

BioOne Announces New 'Subscribe to Open' Program

Beginning in 2026, the *Journal of Shellfish Research* will participate in a pilot Subscribe to Open (S2O) program through our publishing partner, BioOne. Subscribe to Open is a publishing model that will provide a practical path to opening access to *JSR* new content while safeguarding the subscription revenue that NSA relies upon to fulfill its mission.

What does this mean for our authors and readers? If the BioOne annual offer is successful – meaning that subscribers continue to support the cost-effective collection as in the past – then current-year content of the *JSR* (along with 70 other participating titles) will be made Open Access and freely available to any user worldwide. If enough subscribers do not renew, then content will remain gated as in the past. The offer will recur annually throughout this three-year pilot.

Why have we chosen this path? We at the NSA believe that the open sharing of research should be a universal public good. Broadening access to the *JSR* to anyone worldwide is a transformative prospect, and S2O publishers have reported meaningful increases in usage. Moreover, we believe strongly that open access should not require our authors to pay prohibitive publication charges.

It is important to note that S2O only applies to current-year content. For example, if BioOne's S2O offer is successful in this first year, only the 2026 volume of the *JSR* will be opened. All archival issues will remain gated and available to subscribers (and members, if applicable) as an exclusive benefit. Any articles made open access via the offer will remain open access in perpetuity.

We are proud to be one of 54 society and independent presses participating in BioOne's pilot, marking the largest number of nonprofit publishers under a single S2O offer to date. For further information about S2O, other publisher participants, and the libraries supporting this endeavor, please visit the BioOne S2O webpage (<https://bioonepublishing.org/our-work/subscribe-to-open>).



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Thank you, Jonathan van Senten

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2025 NSA Student Research Awards

The Association has a number of competitive grants for students that provide \$1250 in support student research projects as well as for the Outstanding Student Paper published in the *JSR*.



The **George R. Abbe Award** for student research devoted to the areas of crustacean biology and fisheries management was awarded to Talia Barry of Rutgers University for her proposal "Predator-prey dynamics on oyster reefs and implications for restoration efforts".

The **Melbourne R. Carriker Award** for student research in shellfisheries was awarded to Allison Weber of Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi for her proposal "Population genetics of *Crassostrea virginica* within a Texas hybrid zone."



The **Susan E. Ford Award** which recognizes student excellence in the areas of bivalve or crustacean mechanisms of defense against microbial and parasitic infection was awarded to two students this year: Parker Lund of the University of British Columbia for her proposal "Employing spatial organization and metatranscriptomics to reveal

the roles of host-associated bacteria in the Pacific oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*", and to Jaypee Samson of the University of Rhode Island for his proposal "Evaluation of neoplasia-specific genes as diagnostic markers for disseminated neoplasia in hard clams, *Mercenaria mercenaria*."



The **Sandra E. Shumway Award for Outstanding Student Paper** published in the *Journal of Shellfish Research* has specific selection and evaluation criteria: (1) The lead author must have been a student when the work was completed, (2) the paper must present the student's work, not that of a co-author, (3) it is evaluated on the quality of science and writing,

and the importance of the work to the field of shellfish research. A panel of judges evaluated 14 papers, and the award was presented to Max Zavell of the University of Connecticut for his paper:

[Zavell, M.D., Lindahl, O., Filgueira, R., and Shumway, S.E. 2023. An estimate of carbon storage capabilities from wild and cultured shellfish and their potential inclusion in a carbon economy. *Journal of Shellfish Research*, 42\(2\): 325-342.](#)

Thank you, again, to all the students for submitting their proposals and the reviewers for evaluating each of these proposals and student papers so thoughtfully.

Application deadline is November 1, 2025. Start planning now! Details are available at www.shellfish.org.

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