



Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council



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NWSGC Authors,

Thanks to each of you for submitting abstracts for the Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council's 20th Biennial Symposium. I will be the editor for the 2016 NWSGC Proceedings. On behalf of the NWSGC and the Idaho and Washington Organizing Committees, I strongly encourage each of you to submit manuscripts to be published in the Proceedings. The Proceedings are an excellent source that many biologists and managers use as resource frequently. Timeliness of publication depends in part on the Editorial staff and myself, but also on you.

The timeline, style requirements, and editorial procedures will be as follows:

- All abstracts and manuscripts must follow Journal of Wildlife Management style guidelines. Guidelines are available

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- Please keep the use of color in figures and graphs to a minimum to reduce printing costs. Grayscale or unique symbols should be used instead of color whenever possible.
- Manuscripts should be submitted in **Word 2010** format.
- **Manuscripts ready for review are due to me by August 1, 2016.** Please let me know by this deadline if you intend to submit only an abstract and not a full manuscript. If only an abstract is to be submitted, **any changes to the abstract included in the program are also due by August 1, 2016.** If you do not provide a full manuscript or an updated abstract by this date, the abstract in the program will be used in the proceedings. Note that program abstracts did not include key words but these will be required for the proceedings. **All authors should submit key words by the August 1, 2016 deadline.**
- If your paper has already been published (or has been accepted) in a peer-reviewed journal, please provide the citation in Journal of Wildlife Management style in lieu of a manuscript. The citation will be included in the proceedings along with your abstract.
- Manuscripts will be sent out for peer editing no later than **August 15, 2016.** Peer editors will be selected from qualified staff at IDFG, WDFW, and/or the pool of proceedings

authors. The purpose of peer editing is to provide constructive comments for improving manuscripts as well as style corrections. The proceedings will not be subject to strict peer-review. However, methods, analyses, and interpretation of results are expected to be valid and defensible, similar to those in a peer-reviewed journal.

- **Peer editor comments will be due to me by October 15, 2016.**
- Authors will be sent peer editor comments and my comments by **December 1, 2016**. Revisions and/or rebuttals will be due to me by **January 31, 2017**. If, in my opinion, a rebuttal does not satisfactorily address editorial concerns and there is an impasse, the matter will be referred to the NWSGC Executive Committee for resolution. I will confer with the NWSGC Executive Committee, and make a final determination on wording. Authors will be free to accept the decision, agree to have only the abstract in the program published in the proceedings, or withdraw the manuscript .
- Proceedings will be in the final format for printing by **July 30, 2017**.

Once again, thank you for contributing to the proceedings and I look forward to working with each of you. If you will be a coauthor on a paper but the person responsible for manuscript submission is not copied on this e-mail, please forward this e-mail to that person and let me know who it is. If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at Richard.harris@dfw.wa.gov, or by phone at (360) 902-8134.

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