

2004 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish

Forum Organization and
Objectives
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Forum Organization

- Plenary Presentations
 - 32 presentations
- Plenary Discussion Sessions
 - Presentations followed by round table discussions
 - Open forum discussions
- Regional Discussion Work Group Sessions
 - 1.5 – 2 hr discussions
 - 3 Discussion sessions
- State/Tribe Regional Work Group Presentations
 - National Mercury Advisory
 - Needs Assessment
- Reception and Poster Display

Plenary Sessions

- Moderators will describe Q&C format and control allocated time
- Plenary sessions are being taped. State your name and affiliation when asking questions.
- Turn off cell phones or change to silent ring mode
- No filming or taping during the plenary sessions

Regional Work Group Sessions

- **Sunday: Unstructured Topics (11:00 – 1:00)**
- **Monday: National Mercury Advisory Reactions and Feedback (3:30 – 5:00)**
 - Positive feedback
 - Concerns
 - Suggestions
 - State/Tribe needs
- **Tuesday: Reactions and Needs for Sunday/Tuesday Topics (3:15 – 5:00)**
 - Focus group testing
 - Monitoring strategies
 - Contaminants in farmed fish
 - Risk management

Regional Work Group Sessions

- Six State/Tribe Regional Work Groups
 - Northeast (red) – Ballroom 2
 - East (orange) – Ballroom 6
 - South (yellow) – Ballroom 3
 - Great Lakes (green) – Ballroom 8
 - Midwest/West (light blue) – Ballroom 7
 - West (dark blue) – Ballroom 4
- Other Interested Parties Discussion Group (white)
 - Ballroom 5

Regional Work Group Sessions

- Primarily Intended for State and Tribe Representatives Involved in Fish Contaminant Monitoring/Advisory Programs
 - Table seating for State/Tribe Program representatives
 - Limited number of additional chairs for observers
 - Discussion leads facilitate sessions
 - Suggested discussion topics provided in handout
 - Record comments/suggestions/needs on flip charts.

State/Tribe Regional Work Group Presentations

- **Tuesday: National Mercury Advisory Reactions and Feedback (8:15 – 9:25)**
 - 10 min for each of the six State/Tribe regional groups
 - reactions/concerns/suggestions
 - State/Tribe needs to implement advisory
- **Wednesday: Regional Group Needs Assessment (9:35 – 11:20)**
 - 15 min for each of the six State/Tribe regional groups
 - open forum Q&C
 - presentation template in discussion group handout
 - focused on State/Tribe needs related to Forum topics
- **Other Interested Parties Discussions**
 - no presentations
 - discussion group ideas/comments will be incorporated in the Forum Proceeding Document

Reception and Poster Displays

- **Monday (6:00 – 8:00 pm)**
 - Need ticket to participate
 - > 25 posters
 - food for discussion