



**2025 Joint Meeting of the Esocid, Centrarchid, and Walleye Technical Committees,
North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society**

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/N8MbZHSCQistsvr2A>

Dates: August 5-7th, 2025

Location: Beaver Island Lake Michigan CMU Biological Station

The 2025 joint meeting will kick off with a telemetry workshop on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting will consist of two half-day sessions of oral presentations on Wednesday. In addition, there will be Smallmouth Bass sampling and a Great Lakes aquatic habitat tour available on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for an additional fee. Business meeting break-out times will be offered on Thursday morning for the individual committees prior to conclusion of the meeting.

Lodging:

Lodging is available at the facility on the island in three different choice options. The three options include a faculty, cabin and dormitory style lodging. The faculty-style includes units with 2-3 bedrooms with twin beds (full and queen size beds). Cabin-style is individual units with twin beds, desks, chairs, and bathroom facilities adjacent to the cabins. Dormitory-style includes barracks style bunk beds with a total of 20 men's beds and 20 women's. You will need your own bed and bath linens if you stay in the cabin or dorm-style housing. Additional linens are available for a small fee at the main building. Laundry facilities are onsite at no charge; please bring own detergent.

Registration: (3 options depending on attendees preference)

Faculty-style lodging and meeting registration

Professional: \$325

Student: \$275

Cabin-style lodging and meeting registration

Professional: \$250

Student: \$200

Dormitory-style lodging and meeting registration

Professional: \$250

Student: \$200

Optional add ons:

Telemetry workshop = \$10

Smallmouth bass sampling = \$45

Great Lakes habitat tour = \$55

All registrations costs include round trip ferry transportation for one passenger, lodging (faculty, cabin or dorm options), and all meals (Tuesday evening to Thursday morning). Ferry ticket departures are valid for any part of the day that attendee chooses. Individuals have option to do telemetry workshop, fish sampling and/or tour on Lake Michigan.

Overnight parking fees in Charlevoix will be paid by individuals at \$6 a day.

All meals will be provided by staff from Central Michigan University. CMU staff will provide transportation via vans to and from ferry and biological station.

Link to registration is available at the top of this announcement and also available at the bottom via the hyperlink and QR code. After you submit your registration, you will receive an invoice from Dylan Gravenhof (dylan.gravenhof@state.sd.us) to pay directly via Paypal. Payment will be accepted ahead of time with credit card, a 5% service fee will be added to your registration.

Beaver Island is located in northern Lake Michigan. The island sits 32 miles offshore from Charlevoix, MI. A 2-hour ferry ride is taken to get to the island from Charlevoix, MI.

Ferry Location and Meeting Location

Ferry :103 Bridge Park Dr, Charlevoix, MI 49720

Beaver Island: 26210 Main St, St James, MI 49782

Ferry departures:

Mainland to island are (830am and 230pm)

Island to Mainland are (1120am and 520pm)

Please Contact Aaron Voirol (Avoirol@dnr.in.gov) or Jason Gostiaux (GostiauxJ@michigan.gov) with questions related to lodging and meeting location. A more detailed itinerary will be sent out at a later date showing daily schedules for the meeting.

Abstract Submission

Please email abstracts for oral presentations to WTC Secretary Dylan Gravenhof (Dylan.Gravenhof@state.sd.us) with "NCD technical committees summer meeting" in the subject line. Abstracts are due by June 15th.

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