



## Alberta Society of Professional Biologists' 2012 Conference

### Exploring the Boreal Forest: Oil Sands in Alberta

April 18 and 19, 2012

## **CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED t o FEB.10/12**

The Alberta Society of Professional Biologists' (ASPB) 2012 conference titled "Exploring the Boreal Forest: Oil Sands in Alberta" will be held in Calgary, Alberta on April 18 and 19, 2012. The nature of industrial development and land use management in the oil sands region of Alberta has sparked an increased amount of attention recently and presents many challenges and opportunities for biologists. The focus of the conference is on issues relevant to the oil sands region that may be occurring in other parts of the boreal forest across Alberta or elsewhere in Canada. ASPB invites submissions for presentations describing recent challenges and new approaches to dealing with, and managing, the biological resources in the oil sands and/or boreal region. Submissions may be examples from Alberta or elsewhere (please demonstrate application to Alberta's boreal and/or oil sands region).

There have been several new legislative developments and scientific advancements since the ASPB last held an oil sands-centric conference. This conference will provide attendees (both ASPB members and non-members) interested or directly involved in oil sands development and land use management with a forum to discuss current issues and challenges in this region of Alberta's northern boreal forest. Share your successes and challenges, facilitate new ideas, contribute to the discussion and debate the issues! Contributions could focus on the following:

- Current Legislation, Regulations, and Regional Planning;
- Reclamation and Closure Planning;
- Wetlands and Water Usage;
- Species at Risk and Rare Species;
- Ecological Restoration in the Oil Sands;
- Environmental Impacts & Risk Management (including Cumulative Effects and Integrated Access and Footprint Management); or
- Mitigation and Monitoring Programs;
- Oil Sands and Aboriginal Communities.

The 2012 ASPB Conference Committee welcomes presentation abstract submissions for review. Target audiences include representatives from industry, consulting, government, environmental advocacy groups, and academia. Topics are not restricted specifically to oil sands-related work, but should be relevant to the management challenges and environmental issues in the oil sands region of Alberta's northern boreal forest. Papers will be peer-reviewed. Acceptance of the contributions will be based on originality of the work, relevance to the conference topic and the practice of biology, and overall submission quality.

An abstract must follow the format outlined below and be submitted electronically to [pbiol@aspb.ab.ca](mailto:pbiol@aspb.ab.ca) by January 20, 2012 for review. Please reference the ASPB 2012 Conference in the subject line. Within the abstract, please explain how the proposed presentation will complement the conference topic. If you do not receive email confirmation that your submission was received within five business days, please contact the ASPB directly at (780) 434-5765. Please note that the cost of preparing the proposal and

attending the conference will be at the applicant's expense (including speaker discounted conference registration).

In addition, the 2012 ASPB Conference Committee is planning a panel session and would like to solicit topics for discussion. Please send your ideas to [pbiol@aspb.ab.ca](mailto:pbiol@aspb.ab.ca) by January 20, 2012 for review.

## Abstract Format

**Title:** Capitalize the first letter of each word except prepositions, articles, and species names. Species names should be spelled out at first use. *Italicize* scientific names of organisms.

**Authors:** Author's names will appear in ALL CAPITAL letters, using first initial(s) and full last name.

**Affiliations:** Each author should be listed by institution, department, division and country. Please state if the author/s are Professional Biologists (P.Biol. or R.P.Bio.)

**Abstract Text:** Abstracts should be submitted as **Microsoft Word** documents. Each abstract may contain up to a **maximum of 300 words**, including title, author's name and affiliations, and the abstract text. Use **12 point Times New Roman font** for text and symbol font for special and scientific characters.