricultural Agents**

This is the first call for oral and poster presentations for the Kansas Natural Resources Conference January 29-30, 2009 at the Airport Hilton in Wichita, Kansas. We invite oral and poster presentations by professionals and students on any natural resource-related topic of importance to Kansas and the region. The plenary session of the conference will address the theme:

### ***Renewable Energy – Renewable Resources***

**We especially encourage presentations related to the management and impact of renewable energy development, however, any and all natural resource topics will be considered.**

Abstracts must be submitted electronically using the template on the attached page or from the conference webpage (click on call for papers link):

[www.kansasnrc.com/](http://www.kansasnrc.com/)

Abstracts are due **December 1, 2008**.

Oral presentations may be one of two lengths: 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for questions, or 25 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions. Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint; no other formats will be accepted. Poster presentations should be no more than 4 by 4 feet. More details on specific poster formatting will follow at a later date.

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## Kansas Natural Resources Conference Abstract Submittal

### Instructions:

- Provide all required information as one Word document.
- Provide the presentation title, author(s) name and addresses, and contact author's email.
- Provide the text of the abstract, no more than 200 words.
- At the bottom of the page, request either a 15 or 30 minute oral presentation, or a poster.
- Authors will be notified of the status of their submission via email by December 17, 2008.
- Email abstract as a Microsoft Word attachment to:

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**ABSTRACTS ARE DUE DECEMBER 1, 2008**

### Abstract Example

Walleye Harvest Restrictions to Reduce Gizzard Shad Impingement

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Predator-prey interactions are used to reduce gizzard shad *Dorosoma cepedianum* impingement on cooling water intake screens at Coffey County Lake, Kansas. Our objective was to determine if the current 457-660 mm protected slot for walleye *Sander vitreus*, which was established in 2003 to protect gizzard shad predators, adequately balances angler harvest with control of gizzard shad abundance. Fall gill net sampling in 2003 and 2004 found zero fish greater than the 660 mm protected slot and PSD values were 63 and 72 during 2003 and 2004, respectively. Mandatory angler self-registration showed 0.7% (9 fish) and 0.3% (7 fish) of walleye harvested were greater than 660 mm during the same period. Catch curve regressions for 2003 and 2004 provided total annual mortality estimates of 59% and 83%. Angler harvest of walleye will be modeled to predict the effects of minimum length limits of 381 and 457 mm, and protected slot limits of 457-660 mm and 381-508 mm. The length limit modeling results, coupled with current estimates of growth, total mortality, and condition will be used to determine management alternatives that allow angler harvest while maintaining suppressed gizzard shad abundance.

Format: Oral 15 minute