



BC Parks



Call for Abstracts: Submission Guidelines

If you study or do work related to parks and protected areas, we would like to hear from you! You are invited to submit an abstract to present your work at the BC Protected Areas Research Forum on December 12 – 14th, 2022.

Submissions can [align with priority protected area topics](#) or address something outside of this list. It just needs to be relevant to protected areas. We are inviting submissions in the following categories:

1. Presentations
 - a. Traditional – 15-20 min +5 min Q and A
 - b. Lightning talks – 5 minutes max. +2 min Q and A
 - c. 3-minute SLAM – Tell us about your work with no more than one slide and 3 min
2. Posters
3. A pre- or post-conference event such as a workshop, training session or open discussion

Presentation and Poster details:

You can either do a **short, 5 – 7 minute lightning talk** covering a single idea, or a **longer presentation of 15 – 20 minutes**. Presentations will be grouped together with others that cover similar topics. These will be scheduled during concurrent sessions on December 13th and 14th.

Another option is to participate in a **3-minute SLAM**, which is an opportunity to have fun telling us about your work using no more than one slide and/or one prop. It is a way to start a conversation and get people interested in your work. We'll put our own spin on the 3-minute SLAM but check out this information to see how others have done it in the past. [Vancouver Island University](#) & [Mass General Research Institute](#).

Posters should be available in digital and paper formats and displayed on December 12th if possible.

We have attached a form you can use to submit your request to present. If you hope to do more than one oral presentation or poster, please submit a separate form for each one.

Pre-/post-conference event details:

Want to take advantage of bright minds coming together? Why not host a workshop, training session, open discussion or other event either on Monday December 12th or Thursday December 15th? We can provide space and help with some of the logistics.

We have also attached a separate form to submit a proposal for a pre-/post-conference event.

How do I submit my idea?

Please fill out the appropriate form (attached) and **send to bcparf@gmail.com by September 15th**. You will need to prepare information that includes:

1. Your name (and any others who contributed to the work) and the organization each of you is affiliated with. Please be clear about who the main contact is and who will present the work.
2. Whether you would like to do an oral presentation or a poster.
3. The title of your presentation or poster.
4. 150 – 200 word abstract written in language that will be understandable to a wide audience. This will be shared with participants at the conference and publicly on [the BC PARF website](#). (not needed for a 3-minute SLAM).
5. 3-5 keywords that capture the focus of your submission.

Please attach your submission to an email as either a .docx or .pdf file. Other file formats will not be accepted for review. **Submissions should be sent to BCPARF@gmail.com by September 15, 2022.** The person you have identified as the main contact will be informed of the result of the program committee's review by *September 30*.

Each seminar room will be equipped with a computer with internet access and a data projector. VGA (and some HDMI) cables are available but you will need to supply your own adapter if your laptop does not accept the cable. Please indicate if additional equipment is needed and we will do our best to accommodate you.

*Note: Pre-/post-conference event leaders and all presenters **are required to register** for either the whole conference or the day that they are scheduled to present. Early bird registration will end on October 15th.*