

New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 2025 Annual Meeting
Social Science Workshop Information

Workshop Title: Social Sciences for Fisheries Professionals

Workshop Description:

The goal of this 2-hour workshop is to increase awareness and stimulate new thinking about how social science can be used to inform fisheries management. The workshop will feature an overview of foundational social science concepts followed by descriptions of the most common conservation social science research methods (i.e., surveys, interviews, and focus groups), their strengths and weaknesses, operational requirements (e.g., sampling) and constraints, and the types of inferences that can and cannot be made based on these methods. With this information, attendees will increase their ability to make judgments about the utility of social science information. The workshop will provide opportunity for attendees to become familiar with a current social science research project to demonstrate how social science research can inform management and enhance decision-making.

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