

# BAHAMAS BONEFISH CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 4 – 5, 2010

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*Sponsored by the Bahamian Flats Fishing Alliance (BFFA)*



The first Bahamas Bonefish Conference will be an excellent opportunity for you to hear all the latest information regarding bonefish biology and have an open discussion with the scientists conducting the research. The conference is open to all interested parties and there is no registration fee.

For more information about the Bahamas Bonefish Conference, contact the conference organizer, Dr. David Philipp, Fisheries Conservation Foundation at [FCC@fishconserve.org](mailto:FCC@fishconserve.org). For more information about the Bahamian Flats Fishing Alliance, visit the Fisheries Conservation Foundation website at [www.fishconserve.org](http://www.fishconserve.org).

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### **Monday, October 4, 2010 (open to public) — Presentations by scientists plus open discussion**

- 8:30 am Opening
- 9:00 am Module 1: General Bonefish Biology
  - How many different bonefish species are there?
  - Why are there size differences among populations?
- 10:40 am Module 2: Catch-and-Release Issues
  - What happens to hooked bonefish when the line breaks or is cut?
  - Best Handling Practices — What is best way to handle/release bonefish?
- 12:15 pm Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:10 pm Module 3: Movement & Spawning Behavior
  - When do bonefish go where and why?
  - When, where, and how do bonefish spawn?
- 2:50 pm Module 4: Human Influences on Bonefish
  - How will future global climate change impact bonefish?
  - How important is bonefishing to the Bahamian economy?
- 4:20 pm General Closing Discussion

### **Tuesday, October 5, 2010 (guides and lodge owners only) — Facilitated planning session**

The second day of the Conference will be a session held exclusively for Bahamian guides and lodge owners to discuss the conservation needs and concerns of their industry, as well as how they want to organize their efforts. The BFFA will provide a minimal number of facilitators to help their discussions, but this day is designed by and for the guides and lodge owners.

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