

FISHERY BULLETIN
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMATS

- Submit text, literature cited, tables, and figure legends in a single Word file.
- Use Times New Roman 12-point font and double space and left justify text.
- Number all pages.
- Do not indent the first paragraph of a section, indent all subsequent paragraphs.
- Use bold font for the title of the manuscript, for the names of the authors, and for headings within the manuscript.
- Use a serial comma in a list of nouns (e.g., larvae, juveniles, and adults) and in a series of adjectives (e.g., the body is slender, elongate, and arched).
- Note that common names of fish species should be lowercase.
- Place scientific names within parentheses after common names, e.g., lingcod (*Ophiodon elongates*). Within parentheses, use brackets for a further subdivision; e.g., striped bass (*Morone saxatilis* [Smith, 2002; Brown et al., 2003]).
- Express whole numbers and zero as numerals in the general text (e.g., 3 fish were caught by hook-and-line, 5 fish were caught in trawl nets), except at the beginning of a sentence (e.g., Three fish escaped the net).
- Use a hyphen within numerical compounds when they are used as modifiers; for example, a 257-mm-TL specimen and a 10.4-m (34-ft) trawl net.
- Do not use a period after abbreviations for units of measurement (lb, cm, ha). Use a period only after the abbreviation for number (no. of fish).
- Write out what is meant by abbreviations at first use of the abbreviation (e.g., standard deviation [SD]). Use roman type for abbreviations (TL, SSB, CVs). The abbreviation for probability, however, is an italic capital *P* ($P>0.01$).
- Place a comma after “e.g.” and “i.e.”
- Use *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White (any edition) for basic grammar rules.
- Use American spelling.

TITLE PAGE

- Do not use a catchy (witty, folksy, amusing) title and do not use a finite verb in the title so that the title reads as a sentence.
- List all authors with first and last names.
- Supply an email address and phone number for the contact author.
- The address for each author should be that of the agency or institution where the author did the research. A present address is needed for the contact author if different from the address where the research was done.

ABSTRACT

- Abstract should be 200 words or less for full articles, 150 words or less for short contributions (the latter of which are less than 15 double-spaced pages).
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MATERIALS AND METHODS

- Insert a disclaimer (in the form of a footnote at the bottom of the page) after first mention of a product or company. For example:

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MATHEMATICAL FORMATS

- Equations should be formatted in Word or MathType software, or LaTeX software (the latter for more complex mathematical matter).
- Italicize mathematical symbols, except for Greek letters. All variables in equations should be italicized. Do not insert mathematical symbols and equations into the general text in photo mode or through an imported mathematical program.
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TABLES

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- Submit figures in a separate pdf with at least 600 dpi (dots per inch) resolution (1200 dpi is now considered standard).
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Note the spelling of acknowledgments (not “acknowledgements”).
- Acknowledge only those who gave advice or help beyond the call of duty.
- Write out agency names in full.
- Give first initials only, no titles (Mr., Ms., Dr.), for all names.
- This section should not exceed 6 lines.

LITERATURE

- All peer-reviewed citations must appear in the literature cited section.
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For example:

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Chowdry, A. S.
1998.
Smith, R. J.
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Smith, R. J., and S. T. Jones.
2008. _____
2013. _____
Smith, R. J., T. S. Knight, and S. S. Dunthorp.
2006. _____
2009. _____

TYPES OF LITERATURE THAT ARE CITABLE

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Rutherford, E. S., J. T. Tilmant, E. B. Thue, and T. W. Schmidt.
1989. Fishery harvest and population dynamics of gray snapper, *Lutjanus griseus*, in Florida Bay and adjacent waters. *Bull. Mar. Sci.* 44:139–154.

Theses or dissertations

York, H.
2005. Vocal culture and social stability in resident killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) of the northeastern Pacific. Ph.D. diss., 126 p. Univ. British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Peer-reviewed technical reports

Shadowy, Y., and A. M. Eland.

1999. Synopsis of biological data on the Nassau grouper, *Epinephelus striatus* (Bloch, 1972) and the jewfish, *E. itajara* (Lichtenstein, 1822). NOAA Tech. Rep. NMFS 146, 68 p.

NOAA Technical Memoranda

NMFS (National Marine Fisheries Service).

1997. Investigation of scientific information on the impacts of California sea lions and Pacific harbor seals on salmonids and on the coastal ecosystems of Washington, Oregon, and California. NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-NWFSC-28, 172 p.

Books

Zara, J. H.

1984. Biostatistician analysis, 2nd ed., 718 p. Prentice Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ.

Chapter in a book

Brett, J. R., and T. D. D. Groves.

1979. Physiological energetics. *In* Fish physiology, vol. 8 (W. S. Hoar, D. J. Randall, and J. R. Brett, eds.), p. 279–352. Academic Press, New York.

Symposia

Baskerville-Bridges, B., J. C. Lindberg, and S. I. Dorsoshov.

2004. The effect of light intensity, algal concentration, and prey density on the feeding behavior of delta smelt larvae. *In* Proceedings of the symposium: early life history of fishes in the San Francisco estuary and watershed; Santa Cruz, 20–23 August (F. Feyer, ed.), p. 219–228. Am. Fish. Soc., Bethesda, MD.

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[Available at <http://www.....html>, accessed June 2006.]

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National Marine Fisheries Service. 1991. Annual progress report 13R-LP, 127 p.

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¹Smith, J. 2007. Personal commun. Department of xxxx, Univ. Toronto, Toronto, Canada BVI 589.

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