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Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### "WE'RE LEARNING!"

It seems we are learning how to get things right, even if it takes a while. Our 38th Annual Meeting turned out to be a good one. Lots of participation – over 450 attended – a great plenary that made us all think a little, and over 100 papers delivered in two days!

Our thanks to President-Elect Mary Buckman for her oversight and to Steve Smith our Internal Director for handling the logistics as site coordinator. With many Oregon State University (OSU) student volunteers handling the details and lots of Chapter members lending a hand on our many committees, we have figured out how to run a pretty good conference. Comments were many, but the one I heard most often was "smooth", with "well-run" a close second. I agree, and thanks again to all who made it happen. President-Elect Mary Buckman recaps the conference from her perspective in this issue (See page 3).



*Tony Faast, Oregon Chapter President, presents Denny Lassuy with the Past President's Award at the 2002 Annual Meeting.*

The Annual Meeting is also the time we elect new officers, so a hearty welcome is in order to new Oregon Chapter Officers, Dave Ward, President-Elect, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Karen Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, with Riverchild Consulting; Jen Stone,

External Director, US Fish and Wildlife; and returning officers Mary Buckman, as President; Gretchen Oosterhout, Vice-president; and Steve Smith, Internal

Director. We look forward to their input as we move forward this year; their one-year terms begin on September 1, 2002. (See article on page 7)

We bugged you all conference long about getting involved and the response was great! See the article by Chuck Huntington, External Director, on page 8, regarding committees and their charge for this year.

Our challenge for the next year is to look closely at the way we do business as

a Chapter. As Secretary-Treasurer Joan Baker pointed out at the business luncheon, being the Society's biggest chapter has its advantages and disadvantages. We make a lot of money – but we also spend a lot to do the things we want to do. Great workshops, lots of scholarships, a great executive Secretary, and the Society's only Legislative Liaison, to  
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name a few. But as Joan pointed out, the past couple years have seen us in the red ink part of the ledger. The Oregon Chapter AFS Executive Committee (ExCom) will begin analyzing our fiscal situation in more detail at the Spring Retreat.

Lowering costs to stay within our budget is the obvious answer, but how exactly do we accomplish that? Keeping spending down sounds good, but does that mean higher fees for conferences and workshops? Fewer scholarships? Proceedings, which would cost more? For the last few years we felt that subsidizing attendance by lowering costs (i.e. less profit) helped those who need professional information to attend, yet it puts us in a precarious position financially.

We're not in deep trouble by any means, but the Oregon Chapter ExCom will be taking action to assure fiscal solvency in the future. Being the biggest and the best AFS chapter in the country is an enviable distinction, but we want to be able to continue that effort in the future.

If you have any ideas for the fiscal future of the Chapter, let's hear them! Send your thoughts and your checks (just kidding) to any ExCom member (contact information on back page). We'll keep you posted on the balance sheet as the year progresses.

Submitted by Tony Faast, President

## **WE REALLY DO READ THOSE EVALUATIONS!**

Gretchen Oosterhout, Vice Prez, compiled the evaluations and comments received at the 2002 Annual Meeting. To see the summary, visit the Oregon Chapter Web Page:

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Be sure to tell the national office that you want to be an Oregon Chapter Member.  
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## Oregon Chapter's 38th Annual Meeting Recap

### "OREGON CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING... SUCCESS IN SUNRIVER"

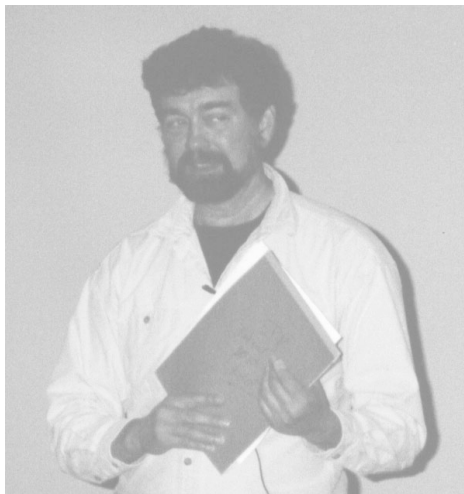
The 38<sup>th</sup> Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting, held February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> at Sunriver Resort, drew nearly 500 attendees. Meeting attendees liked the sunny days for walking among meeting sites, although those staying for weekend skiing lamented the lack of snow. The meeting theme was "Learning From Our Successes and Mistakes: Producing Results that Matter".

The meeting was preceded by two 1-day workshops about communication.

**Martha Brookes** shared some of her wealth of knowledge about writing scientific documents, and **Norm Hesseldahl** organized a range of speakers to share information about successful public communication. These workshops focused on new skills and insights into the "other" activities in which a professional biologist is expected to participate. Attendees were from government, private consulting, and academia. For some, it was new knowledge and for others, important reminders of what we have learned and forgotten.

