

**OFFICIAL CALL  
TO THE  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
U.S. FRESHWATER PRAWN GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Frankfort, KY**

**DECEMBER 2-3, 2011**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
U.S. FRESHWATER PRAWN GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Greetings:

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the U.S. Freshwater Prawn Growers Association, Inc. is called to meet December 2-3, 2011. The meeting will converge at the Kentucky State University in Frankfort, KY. Make reservations by phoning Reservation Department at 502-227-5100. In order to receive the group rate, callers must identify their affiliation with U.S. Freshwater Prawn Growers Association, Inc.

A registration fee of \$100.00 will be charged to each 2010 member attending the Annual Meeting if registration is received by **November 18, 2011** along with 2011 dues. Spouses are invited to attend and a registration fee of \$50.00 will be charged. After the November 18 deadline, registrants pay an additional \$20.00 meeting fee.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the **Capital Plaza Downtown** in Frankfort, Kentucky at the rate of \$79.00 for Thursday and Friday, December 2-3, 2011 plus tax. Make your reservations right away the room rates will increase after **November 18, 2011**, so hurry and make reservations.

The **Agenda** for the meeting has been completed by Dr. Jim Tidwell and his staff:

Workshops will include: New Growers, Marketing strategy (farmers markets, Market Maker, direct marketing, CSA's), genetic research, all female prawns, toxicity of common herbicides to juveniles, improving the Omega 3, etc. in prawns, current stocking research, cooking demo, more to follow.

Please visit [www.freshwaterprawn.org](http://www.freshwaterprawn.org) for a complete agenda. If you do not have internet please phone for an Agenda to be mailed to you.

Should you have any question or need information about a booth as a **Sponsor**, please call Dolores Fratesi at 662-390-3528 or Regina Russell at 662-820-9998 or email the association [usprawn growers@yahoo.com](mailto:usprawn growers@yahoo.com). The email account will be closely monitored, so feel free to let me know if someone has been left out or of possible new members.

*BRENDA LYONS*

Brenda Lyons  
USFPGA President

P.S. We welcome **Volunteers** to help with the 2011 Annual Meeting. Please let us know if you would like to work with us. **Sponsors** are welcomed and needed. We would greatly appreciate your help!

**U.S. FRESHWATER PRAWN GROWER'S ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011**

9:00	Registration	KSU – Aquaculture Research Center (ARC)
9:30	Pre- Meeting Workshop for New/Potential Growers Basic Practices in the Culture of Prawns	Mack Fondren, Mississippi State Steve Fratesi, Lauren Farms
11:00 - 12:45	Lunch Provided (Sandwich Bar)	ARC
1:00	Welcome	President, USFPGA
1:20	Freshwater prawns – Their role in World Aquaculture	Jim Tidwell - KSU
1:40	Potential role of prawns to fight disease in Africa	Shawn Coyle – KSU
2:00	Genetic research in freshwater prawns – the early years	Spencer Malecha-HI
2:20	Research update-Effect of temperature on sex ratios of larvae	Kyle Schneider - KSU
2:40	The case for all female prawns in intensive culture	Spencer Malecha -HI
3:00	Break	ARC
3:20	Toxicity of Common herbicides to juvenile prawns	Shawn Coyle - KSU
3:40	Marketing prawns in Farmers' Markets and MarketMaker	Angela Caporelli - KDA
4:00	Direct Marketing and CSA's	Mac Stone - KDA
4:20	Report – American Prawn Cooperative	Charlene Jacobs - NC
4:45	Adjourn	
5:30	Reception	Capital Plaza Caucus Room

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011**

8:00	Tips for better marketing	Delores Fratesi - MS
8:20	Big ideas to get the word out	Brenda Lyons
8:45	USFPGA Business Meeting	Association President
9:10	Presentation	TBD
9:30	Presentation	TBD
9:50	Break	ARC
10:30	Marketing Round Table	TBD
11:00	Panel Discussion – Research Needs and Industry Priorities	Presenters
11:20	Meeting Adjournment	
11:30	Cooking Demonstration	Jeremy Ashby of Azur Restaurant Lexington, KY
12:00	USFPGA Board of Directors Meeting – Sandwich or Pizza	

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*December 2-3, 2011*

**Meeting Registration Deadline Nov. 18, 2011**

**Hotel Registration (at Convention Rate) Deadline Nov. 18, 2011**

Please register by mail, email, or phone.

Registration fee must be received by Nov18, to avoid late fee.

Please print.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE (Includes Friday Luncheon and Reception):**

2012 Member \$100 .....

Non-Member \$175.....

Spouse \$50 .....

**LATE FEE** \$20 .....

**2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Producer \$50 .....

Allied Tradesmen \$100 .....

Education & Research Personnel \$10 .....

Federal/State Agencies \$10 .....

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Check the web site for additional information.)*

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**HOTEL REGISTRATION**  
**Capital Plaza Downtown**  
**405 Wilkinson Blvd**  
**Frankfort, Kentucky**  
**502-227-5100**  
[www.capitalplazaky.com](http://www.capitalplazaky.com)

**GUEST ROOM RATES**

**Capital Plaza** has tentatively set aside the following room block pending your final decision:

Room Class	Occ		Thu	Fri	Sat
			12/1/11	12/2/11	N/A
Run of House Class	Sgl	Rate	\$79.00	\$79.00	N/A

The reserved block of rooms will be held until the cut-off date of November 18, 2011. Reservation requests after the cut-off date will be honored on a space-and-rate availability basis.

**RESERVATION PROCEDURE**

It is our understanding that reservations will be telephoned directly to the **Capital Plaza** any one can assist at 502-227-5100. In order to receive the group rate, callers must identify their affiliation with U.S. Freshwater Prawn Growers Association, Inc. Rates cannot be changed at check-in or checkout for guests who failed to identify their affiliation at the time the reservation is made. Assistant General Manager @ CAPITAL PLAZA HOTEL is Marie G. Murray with any questions, also [www.capitalplazaky.com](http://www.capitalplazaky.com) is web page.