

Hello meeting attendees,

It's finally happening! The 2024 Joint Meeting of [MAC/NED-AFS](#) is just a few short days away. The event will take place on Sunday 10/27 through Tuesday 10/29! I'm reaching out to share a few final reminders and important bits of information about the meeting.

Prepare for the Silent Auction on Monday 10/28

The MAC-AFS Silent Auction is a staple at our annual meetings. This fundraiser is crucial for supporting student activities, so please come to the meeting prepared to contribute. We have some exceptional items to offer this year, and please consider bringing additional items to our auction table. While we will have some credit card readers, **CASH is highly encouraged!**

Registration Payment is Due Upon Arrival

If you have not yet paid for your registration, please visit our [Squaresite](#) or bring a check to the registration desk.

Meeting Schedule and Program/Abstract Book

We'll only have a few hard copies of the [Meeting Schedule](#) and [Program/Abstract Book](#) available onsite for reference. However, we will have QR codes around the venue linked up to these documents. The final versions of the documents are attached to this email, linked above, and available on our website.

Thank you to our sponsors!

This meeting would not be possible without the generous donations from our sponsors. Thank you all for your continued support.

T-shirt time!

If you'd like to pre-order a shirt or a coffee mug, please add your name to this [form](#). Supply is limited! The Rutgers Student subunit will also be selling their artfully-designed stickers featuring iconic NJ species! Proceeds from the sticker sales go directly to the subunit's student-focused activities. Again, for these transactions, **CASH is highly encouraged!**

Reminders for presenters

Oral presentations must be uploaded to the shared folder by tomorrow, Friday

10/24 at noon. Presenters are encouraged to bring their slidedeck on a flash drive, just in case. Poster dimensions should be no greater than 36"x48". Posters can be set-up in the Brunswick Ballroom starting on Monday morning.

Job/CV Board

Are you looking for a new job, or are you a student looking for a graduate school advisor? Are you an employer with a job opening, or are you a professor looking for a new student? Then please bring your CVs, resumes, and job postings to the meeting! We'll have a board where you can post them for all the meeting attendees to see.

Mentor/Mentee Lunch on Tuesday 10/29

Details matching mentors and mentees will be released soon! Look out for an email from MAC-AFS President Elect, Audrey Ostroski.

Student Presentation Judging

Details for judges will be released soon! Look out for an email from MAC-AFS Secretary, Allie Hoffman.

Venue Location - Sunday professional development events

Rutgers University Department of Marine & Coastal Sciences (Cook-Douglass Campus),
71 Dudley Rd, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Venue Location - ALL EVENTS occurring on Monday and Tuesday (+ Sunday evening registration)

[Hyatt Regency](#), 2 Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, United States
Here you can find the [Hyatt's floor plan](#).

Parking at the Hyatt Regency

Overnight guests: \$20 per night (staying in the hotel)
Other meeting attendees: \$10 per car (riding in and out each day)

Meals

Details about the meals that MAC/NED-AFS will be providing can be found in the meeting program. If you're unfamiliar with New Brunswick, the program also has a list of local restaurants and watering holes. The Hyatt has a restaurant with

breakfast available for purchase (6:30-10am).

Safety Officer

The American Fisheries Society is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and professional environment at the Joint MAC/NED-AFS Meeting. If you experience or witness any unprofessional conduct during the conference, please contact our Safety Officer, Kerrell at 240-483-9562. The meeting Code of Conduct and consequences of unacceptable behavior can be found online [here](#). We thank you in advance for your adherence to these policies and your professional and gracious conduct!

Business Meetings and Award Ceremony

The NED-AFS and MAC-AFS Business Meetings will take place Tuesday afternoon. These meetings are essential parts of our organizations, so we hope everyone will stick around for these. Our award ceremony, including the announcement for the Best Student Presentation Awards, will happen during these meetings. If you're a MAC and NED member, then you'll receive a separate email with the meeting agendas.

Don't forget to bring your reusable water bottle, and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! For more information, please check out our [meeting webpage](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at this email.

