SCORING CRITERIA FOR PRESENTATIONS
NC Chapter, American Fisheries Society

To facilitate the selection process, judges should use the full range of the scoring scale to differentiate among presentations. E.g., in a 5-point category award 3 points for average quality (even though average quality may be very good), 4 for above average, and 5 for outstanding.

A.   Individual Components

1.   Title – Does it accurately describe the subject?   5 points

2.   Introduction – Does it provide adequate background,   5 points
     historical context, and justification for the study?
     Were the objectives and purpose clearly stated?

3.   Methods or Approach – Are they described with   5 points
     sufficient detail?

B.   Content

1.   Structure and Organization – Is there logical development   15 points
     and integration of the presentation? Is the presentation
     comprehensible by members of the audience not
     engaged in that particular specialty?

2.   Originality – How valuable is the presentation in communicating   10 points
     and presenting unique or innovative methods, concepts, or
     interpretations? How relevant and significant is it to fisheries science?

3.   Analytical Merit –Are the analytical methods and study design   10 points
     or approach adequate and appropriate?

4.   Technical Merit – Are interpretations consistent with the results   10 points
     or evidence presented? Are limitations identified and evaluated?

C.   Physical Presentation

1.   Delivery – Does the presenter employ good voice quality,
     enthusiasm, grammar, eye contact, posture and body language,
     pronunciation, and articulation?   15 points

2.   Visual Aids – Are the visual aids large enough, simple,   15 points
     understandable, relevant, and attractive?

3.   Timing – Does the presenter complete the talk within the   5 points
     allotted time, and leave time for questions?

D.   Other Considerations   5 points
Use this category to reward unique or attractive features which do not fit
exactly into other criteria (e.g., judicious and effective use of humor). It
should be considered an extra and should not be awarded automatically.

E.   Comments
Provide a <u>brief</u> evaluation of your impressions of each presentation.
Comments will be used to break ties.