



The Organization of Fish and Wildlife Information Managers (OFWIM) has been bringing together state, federal, and non-profit fish and wildlife information managers since 1993 to coordinate and share information technologies, management strategies, and standards on a national level.

### **OFWIM Vision:**

*To be a bridge between natural resource and technical disciplines to promote partnering, collaboration, sharing of ideas, and best management practices in order to effectively apply technology to the information and data needs of natural resource management.*

### **What OFWIM Offers:**

#### **Coordination**

OFWIM fosters close cooperation among information managers in state and federal agencies, ensuring a coordinated response to regional implementation and national reporting of fish and wildlife information.

#### **Collaboration**

Many fish and wildlife agencies have a relatively small information management staff with limited resources. Keeping current with emerging technologies, standards, and best management practices is critical. OFWIM's annual meetings, newsletters, and social networking capabilities provide peer-to-peer support across agencies, enabling us to work together more efficiently to meet local, state, and national data management needs.

#### **Education**

OFWIM facilitates a comprehensive approach to training, focusing on all aspects of the career of a fish and wildlife information manager. Training sessions range from new technologies, data standards, and methods for coordination and data sharing to professional development topics such as project management and interacting with the public.

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### **Highlights of Recent Accomplishments:**

- 2018: Workshop on mobile data collection with Collector & Survey123 for ArcGIS
- 2017: Project Discovery Guide to help information managers communicate with clients
- 2016: Creating production quality graphics & charts with R workshop
- 2015: Co-sponsored AFS-FITS Data Management Symposium at the 2015 AFS meeting
- 2014: Python and Fulcrum Training Series
- 2013: Initiation of Student Research Scholarship
- 2012: Mobile Technology & Citizen Science Workshops
- 2011: Data Sharing Discussion Panel

## **2019 Annual Conference**

**October 6-10**

**Shepherdstown, West Virginia**

### **Previous Conference Locations:**

- 2018: Hood River, Oregon
- 2017: Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2016: Ponca, Nebraska
- 2015: Williamsburg, Virginia
- 2014: Flagstaff, Arizona
- 2013: Acadia National Park, Maine
- 2012: Austin, Texas
- 2011: St. Louis, Missouri

OFWIM is a nonprofit organization, formally established in 1993 and granted non-profit status in 1995.

We offer Individual and Organizational memberships with discounted dues for students and retired professionals. For details, please visit our website.