

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
Education and Outreach Committee
Committee Chairs Karen Hans and Shannon Richardson
Work Plan for May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014

Oregon Chapter Mission

Our mission is to improve the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources and their aquatic ecosystems for long-term public benefit by advancing science, education and public discourse concerning fisheries and aquatic science and by promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

Education and Outreach Committee

The Education and Outreach Committee is responsible for distributing information on the Chapter, fisheries, and water resources to members, fisheries professionals, the general public, organizations, and schools.

It will:

- a. Develop and update Chapter brochures and related publications as needed.
- b. Develop and maintain audio-visual resources for schools to stress the importance of fisheries in Oregon. Organize training and continuing education programs as needed.
- c. Assist the annual meeting planning committee by Publicizing the annual meeting and coordinating the Education Outreach session.
- d. Assist the chapter with media outreach for newsworthy events and issues related to fisheries and aquatic habitat.
- e. Submits a written report of committee activities to the External Director every six months in November and April.
- f. Submits annual work plan and budget to the External Director by April 1st before the spring ExCom planning meeting or retreat. The Education Outreach Committee Chair prepares these materials.

2013-14 Work Plan

- Respond to requests from ExCom for updated E/O materials such as brochures and posters
- Assist President Elect as needed to feature education and outreach-related content for the 2014 annual meeting program

- Work with Past-President and chapter Webmaster to add link to ORAFS Webpage to educational resources for members who want to work with volunteers and K-12 students
- Work with Past-President and chapter Webmaster to add a link to ORAFS webpage for teachers who want to use natural resource based curriculum in their classrooms (i.e. Stream Scene, Stream Web)
- Continue to support the Salmon Watch program as needed. This will include assisting with planning, Steering Committee participation, assisting with training of volunteers, helping to recruit fellow fish biologist for Salmon Watch stations, hosting Salmon Watch Fish Biology stations.
- Develop a poster, based on the “Stream Continuum” concept that demonstrates the restoration of a creek. The poster, “Habitat Restoration Continuum”, will show a newly restored creek and then what it will look like after 50 years and after 100 years.
- Solicit and distribute travel awards for two educators to attend the 50th anniversary meeting in Eugene
- Solicit and award funds to support worthy aquatic education programs in the state of Oregon.