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International Game Fish Association and Wild Oceans Announce 7th International Billfish Symposium

Advancing Science and Management of Billfish in a Changing Ecosystem

San Diego, Calif. – As global leaders in the conservation of billfish, [The International Game Fish Association](#) (IGFA) and [Wild Oceans](#) are thrilled to announce that the [7th International Billfish Symposium](#) will take place October 8-10, 2024, at the [Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute](#) in San Diego, California. This premier event will bring together the world's leading experts in billfish science, management, and fisheries to address the present and future conditions of billfish and the key fisheries they influence.

Since its inception in 1972, the International Billfish Symposium has been instrumental in fostering significant advancements in billfish research and management. Each Symposium has built upon the accomplishments of its predecessors, facilitating breakthroughs in understanding billfish biology, migration patterns, and the impacts of environmental changes. These gatherings have been at the forefront of shaping sustainable recreational fishing practices and conservation strategies, making it a cornerstone event for the global billfish community.

This year's theme, "Advancing Science and Management of Billfish in a Changing Ecosystem," highlights the Symposium's commitment to exploring advances across all aspects related to the biology and management of billfish, with a particular focus on evolving climate-related impacts.

The three-day event will cover a wide range of topics such as management, assessment, movement and habitat utilization, basic biology, human dimensions, and recreational and commercial fisheries. The event is designed not only for scientists and managers but is also open to the public, encouraging the participation of billfish anglers and enthusiasts alike.

"The 7th International Billfish Symposium represents a critical opportunity for the global community to come together and share insights on the conservation and management of billfish populations," said Dr. Bruce Pohlot, IGFA Conservation Director and Symposium Co-Chair. "Our collective efforts are essential in ensuring these magnificent species continue to thrive in our changing ecosystems for generations to come."

Call for Abstracts

Researchers, scholars, anglers, and industry professionals are invited to submit abstracts for consideration through June 7, 2024. Abstracts should encapsulate groundbreaking research and insights within the realms of billfish science and management. This initiative underscores

the Symposium's dedication to fostering scientific advancement and collaborative dialogue in addressing the challenges facing billfish species in a changing ecosystem. For submission guidelines and further details, visit <https://bfsymposium.org/abstract/>.

Registration Information

Early bird registration pricing is available through August 2, 2024 at a rate of \$350 USD per attendee. Registration includes admittance to all scheduled presentations and discussions as well as meals and after-hours networking events. Beginning August 3 through September 13, 2024, registration prices increase to \$400 per attendee. Students with a valid student ID may register for \$200 through September 13.

For more information about the 7th International Billfish Symposium including history, committee members, accommodation information and sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://bfsymposium.org/>.

About the International Game Fish Association

Established in 1939, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) is a global nonprofit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices. With members in more than 100 countries, the IGFA is the world's leading authority on sport fishing and maintains the global database of game fish world records and angling rules. Through education, research, advocacy, and angler recognition, the IGFA strives to ensure the future of fishing and sustainable fisheries around the world. To learn more or become a member, visit www.igfa.org.

About Wild Oceans

Since 1973 Wild Oceans (formerly the National Coalition for Marine Conservation) has been at the center of ocean fish conservation. As the nation's oldest non-profit group dedicated exclusively to marine fisheries, Wild Oceans has helped shape national fisheries policy and establish itself as one of the most influential and respected organizations in the conservation community. The mission is to keep the oceans wild to achieve a vibrant future for fishing by building coalitions and engaging in marine fisheries management using science, law and ecosystem-based solutions. To learn more, visit www.wildoceans.org.

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