



**Announcing the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of  
The Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists  
May 28 – 30, 2019**

**Call for Papers and Posters**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists (formerly Florida Association of Benthologists) will be held May 28-30 in Eastpoint, Florida, at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328. The meeting will begin Tuesday afternoon, May 28<sup>th</sup> and conclude at noon on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Oral Papers and Posters**

We welcome oral presentations and posters on any topic pertaining to aquatic animals or plants and their taxonomy, systematics, ecology, biogeography, physiology, behavior, or other related topics related to aquatic habitats, communities or populations. Papers or posters on methodology or experimental design are also appropriate and welcome. Submittals from students are particularly encouraged and as an incentive, students who present an oral paper or poster get their meeting registration fee waived. Annual meeting information is on the FAB web site at:

<https://www.floridaaquaticbiologists.org/events.html>

Abstracts for papers and posters should be submitted digitally (in Microsoft WORD format) via email to Dana Denson at [ddenson@rcid.org](mailto:ddenson@rcid.org) or [president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org) by **Friday, May 17, 2019**. Abstracts should be no more than one printed page in length; use Calibri (body) 11 point font.

Abstract format should be:

Title

Author(s) [If more than one author, please indicate presenting author with an asterisk (\*).]

Affiliation(s)

Body of abstract

**Student Awards**

To be considered for a student presentation award, please submit your abstract to Dana Denson ([ddenson@rcid.org](mailto:ddenson@rcid.org) or [president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:president@floridaaquaticbiologists.org)). Please indicate with your abstract

submission that you wish to be considered for a student award, and whether you plan to present an oral talk or a poster. Also, please register online for our meeting so that we have your contact information. Registration fees will be waived for all student presenters. The following student awards are available:

Student Presentation Awards:

- Best Oral Presentation for a Graduate Student - \$200
- Best Oral Presentation for an Undergraduate Student - \$200
- Best Poster Presentation - \$100

**Registration**

You must register to attend the Annual Meeting and online registration is preferred. To register online, please click [here](#). Registration fees are \$70.00 for current FAB members, \$125.00 for non-members, and \$45.00 for students. Student presenters have the registration fee waived, but please fill out and submit the registration form on our website so that we have your contact information. You can pay with a credit card on our website or fill out the registration form on our website and then mail a check (made payable to FAB) to: *Rob Mattson, FAB Treasurer, 121 Palm Trail, East Palatka, FL 32131*. You can also register at the door with cash, check or credit card.

If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2019 yet, you can also add this item to your cart on our website to renew your membership for this year. If you need to check on your membership status, please email Rob Mattson: [treasurer@floridaaquaticbiologists.org](mailto:treasurer@floridaaquaticbiologists.org).

**Special Sessions and Events**

The Annual **Taxonomy Fair** will be held Wednesday afternoon, May 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30-4:30 PM. Experts on various taxonomic groups will be available with microscopes to examine your “problem identifications” or verify any tentative identifications. Please keep requests fairly moderate, as a number of people might be seeking the help of the experts.

As at past Annual Meetings, a **Silent Auction** will be set up to raise funds to offset meeting expenses. Donations (books, artwork, jewelry, field gear, clothing, etc.) are welcome for this event. Please contact the FAB President (Dana Denson) or our local arrangements contact (Andy Rasmussen: [Andrew.rasmussen@famu.edu](mailto:Andrew.rasmussen@famu.edu)) with any questions or to donate items. Bidding on the Silent Auction will close 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and the winners will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting by 12 Noon that day. Please bring check or cash to pay the Treasurer for the item(s) you have won.

Plans for local events such as tours, etc. have not yet been finalized. Updates about this will follow.

**Refreshments and Social Events**

Soft drinks, water, and light snacks will be available during breaks throughout the meeting. Continental breakfast items (bagels, fruit, doughnuts) will be available in the mornings prior to the start of the meetings. A reception and social will be held Tuesday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at a local venue (to be determined), beginning at 6:00 PM. FAB will provide light snacks and appetizers.

### **Executive Committee Members**

The FAB Executive Committee will meet from 9:30 AM-12 Noon on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room at ANERR.

