



**50th Annual Meeting of the MSAFS
Feb. 14–16, 2024 in Tupelo, MS
Cadence Bank Arena, 375 E Main St
Tupelo, MS 38804**

The Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society invites you to the 50th Annual meeting in Tupelo February 14-16 at the Cadence Bank Arena.

REGISTRATION: Student registration is \$90 and professional registration is \$150. Payment for registration can be done by:

- 1.) credit card at (<https://mississippi-afs.square.site/>), or
- 2.) check (PO only). Make the check payable to: Mississippi Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and mail to: Jeremy Higgs-MSAFS, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS, 39564. Use the W9 form for MSAFS (<https://www.dropbox.com/s/kbh90el6c5343mh/MSAFS%20W9%20Form.pdf?dl=0>).

Regardless of payment method, all attendees will complete the online registration form: <https://forms.gle/XdJu2zecwwqsHrsr5> (if clicking the hyperlink does not work, copy and paste the link into your web browser).

For any questions please contact Jeremy Higgs (J.Higgs@usm.edu).

Accommodation: A room block has been reserved for participants at the Hilton Garden Inn Tupelo, adjacent to the Arena, and the rate is \$129 per night. The room block will be held until *January 14, 2024*.



<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/tuptugi-mcafs-f3e10a32-52ef-4df2-850a-34273e22610a/>

Tentative Schedule: A welcome social and registration will occur Wednesday evening (1700); Thursday (all day) will feature scientific presentations (platform) followed by a poster session and the banquet dinner; Friday (AM) will feature any remaining presentations and the business meeting.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: All are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations and posters describing fisheries research and management of freshwater and marine stocks, conservation efforts of nongame species, aquaculture, and aquatic ecology. Submission deadline for abstracts for both oral and poster presentations is **January 19, 2024**.

Each oral presentation will be 15 minutes (12 minute presentation + 3 minutes for questions). A poster session will be held after the oral presentations and should be 36" X 44", in either landscape or portrait format.

To submit an abstract, use the meeting registration link <https://forms.gle/XdJu2zecwwqsHrsr5> (if clicking the hyperlink does not work, copy and paste the link into your web browser). If you are a student and would like to be considered for an oral presentation or poster award, you may note that on the meeting link form. Example for structure and content of the abstracts can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1vpel8j99v6m1nc/MSAFS%20Abstract%20Example%20and%20Detail.pdf?dl=0>. MSAFS follows AFS Southern Division format.