



Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council

**20th Biennial Symposium
Moscow, ID/Pullman, WA
May 9-12, 2016**



First Call for Contributed Papers and Posters Deadline for Abstract Submission: February 19, 2016

The Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council (NWSGC) 20th Biennial Symposium is in Moscow, Idaho and Pullman, Washington, May 9-12, 2016. We invite submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations. This symposium is sanctioned by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and is being co-hosted by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The organizing committee is accepting abstracts reporting on scientific investigations of bighorn sheep, thinhorn sheep, mountain goats, and related mountain ungulates. Papers and posters will be selected based on their relevance to research and management of wild sheep and mountain goats and their habitats. Sessions topics will cover ecology, management, disease and health, and others suggested by submissions.

Abstract Submission

Submit oral presentation abstracts electronically by February 19, 2016 in MS WORD to: Hollie Miyasaki, hollie.miyasaki@idfg.idaho.gov , **including the words NWSGC Abstract in the email subject line.**

All oral presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes, including 15 minutes for presentations and 5 minutes for questions. Oral presentations will be selected based on relevance to session themes, likely interest to a diverse audience of wild sheep and goat managers and researchers, and other criteria of the organizing committee. Abstracts not accepted for presentation may be assigned to the poster session with consent of the submitter.

Submit poster presentation abstracts electronically by February 19, 2016 in MS WORD to: Hollie Miyasaki, hollie.miyasaki@idfg.idaho.gov , **including the words NWSGC Poster.** More instructions on poster presentations will follow.

Oral and poster abstracts should follow style guidelines of Journal of Wildlife Management and should include:

Corresponding author name, address, and contact information; Title of presentation; Authorship and Affiliation(s). Abstracts are restricted to 200 words and should include a statement of objectives, description of methods, and summarize results.

Abstracts will be published in the symposium program. Authors are **strongly encouraged** to submit an associated manuscript for inclusion in a peer edited Symposium Proceedings, **DUE on May 9, 2016.** . Submission instructions for full-length papers will be provided by the Symposium editor.

Sample abstract with 226 words:

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ORAL PRESENTATION REQUESTED

Factors Predicting Success of Mountain Goat Reintroductions

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ABSTRACT: We adopted a retrospective approach to assess factors associated with success of mountain goat (*Oreamnos americanus*) reintroductions into native habitats during 1950-2010. We excluded translocations into areas not historically inhabited by mountain goats, as well as projects best considered augmentations. To supplement published and unpublished literature, we requested data on translocations from staff at state and provincial wildlife agencies likely to have access to information otherwise unavailable. Where data allowed, we estimated post-translocation growth rates, r . Because most projects did not allow the quantification of growth, we also categorized reintroduction projects as successful or not, reintroduced populations as extant or extirpated, and released animals as having displayed site fidelity or dispersing soon after release. We examined a suite of hypothesized explanatory variables for these outcomes, including number of males, females, juveniles, and kids, as well as number of separate releases, number of source populations (assumed a proxy for genetic variation), and whether source populations themselves originated as translocations. In contrast to earlier work that suggested no demographic predictor of mountain goat translocation success (Guenzel 1980), we found that the number of adult founders was strongly predictive of long-term success. Releases of just a few animals were relatively likely to have been extirpated within the time durations studied. Evidence suggested that releasing juveniles and kids along with adults produced no improvement in probability of a successful outcome.

Notice of Acceptance

Oral and poster presenters will be notified of their acceptance by March 18, 2016.

Registration

All presenters must register by April 15, 2016 or they risk not being in the program. Symposium registration is being coordinated by David Smith (208) 287-2740, david.smith@idfg.idaho.gov. Online registration will open January 1, 2016.

For all other questions and information contact:

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