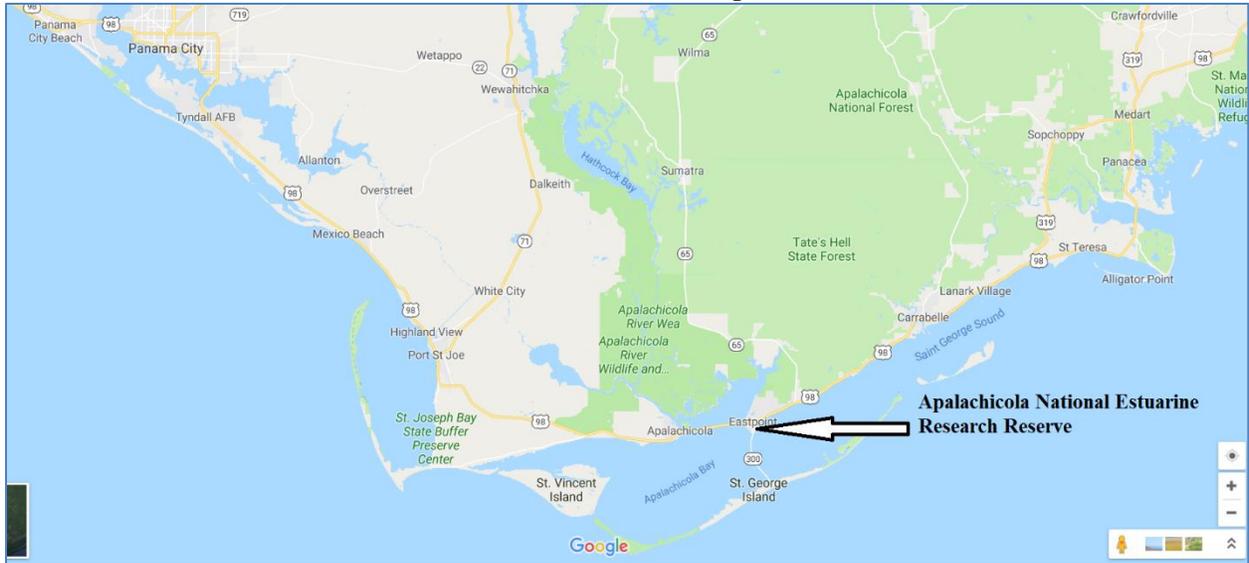
### **Annual Business Meeting of the Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists**

The Annual Business Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30 PM. This has been changed from the usual time at the end of the last day of the meeting in order to allow for more participation by the general meeting audience. This meeting is important for FAB as an organization and your participation is highly recommended and encouraged.

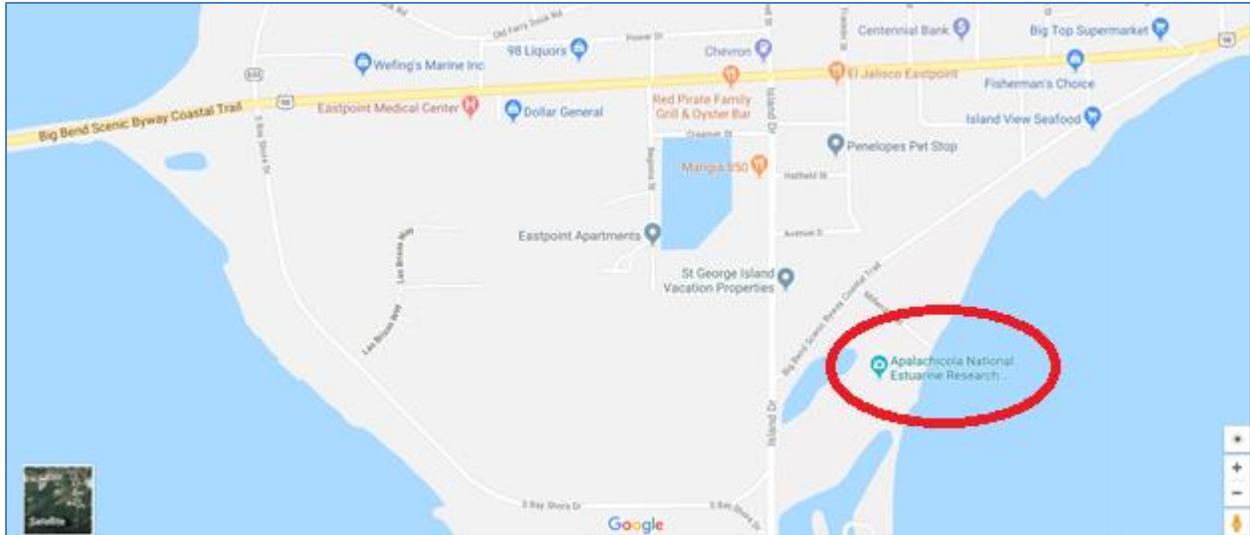
### **Meeting Location**

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328.

Area overview map



Local area map



### Accommodations

Fifteen rooms have been reserved at the **Best Western Inn** (5 with king, 10 with 2 queens). Covers 4 nights (May 27-30). Rate is \$103/night (regular price is \$120/night). Hot breakfast is included. Group name is "Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists". The deadline to reserve is May 5<sup>th</sup>, after which the rooms are released. Individual reservations have a cancellation deadline of 72 hours in advance of arrival.

Best Western Apalach Inn  
249 Hwy 98 West, Apalachicola, FL  
Tel: 850.653.9131  
<http://www.bwapalachinn.com/index.cf>

Ten rooms have been reserved at the **Gibson Inn** as follows: 4 rooms with 2 twin beds (\$99/night), 1 room with queen bed (\$99/night), 5 rooms with king bed (\$108/night). Group name is "Florida Association of Aquatic Biologists". Covers 4 nights (May 27-30). The deadline to reserve is May 6<sup>th</sup>, after which the rooms are released. Individual reservations have an individual cancellation deadline of May 6<sup>th</sup>. In other words, the person that booked the room will have to pay the full amount if they cancel after May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Gibson Inn  
51 Avenue C, Apalachicola, FL  
Tel: 850.653.2191  
<https://www.gibsoninn.com/>



Questions regarding the Annual Meeting or accommodations? Please contact:

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