



The Washington Chapter  
of  
**THE GILBERT  
ICHTHYOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY**



**Announces**

**The THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Society  
at Pack Forest Conference Center  
Eatonville, Washington  
26 September – 28 September 2025**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**MEETING SITE:** The Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Gilbert Ichthyological Society (GIS) will be held at the University of Washington Pack Forest Conference Center. Pack Forest is located five miles outside of Eatonville, on the edge of Mount Rainier National Park, with miles of beautiful hiking trails (additional information about the Center and a map of its location may be found at (<http://www.packforest.org>). All Fellows, Fellow-elects, and guests are cordially invited to attend. Lodging, meals, various snacks, and refreshments will be provided.

**GETTING TO PACK FOREST. From the North via I-5:** Take I-5 south to Tacoma. Take Exit 127 (Puyallup–Mt. Rainier) to State Route 512. Take Parkland–Mt. Rainier–Pacific Ave. exit to State Route 7. At the end of this four-lane road (Roy “Y”) stay left for Eatonville, Elbe, Mt. Rainier. Stay on SR 7 for approximately 22 miles. Pack Forest entrance will be on your left. **From the North via I-405:** Take I-405 south to Renton. Take exit to State Highway 167 South. Continue south to Puyallup. Take Eatonville–Mt. Rainier exit to State Route 161. Continue on SR 161 through Eatonville (about 28 miles). About 4 miles past Eatonville is SR 7 intersection. Turn left at this intersection. Entrance to Pack Forest is approximately ¼ mile on your left. **From the South via I5:** Take I-5 north to State Route 12 (about 50 miles north of Longview). Go east, following Route 12 to Morton. At Morton, turn left (north) on Highway 7. Go approximately 25 miles on Highway 7, through Alder and LaGrande. Continue approximately 1 mile north of LaGrande to the Pack Forest entrance on the right (east) side of the road. **Parking:** A large wooden sign marks the entrance to Pack Forest. Pass through the arch and take the first right to conference parking.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Housing for a maximum of 60 participants is available in the dormitories and cabins on campus. Showers and restrooms are shared dormitory style; soap is not provided. Bedding, towels, and washcloths are provided. There are no restrooms in the sleeping rooms. The restrooms are located in each dorm building and there is a shower house/restroom building near the cabins.

Activities will begin at 17:00 on Friday, 20 September, with registration, followed by dinner, business meeting, and snacks and beverages. A hot breakfast will be provided on Saturday and Sunday as well as a hot lunch on Saturday. The Society’s annual banquet will be held Saturday evening. Check-out time on Sunday is 10:00, unless other arrangements are made with the housing coordinator.

**HOUSING ALTERNATIVES:** For those who desire more luxury, the Mill Village Motel is in nearby Eatonville, telephone: (360) 832-3200; <https://www.elodging.net/millvillage>.

**DRESS:** As befitting the GIS, casual attire is in order. A sweater or jacket is essential year round and a raincoat or umbrella may be needed. Weather at any time of the year can include a chilly day or two in the shadow of Mt. Rainier. Sturdy shoes are almost a necessity to negotiate the paths on campus, and a flashlight is a must for getting around after dark.

**REGISTRATION:** All participants are strongly encouraged to register as early as possible. The dormitories and cabins provide a maximum of 60 beds, so we will operate on a first come/first served basis. The **DEADLINE** for receipt of housing reservations and titles of presentations is **Sunday, 31 August 2025**.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** As usual, the society business meeting will be held on Friday evening to allow a full day of presentations on Saturday:

**Friday, 26 September:**

17:00–18:00: Registration

18:00–20:00: Dinner

20:00–22:00: Business meeting

**Saturday, 27 September:**

07:00–08:30: Breakfast

09:00–12:00: Presentations

12:00–13:30: Lunch

13:30–18:00: Presentations

19:00–21:00: Banquet

**Sunday, 28 September:**

07:00–08:30: Breakfast

**PRESENTATIONS:** Presentations by one and all are strongly encouraged. All talks will be delivered on Saturday, 26 September, and will be limited to 15 minutes, 12 minutes for the talk itself and 3 minutes for questions. Time will be strictly enforced.

**INFORMATION:** For questions concerning the local arrangements or scientific program contact Luke Tornabene, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington, 1122 NE Boat Street, Seattle, WA 98105. Office phone: (206) 685-4254, e-mail [luke.tornabene@gmail.com](mailto:luke.tornabene@gmail.com). At Pack Forest there are no telephones in the dormitories, duplexes, or huts. Telephone messages can be left in the Pack Forest Office, telephone: (360) 832-6534.

## REGISTRATION, CALL FOR PAPERS, AND HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES

Please complete the registration form provided below and return, along with a check made payable to the “University of Washington.” Pack Forest has guaranteed space for only 60 people—it’s first come/first served. Send the completed form and check as soon as possible to Luke Tornabene, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington, 1122 NE Boat Street, Seattle, WA 98105.

### REGISTRATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Work (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### CALL FOR PAPERS:

Author(s), underline speaker's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE FEES, HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE:

Registration (includes five meals, breaks, socials, facility rentals, etc.)

Professional (indicate if vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free) \$220.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student (indicate if vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free) \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Shared Housing (includes two nights, twin bed in dorm or cabin)

Professional (shared room) \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Student (shared room) \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Private room with shared bath (limited availability on first-come-first-serve basis) \$140.00 \_\_\_\_\_

None (e.g., I will stay at an offsite location, day guest fee only) \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to the “University of Washington”**

#### Send to:

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