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Coastal Career Development Program
Career Workshop

Hosted by the Michigan State University
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
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****Speakers Agenda****

- 8:00 – 8:30am ET** **Access Zoom platform and prepare to launch workshop link for those at remote locations; settle those attending in person**
- 8:30 – 8:45am ET** **Welcome, Housekeeping, and Introductions**
- **Tom Bigford** (TCS & MSU Adjunct; NOAA & American Fisheries Society, retired)
 - **Gary Roloff** (MSU Fisheries & Wildlife)
 - **Mary Tate Bremigan** (MSU Fisheries & Wildlife)
 - **Jen Owen** (MSU Fisheries & Wildlife)
 - **Marcella Domka** (Fisheries & Wildlife Graduate Student Organization)
- 8:45 – 10:00am ET** **Plenary Session #1: Shifting Landscape**
Moderator – Lisa Kim
- **Gabrielle Corradino** (Nat Geo Explorer, recently to Barnard College) – *Career Shifts in the Coming Years: Thinking Outside the Box* (20 min)
 - **Allison Besch** (Duke University) – *Begin with Your Career in Mind: Planning for Success* (20 min)
 - **Tom Bigford** (The Coastal Society; NOAA and American Fisheries Society, retired) – *Scientific & Political Drivers of Your Career Options* (20 min)
 - Discussion (5-15 min, dependent upon staying on schedule)
- 10:00 – 10:30am ET** **Break & Optional Networking**
- 10:30 – 11:45am ET** **Plenary Session #2: Careers Outside Academia**
Moderator - Tom Bigford
- **Jennifer Engels** (Oregon State University) – *Diversity, Career Options, & Recruitment* (20 min)

- **Drue Winters** (American Fisheries Society) & **Keith Norris** (The Wildlife Society) – *Shifting Realities Translate into Different Opportunities: ESA, NEPA, CWA, & More in the 2020s* (20 min)
- **Brittany Schieler** (Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography) – *Science Careers Beyond Academia* (20 min)
- Discussion (5-15 min, dependent upon staying on schedule)

11:45am – 12:45pm Lunch Break & Informal Networking

12:45 – 2:45pm ET Break-out Session #1 – Students divided into 3 groups & then they rotate among the 3 break-out group topics, spending 30 minutes with each.

Moderator – Lisa Kim

Lightning presentations (5 min for each speaker before we break into 3 groups) (15 min)

- Break-out A: *Leveraging Mentors & Networks to Grow Professionally & Personally* (**Kim Grubert**, WSP Inc.) (30 min)
- Break-out B: *Scripting Your Elevator Speech* (**Val Sloan**, National Center for Atmospheric Research) (30 min)
- Break-out C: *How to Ace Your Job Interview, Virtual or In-Person* (**Amara Huddleston**, NOAA Education) (30 min)

Discussion (5-15 min, dependent upon staying on schedule)

2:45 – 3:15pm ET Break & Optional Networking

3:15 – 5:15pm

ET Break-out Session #2 (same format as Break-out Session #1)

Moderator – Tom Bigford

Lightning presentations (15 min)

- Break-out D: *Navigating USA Jobs for Federal Positions* (**Robin Peuser**, NOAA Fisheries) (30 min)
- Break-out E: *Contract Positions with State & Federal Government Agencies* (**Diego Perez-Segnini**, ERT Corporation) (30 Min)
- Break-out F: *Seeking a Healthy Work-Life Balance* (**Abby Lynch**, U.S. Geological Survey & **Eric MacMillan**, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) (30 min)

Discussion (5-15 min, dependent upon staying on schedule)

5:15 – 5:30pm ET

Closing Thoughts and Wrap Up

Final comments and questions

Reminder to complete the post-workshop survey

How to connect with your mentor – a benefit of your attendance

Wrap up and thanks

6:00 – 7:00pm

ET Social hour (optional)



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