



Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board – Upcoming 2022 Conferences

Fish Passage 2022: International Conference on River Connectivity 13-16 Jun. 2022 in Richland, WA:

- The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) will host the conference as a hybrid (virtual and in-person) event from June 13-16, 2022. Background: Last time this conference was close to Olympia was in 2017 when the conference was held in Corvallis, OR. The conference covers: fish passage works around the world, new technologies, studies of the efficacy of passage work, etc. This conference does have a fair bit of fish friendly technology marketing, mostly for dams. Conference Link: <https://fishpassage.fisheries.org/> Early Bird registration deadline is 13 MAY 22

Annual American Fisheries Society (AFS) 21-25 Aug. 2022 in Spokane, WA:

- The American Fisheries Society is holding their annual meeting from August 21-25 at the Spokane Convention Center. This national conference is great if exposure to practices outside of WA are useful for context but given that it is being held in our state, there will likely be a reasonable contingency discussing projects and systems we are familiar with. WDFW finds AFS to be a great opportunity to get some “deep dive” information that may or may not be directly related to our work in fish passage. The list of symposia is surfaced on their website (<https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/list-of-symposia/>) which upon cursory glance has some content on climate change, habitat connectivity, estimating habitat potential for salmonids, and river management (instream flows). A great opportunity for a more science-heavy learning experience. <https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/>

Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) 18-20 Oct. 2022 Wenatchee, WA:

- The theme for the 2022 IACC Conference will be “Building Back Together.” The conference will be held October 18 – October 20 at the Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, WA. Who attends the IACC Conference? Elected officials and staff from cities and towns, counties, tribes, special districts, water associations, consulting engineers, regulatory agency staff, state and federal funding program staff, nonprofit technical assistance providers, and product vendors. Details on this year’s conference can be found at: <http://www.infracfunding.wa.gov/conference.html>