

Student Manuscript Reviewers Wanted!

A short discussion occurred during the recent student colloquium, “Writing, Publishing, and Reviewing: Perspectives for Students”, held this year at the AFS Annual Meeting in San Francisco regarding the use of students as manuscript reviewers. The panel speakers were in agreement that students can make excellent reviewers. Associate editors who have used student reviewers in the past have found that students are inclined to devote considerable time to a paper and to go into great detail and that this more than makes up for our sometimes limited research experience. In addition, reviewing papers is valuable experience on how to become a better writer yourself.

The Student Subsection of the American Fisheries Society is attempting to create a database of students interested in participating in the peer-review process for journals of the American Fisheries Society. We are trying to identify names, contact information, and areas of expertise for students interested in being identified in a database for current journal editors. We will make the list available to the current journal editors and also through our website. Journal editors can then view the list and make appropriate contacts when looking for manuscript reviewers. We will simply provide the information and the journal editors will make the ultimate decision on selecting manuscript reviewers.

If you are interested in being considered as potential manuscript reviewers, please send an e-mail to afstudent@gmail.com with the following information:

Name:
Mailing address:
E-mail address:
Work phone:
Institution:
Degree sought:
Expected completion:
Advisor:
Specialty keywords:

Please choose keywords (choose a maximum of 4) from the following list:

Age and growth
Early life history
Behavior
Diseases and parasites
Distribution
Non-indigenous species
Fish culture
Population dynamics
Reproduction
Taxonomy

Threatened and endangered species

Marine ecology

Estuarine ecology

Lakes and reservoirs

Stream ecology

Water quality and hydrology

Fisheries management

Limnology and oceanography

Fisheries technology

Socio-economics

Information and education

Natural resource policy