

OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE 2015-2016 WORKPLAN

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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.*

**Goal and 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.
2. Provide opportunities for chapter members and others to learn about native fish of Oregon.
3. Recognize fisheries biologists within the State of Oregon that are outstanding in the field of native fish conservation.
4. Expand our taxonomic understanding of native fish within Oregon.
5. Identify conservation data gaps associated with native fish in Oregon.
6. Identify native fish issues to elevate to Chapter for action.

**2015-2016 Workplan**

1. Through email exchange with committee members, identify the featured species for the 2015 Nongame Native Fish Workshop and schedule the workshop date. Conduct the workshop. Prepare and distribute the post-workshop report. The 2015 Featured Species will be the Sculpin species of the Necanicum River in the Oregon Coast Range, 2-3 September 2015. The 2016 featured species and location will be selected by committee membership.
2. Secure base camp for the Nongame Native Fish Workshop and receive financial support from the Chapter to reserve campsites. The chapter Ex Com agreed to reserve 5

campsites for the night of September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Nehalem Bay State Park Campground. The 2016 workshop expenses will be dependent upon selected location, but will be under \$300.

3. Through email exchange, elect 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 in the field of native fish conservation. The 2015 Native Fish Conservationist of the Year recipient was elected and the award is currently being fabricated. The sponsor has already paid the artist for the award.
4. Host a Native Fish Symposium at the 2015 International AFS Meeting.
5. Host a native fish symposium at the 2016 annual chapter meeting.
6. Maintain availability to the Oregon Chapter when native fish issues arise. For example, the committee reviewed the Draft Bull Trout Recovery Plan and provided comments for the chapter.
7. Subset of committee to coordinate with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding native fish issues
8. Assist Legislative Committee and others by editing white paper concerning interactions between hatchery and wild fish
9. Prepare a short white paper identifying most critical taxonomic gaps.

### **2015-2016 Proposed Budget**

\$300 for the Nongame Native Fish Workshop.