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## Call for Submissions

### 6<sup>th</sup> International Human-Bear Conflicts Workshop

October 16 – 20, 2022      Lake Tahoe, Nevada

**Submission Deadline: May 1, 2022**

The 6th International Human-Bear Conflicts Workshop encourages everyone involved in any facet of human-bear conflicts to attend and participate. We will be exploring as many pathways to progress as possible and offering something for everyone trying to promote coexistence and better understand, prevent, and resolve human-bear conflicts. The workshop's structure and interactive format encourages open discussion and participation and provides ample opportunities for networking. Our goal now is to create a program that provides strong, meaningful content that is practical, applicable, and inspiring.

#### The Program Committee is Seeking Presenters and/or Panelists for the Following Sessions:

- Understanding & Conserving Bears
- Connecting People
- Education, Outreach & Messaging
- Our Changing World: Challenges & Opportunities
- People in Bear Country & at the Interface
- Pathways to Political and Legal Success
- What else? Add Your Own Agenda Item!

This PDF includes a starter list of topics that could be part of each session and detailed guidelines for submissions. The workshop will ultimately be shaped by the quality and nature of the submissions we receive, so we encourage you to think outside and beyond these topics. If you're interested in presenting, being on a panel, submitting a poster or would like to share a success story or recommend something or someone for consideration, we want to hear from you.

#### Submission Process for Presenters, Panelists and Posters

Please email a summary of your presentation in a downloadable WORD document to both Richard Beausoleil [richard.beausoleil@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:richard.beausoleil@dfw.wa.gov) and Linda Masterson [lmastercom@aol.com](mailto:lmastercom@aol.com) no later than May 1, 2022. See Submission Guidelines for details.

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Questions? Contact Rich Beausoleil or Linda Masterson

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## Understanding & Conserving Bears

- Science-guided decisions: relevant research that impacts conflict prevention & resolution
- Bear Populations in urban, suburban, rural & wild settings – similarities, differences
- Changing bear behavior - Since the inception of the IHBCW, people have been trying to find ways to modify bear behavior. Does anything work or are we chasing our bear tails?
- Behavioral Management: aversive conditioning/hazing/Karelian Bear Dogs
- Deterrent methods: bear-proofing, bear-resistant containers/enclosures, electrifying solutions
- Tech tools: what's new, what works, what doesn't, public attitudes towards management tools. Tazers are re-emerging as a behavioral modification tool, should they be?

## Connecting People

- Finding common ground – how to bring people with diverse interests together
- How to start from nothing and create mutually beneficial strong partnerships that work.
- Community-based programs: creating, regulating, getting them started and keeping them going
- Working with HOAs and Boards
- Building internal teams within your own organization
- They said it couldn't be done: overcoming obstacles – anatomy of a victory – what it takes to make progress – stories that inspire
- Kid power: involving the next generation
- Indigenous perspectives

## Education & Messaging

- How to get everyone who interacts with the public to deliver the same consistent message and speak the same language? Managers, educators, outreach, media relations, communications, website content managers, the alphabet soup of agencies and NGOs
- Tired, out of date terminology - how to replace “nuisance” and “problem” bears, euthanasia, attacks and other counter-productive/misunderstood terms; standardizing data and reporting; how to talk about coexistence, not just conflicts
- Helping the media get it right – beyond the press release
- Social media/Facebook, Instagram, Twitter: how they work and how to put their power to work for you
- Technology Toolbox: new ways to reach and connect with people
- How to make people care about and value bears (without becoming extremists)
- Measuring success: what should we measure and how do we evaluate the effectiveness of education and/or human-bear conflict mitigation measures?
- What is the difference between measuring outcomes vs measuring impact? How to fund ongoing evaluations? Cost-benefit analysis?

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## Our Changing World: Challenges and Opportunities

- Success stories that show how much progress we've made, not just how far we have to go
- Where are we now? Where are we going? What challenges lie ahead?
- Climate change – how will it affect human-bear relations?
- Migration out of cities to suburbs and rural areas – challenges and opportunities
- Habitat management/alteration to reduce opportunities for interactions and conflicts: connected habitats vs. environments that encourage interactions with people
- Clashing eco-objectives: pollinator programs, hobby farming, farm to table
- Impact of the resurgence of outdoor recreation, trail construction

## People in Bear Country & at the Interface

- Understanding humans and influencing human attitudes and behavior
- Using Social Science to guide conflict prevention, management, resolution: What do we know? What works? Why?
- Reaching diverse audiences: what works – share examples, materials, ideas, results
- Residents: reaching and motivating; keeping up with a constantly changing population
- Part-time and seasonal residents: challenges and solutions
- Tourists: How to reach them before they come, while they are traveling, while they are there, how to send them home smarter
- Businesses in bear country
- Dogs in bear country – responsible living and recreating
- Getting people to stop feeding birds and wildlife
- Managing crisis events – making the most of terrible situations
- Learning from the delisting process

## Pathways to Political and Legal Success

- Understanding and navigating the political landscape
- What influences the people with the power to say YES or NO?
- How to partner with city councils, county commissioners, city planners, and every level of government – these folks control the garbage contracts (and BRCs), city ordinances, county ordinances, anti-feeding restrictions, building codes, etc.
- Zoning, green belts, wildlife corridors, wildlife crossings, road safety
- Legislation – how to craft it and how to get it enacted and enforced
- Fines & Enforcement. Success stories & challenges
- Risk & Liability
- Need examples, success stories of how/why/tactics that work
- Funding programs, raising money, cost-share

**What Paths Still Need to Be Explored? Did we miss something? Add your own!**

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We're looking for speakers, presenters and panel and roundtable members involved in any aspect of understanding, promoting or managing human-bear coexistence. We are also accepting poster submissions for our interactive poster session.

#### **Speakers and Presenters**

Featured presentations can be up to 45 minutes; session presentations should be about 15 minutes. We will allow ample time for questions from the audience.

#### **Panelists and Roundtable Members**

Panelists and roundtable members should enjoy interacting with the audience, answering questions and participating in lively group discussions that may include many different points of view on a topic.

#### **Posters**

Posters are an effective and focused way for you to highlight completed or ongoing studies, management experiences, communication programs, etc. Posters will be displayed throughout the workshop. A scheduled Poster Session will provide an opportunity for interaction between authors and workshop participants. Poster abstracts will also be featured in the program book and proceedings. Posters should be no larger than 4 ft x 4 ft.

#### **Summary/Abstract**

An abstract or summary of your presentation will be included in the program book and proceedings received by all workshop participants, so please use the format guidelines (next page) when you submit.

**Submission Format:** Downloadable **WORD** Document (not a PDF or in the body of an email) Please include the requested information (next page) in order in your Word document; use your cover email to tell us anything else you think it's important or helpful for us to know.

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**Date:**

**Name (Presenter):**

**City/State/Province/Country**

**Affiliation:**

**Email:**

**Best Phone:**

**Topic/Area of Focus:**

**For: (e.g.) General Sessions Poster Session Featured Speaker Panel or Roundtable**

**Title/Subject:**

**Additional Authors:**

**Summary:** Up to 750 words that summarize the focus of your submission and highlight the key points and take-aways. Your summary will be published in the program and proceedings; please proofread and double-check names, contact information, etc.

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