

PRESENTERS WANTED!

The 72nd annual meeting of the American Malacological Society (AMS) and the 39th annual meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists will be held jointly in Seattle from July 29 to August 3, 2006 under the coordination of co-president Dr. Roland C. Anderson. The main venue for the meeting will be at the University of Washington with reasonably-priced housing available at the University dormitories and the University Inn Motel. The opening night reception will be in the Burke Museum, located on campus, and the ending banquet will be at the university's University Club, also on campus. Thursday August 3 will be devoted to field trips.

On August 2, 2006, there will be a session on non-marine mollusks entitled: "Contributed Workshop: New Frontiers in Western U.S. Non-Marine Malacology". Please see the registration form on the website for information on submitting an abstract for a talk or poster. The Pacific Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup (Workgroup) encourages NW Biologists to step up and give a presentation or poster at the session! There will be no Workgroup sponsored symposium in 2006. Request to present a talk or poster must be submitted by June 15, 2006 (please see registration form for more information). Please specify the session ("Contributed Workshop: New Frontiers in Western U.S. Non-Marine Malacology") that you are submitting an abstract for. Abstracts will be submitted to a review committee for acceptance into the AMS meeting.

<u>Registration Fees:</u>	<u>Before May 30</u>	<u>After May 30</u>
Member Regular	\$200	\$300
Non-member	\$300	\$400
Member Student	\$80	\$100
One Day Member	\$75	\$100
One Day Non-member	\$100	\$125
One Day Student	\$50	\$75
One Day Banquet Registration	\$25	\$25
Conference T-Shirt	\$15	\$15

One Day Registration Fees Waived for Presenters.

Please go to the website below for more information:

<http://www.malacological.org/meetings/next.html>

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (paraphrased from Roland Anderson)

Q: Will the registration fee be waived for presenters?

A: Yes, registration will be waived for one day; the day of the symposium attending. If they want to attend other days, they will have to pay.

Q: Will registration be waived for volunteers?

A: It depends on what the volunteers will do and how many days they volunteer. I guess that gets to be President's Choice. If they are good, hard-working volunteers, I'm likely to waive it at least one day, possibly more.

Q: If volunteers are needed, who should we list as a contact for potential volunteers to call?

A: Roland Anderson 206-386-4346, roland.anderson@seattle.gov

Q: If the Contributed Workshop: New Frontiers in Western U.S. Non-marine Malacology session is only one-half of a day, will there be a registration cost specifically for this session, such as \$50?

A: We will only do a one day registration, which I think is pretty fair.

Q: Will the Workgroup be able to have a display table and board at the session where we can inform attendees of the Workgroup and hand out mussel guides and posters?

A: Yes. Can the Workgroup bring the table? How about having this at the general poster session as well?

Q: Will there be a poster session at the Western Malacology Session?

A: I am not anticipating a separate poster session for your group, but rather a combined poster session, maybe one afternoon (day to be determined). Depends on how many general talks we get.