# Oregon Chapter American Fisheries society

# Native Fish Committee 2014-15 Work plan

# Prepared by the Native Fish Committee

# Submitted by Committee Chair James Capurso, 3 March 2014

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# Mission of Oregon AFS:

*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.*

# Objectives of Native Fish Committee

The goal of the Native Fish Committee of the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society is to emphasize Native Fish, their protection and restoration and enhance our membership’s and society’s understanding of the species. To accomplish this, the Native Fish Committee will:

1. Be available to the Chapter for Native Fish issues that arise throughout the year. This includes coordinating with the Legislative Committee to identify pertinent issues.

1. Provide opportunities for chapter members and others to learn about native fish of Oregon.
2. Recognize Fisheries Biologists within the State of Oregon that are outstanding in the field of Native Fish Conservation.
3. Expand our taxonomic understanding of native fish within Oregon.
4. Identify conservation data gaps associated with native fish in Oregon.
5. Identify native fish issues to elevate to Chapter for action.

# 2014-2015 Work Plan

1. During the Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting, identify the featured species for the 2014 Nongame Native Fish Workshop and schedule the workshop date. Conduct the workshop. Prepare and distribute the post-workshop report. The 2014 Featured Species will be Blitzen River Whitefish, Borax Lake Chub, and Alvord Lake Chub (James Capurso).
2. Prior to the Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting, identify the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year recipient. Confirm award sponsorship. Purchase Award. During the annual meeting, present the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award to a chapter member that is outstanding the field of native fish conservation (James Capurso).
3. Maintain availability to the Oregon Chapter when native fish issues arise (All).
4. Subset of committee to coordinate with ODFW regarding native fish issues (Stan Gregory).
5. Assist Legislative Committee and others by editing white paper concerning interactions between hatchery and wild fish (James Capurso -David Noakes).
6. Prepare a short white paper identifying most critical taxonomic gaps (Brian Sidlauskas).

**2014-2015 Proposed Budget**

1. No items other than the new proposed Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award. If approved by ExCom, this budget item will fall under Awards Committee.