The meeting kicked off with an exciting plenary session. **Bill Dietrich**, writer and journalist from Anacortes Washington, spoke about learning from our experiences on the Columbia River. He challenged biologists, and society as a whole, to identify a clear vision of what we wish to achieve and to produce a realistic plan to get there. We need to demonstrate success to the average citizen so society will back scientifically based efforts toward restoration.

**Larry Stevens**, from Flagstaff, Arizona, followed with a slide show and discussion of the difficulties and successes faced in adaptively managing the Colorado River. Larry is the Science Advisor for the Grand Canyon Wild-lands Council.



**Dave Bella (upper photo)**, Oregon State University engineering professor emeritus, talked about the difficulties in taking the pieces of the puzzle that we each study and putting them together into a meaningful whole. He identified that our future lies with enlisting younger generations in recovery and with forming new partnerships, such as with organized religion.

**Bob Lackey**, Chapter member and researcher with the Environmental Protection Agency, talked about realistically considering options available for salmon recovery. He pointed out that society's priorities can be fickle, and current willingness to restore wild salmonids may not last. With increasing human populations, fisheries scientists need to be careful not to present an overly optimistic outlook for our chances of success at recovering native fish populations.

Long-time Chapter member **Jim Martin** concluded the plenary session with an inspiring talk about the six primary mentors in his career. He spoke of their problem-solving ability, their positive work ethic, and their leadership skills. Many of the six are old friends, co-workers and Chapter members. Jim's mentors include: Fred Everest, Jim Lichatowich, Jack Donaldson, Harry Wagner, Carl Schreck and Gov. John Kitzhaber. He reminded us how important it is for each of us to pass on skills and opportunities to those who follow.

By all reports, the Student-Mentor social was the most successful ever, although we have no confirmed reports of new jobs. We filled up the poster session with 28 posters, and for the first year had to turn some posters away. **Troy Baker**, filling in for Tim Whitesel, coordinated the poster session and student paper/poster judging. The poster session was



*Mary Buckman, President-Elect and Meeting Chair, takes a break from organizing and enjoys the banquet with Mario Solazzi, Session Convener.*

well attended, with conference attendees talking with the poster authors and enjoying snacks and beer supplied by Cascade Lakes Brewery.

This year's annual meeting had 12 technical sessions. The conveners did an excellent job of bringing together diverse and timely information about important topics. A couple of sessions dealt with hot topics in the newspaper headlines and in the courts: use of hatchery fish in salmonid recovery and water management in the Klamath Basin. Habitat use, quality, and evaluation in coastal streams, in urban settings, and in floodplains were the subjects of several sessions.

Other topics included juvenile salmonid migration, the use and misuse of fishery models to synthesize information, and difficulties in defining recovery goals for a species. A session on using expert panels to aid decision makers was cut short because the Oregon Legislature was in special session and the invited legislators, Kelley Wirth and Bob Jensen, were unable to attend.

Contributed papers addressed many topics, including lamprey studies, new research on fish diseases, and a variety of habitat and passage concerns. The quality of the presentations was very high, with only occasional struggles with electronic projection equipment. Student volunteers in the sessions each did a great job helping with the equipment.

**President Tony Faast** presided over the business meeting and thanked sponsors, contributors, and volunteers. **Monica Hiner**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Division and member of the Humboldt Chapter, reported on recent activities in the AFS Western Division. The Division's annual meeting is April 27 to May 1, 2002 in Spokane, Washington.

**Ryan Bellmore**, student representative of the newly formed Oregon Student Subunit, reported on recent activities. A major goal of the subunit is to provide students with field experience.

Field trips include a weekend study of bull trout populations and a 10-day trip over spring break to the southwestern U.S., including Grand Canyon and Zion.

**Joan Baker**, Secretary-Treasurer, reviewed the financial status. It is estimated the Chapter had an overall net loss of \$10,000 in 2001 and \$8,700 in



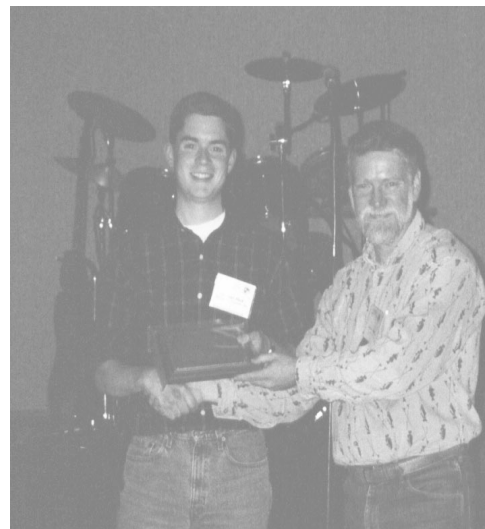
*Oregon State graduate student, Marlene Bellman, accepts her scholarship award from Tony Faast,*

2000. Recognizing that such losses are not sustainable over the long term, ExCom developed a balanced budget for fiscal year 2002 and is reviewing long-term funding priorities.

Tony Faast presented the Past President's award to **Denny Lassuy**. Under Denny's guidance, the Chapter received the National AFS Chapter of the Year award for 2001 and formed a student subunit. Denny introduced the 2002 scholarship winners: **Lewis Barnett**, Oregon State University, for the undergraduate scholarship and **Marlene Bellman**, Oregon State University, for the Master's degree scholarship.

