

# Guidance for Submitting a Proposal to Host the 9<sup>th</sup> World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC9) in 2020

## Submission Deadline

**May 16, 2017** by email to [wrfc8.submissions@gofishbc.com](mailto:wrfc8.submissions@gofishbc.com)

## Submission Format

An enclosed PDF, maximum of 10 pages, including all topics and information.

## Content and Structure of the Proposal

Proposals should include information in the following order:

1. Overview of the conference, host organizers, and conference location
2. Motivation to host the 9th World Recreational Fishing Conference
3. Conference theme and preliminary program (including proposed elements within the conference, e.g., standard talk sessions, workshops, educational activities, etc.)
4. Conference logistics (including travel)
5. Proposed publication outcomes
6. Preliminary timeline, budget and conference fees

Given that proposals will be submitted 3 years in advance of the WRFC9, the International Scientific Committee recognises that many elements will be tentative. Please indicate which details are unknown or provisional in the proposal submission.

## Process for Evaluating Proposals

Potential hosts must submit their proposal by May 16, 2017. The International Scientific Committee of the WRFC8 in Victoria will screen the proposals and rank them against the below-mentioned criteria.

### Selection Criteria

1. Reputation of the organizers within the community of recreational fisheries research and management
2. Suitable logistical conditions
3. Timeliness and excellence of the proposed conference theme in light of the legacy of previous WRFC conferences
4. Likelihood to attract a wide range of recreational fishing stakeholders and nations
5. At equal qualification of the organizers and at equal quality of the proposals, preference will be given to a location where the WRFC has not been hosted so far

In the event a final decision is not previously reached (by majority vote), the International Scientific Committee will meet individually with the applicants at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Boardroom during the WRFC8, July 16-19, 2017 (date and time to be specified later). Potential hosts will be invited to a question-and-answer session to clarify and/or solve pending issues. It is recommended potential hosts also prepare a presentation (maximum 15 minutes).

### **Awarding the WRFC9**

The successful new host for the 2020 conference will be announced at the WRFC8 conference banquet on Wednesday evening, **July 19, 2017**.

International Scientific Committee,  
8<sup>th</sup> World Recreational Fishing Conference,  
November 15, 2016