

**OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE 2016-2017 WORK PLAN**

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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 fish biologists within the State of Oregon that are outstanding in the field of native fish conservation.
4. Expand our taxonomic understanding of native fishes within Oregon.
5. Identify conservation data gaps associated with native fishes in Oregon.
6. Identify native fishes issues to elevate to Chapter for action.

2016-2017 Work Plan

1. Through email exchange with committee members, identify the featured species for the 2016 and 2017 Nongame Native Fish Workshops and schedule the workshop dates. Conduct the workshops. Prepare and distribute the post-workshop reports. The 2016 Featured Species will be the Umpqua Dace, Chub, and Pikeminnow and the workshop will occur at Tiller.

The 2017 featured species and location will be selected by committee membership during the winter of 2016-17.

2. Through email exchange, elect the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year recipients for 2016 and 2017. 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.
3. Host a Native Fish Symposium at the 2016 and 2017 annual chapter meetings.
4. Assist Legislative Committee and others by editing white paper concerning interactions between hatchery and wild fish.
5. Prepare a short white paper identifying most critical taxonomic gaps.
6. Compile vexing Oregon native fish questions list. As a committee, select a question to answer using a symposium or pre-chapter meeting workshop as a forum.

2016-2017 Budget

\$300 for the Nongame Native Fish Workshop