

## NAAFE Best Student Paper Contest Rules

The North American Association of Fisheries Economists (NAAFE) hereby establishes a “Best Student Paper” prize to be given in conjunction with the NAAFE Forum. The purpose of this award is to recognize the most outstanding paper presented by a graduate student at the biennial Forum. The review committee will select the best paper using the standard criteria for refereeing papers in academic journals. Selection of the winning paper will be based on creativity, originality and contribution to theory, methods and/or application. Papers may be on any aspect of the *economics* of fisheries or aquaculture, fisheries resource management, seafood trade and markets, fisheries or aquaculture sector development, or related topics.

A prize of \$500 plus a partial travel stipend of up to \$1500 will be offered. The travel stipend may be used to cover airfare, Forum registration, lodging, and/or other travel-related costs associated with Forum participation.

In order to compete for the prize, please carefully follow these steps:

1. Submit your abstract for review by the scientific committee through the conference website: <http://www.xcdsystem.com/naafe/> The deadline is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
2. If your abstract is accepted, you may submit your full paper for consideration by the Review Committee by March 1, 2011.
3. Carefully follow all the formatting and submission rules indicated below.

**Eligibility:** any student, from any country, is eligible to compete for the prize. “Student” is defined as being currently enrolled in a graduate program, or having completed such a program no more than 24 months prior to the paper submission deadline. A letter of attestation must be sent by the student’s major professor to the NAAFE Business Office. This letter must 1) attest to the applicant’s student status and 2) indicate that the student is the primary author of the work, and is primarily responsible for the intellectual content of the paper. The letter of attestation is not intended to serve as a recommendation for the paper or for the student. It will not be provided to the review committee. Students may submit a paper that has already been published provided that it was published less than one year prior to the date of the NAAFE Forum to which it is being submitted and provided that the paper has not already been presented at a previous NAAFE Forum or IIFET Conference.

**Paper Formatting:** Please note that formatting requirements are different from those which may have been used in similar contests in the past. Full, journal format papers of up to 30 double spaced pages (including all tables, graphs, footnotes, references, and other material) will be accepted. All parts of the manuscript, including the title page, abstract, tables, and legends should be prepared in English and double spaced. Allow margins of at least one inch (3 cm) on all sides of the page. Pages must be numbered consecutively throughout. Do not use section numbers. Please use the general formatting guidelines of our affiliated journal *Marine Resource Economics*. For further details consult [http://mre.cels.uri.edu/MRE\\_Instructions.aspx](http://mre.cels.uri.edu/MRE_Instructions.aspx); refer to the paragraphs beginning Title, Author Affiliation, Abstract, Keywords, JEL Classification, Formatting, Mathematical Notation, Figures, Tables, Footnotes, and References.

Review will be “blind”. Students must email a word processed version of their paper including their name and affiliation, and a PDF version of their paper without their name and affiliation, to the NAAFE Business Office ([NAAFE@oregonstate.edu](mailto:NAAFE@oregonstate.edu)). Please name your files with your last name. We will rename files as needed to obscure identities.

The winning paper must be presented at the Forum by the winning student author.