**Best student presenters at the 2001 annual meeting** were recognized: **Henry LaVigne**, Oregon State University, won the best student paper award; **Ryan French, Jason Demarest, Meagan Hatfield, and Seth Naman**, Oregon State University, won the best student poster award.

**Chuck Huntington**, External Director, reviewed activities of the external committees. Rather than meet at the annual meeting, committee chairs are developing contact networks of people interested in particular topics. The Education and Outreach Committee (Henry Booke, Chair) is working on a Chapter brochure. The Legislative Committee (Laura Tesler, Chair) is reviewing the Chapter's approach to more effectively interact with the Oregon Legislature. The Aquatic Habitat Committee (Tom Mendenhall, Chair) will be working with the Natural Production Committee on ocean reserves. The Natural Production Committee (Steve Boe and Steve Jacobs, Co-Chairs) is reviewing ODFW's native fish policy. The Fish Culture Committee (Doug Olson, Chair) is reviewing ODFW's hatchery management policy.



*Denny Lassuy, Past-President, presents OSU Student Michael Heck, with an Award of Merit at the 2002 Oregon AFS Annual Meeting in Sunriver.*

Ballots were counted and the new officers for the 2002-03 Executive Committee were announced: Dave Ward, President-Elect; Gretchen Oosterhout, Vice President; Janet Stone, External Director; Steve Smith, Internal Director; and Karen Martin, Secretary-Treasurer. Tony Faast will succeed Denny Lassuy as Past President, and Mary Buckman will succeed Tony Faast as President. Their terms will begin 1 September 2002 (See article page 7).



*Not only was Bianca Streif presented with an Award of Merit, but she also volunteered*

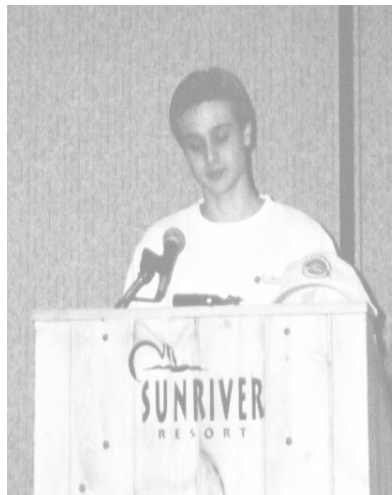
At the banquet on Thursday evening, the Chapter presented several **Awards of Merit** (See article page 9). **Chris Allen, Auction and Raffle Chair**, did an outstanding job collecting a wide range of art, outdoor trips, and other items for the raffle and auction. We had **Wayne and Patty Bowers** back to expertly handle the proceedings of the raffle and auction, along with numerous ticket sellers and runners. Raffle ticket sales were brisk, and bidding was hot and heavy on some choice oral and silent auction items. The



*Wayne Bowers returned to the arena as the official Annual Meeting Auctioneer.*

final tally of the proceeds from the raffle and auction, as well as from the entire annual meeting will be presented at the upcoming ExCom retreat in April. After dinner, attendees were treated to the music of "Countrified", playing country and rock music for listening and dancing enjoyment.

*Submitted by Mary Buckman, Program Chair and President-Elect*



*Ryan Bellmore, Oregon Chapter Student Liason, gave an update on the activities of the 2002 Fisheries & Wildlife Club.*

## **BEST OF THE BEST- AWARDS ABOUND!**

The 2002 annual meeting was the venue for presenting awards to several deserving individuals. We congratulate them and acknowledge their achievements!

### **2002 OREGON CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** *(both from Oregon State University)*

**Marlene Bellman, MS**  
**Lewis Barnett, BS**

### **2002 PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD** **Denny Lassuy**

### **2002 AWARD OF MERIT** **Dan Shively, USDA Forest Service**

### **2002 AWARD OF MERIT** **Bianca Streif,** **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

### **2002 AWARD OF MERIT** **Kokanee Karnival** **Youth Education Program**

### **2002 AWARD OF MERIT** **Michael Heck, Dept Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University**

### **2002 AWARD OF MERIT** **Ken Delano, Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District**

### **2002 AWARD OF MERIT** **Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District**

### **2002 FISHERY WORKER OF THE YEAR** **Not Awarded**

### **2002 BROKEN OAR AWARD** **Not Awarded**

### **2001 BEST STUDENT PAPER** **Henry R. La Vigne** **Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University**

### **BEST STUDENT POSTER 2001** **Ryan French, Jason Demarest, Meagan Hatfield, and Seth Naman,** **Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University**

## STUDENTS GIVE 2002 ANNUAL MEETING HIGH MARKS

### Annual Meeting a Positive Experience

I'd like to share the following information and observations regarding undergraduate student participation in the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Sunriver.

- Twenty one undergraduates from OSU attended the meeting for one credit of "internship", FW 410. Other undergraduates attended "on their own" without getting university credit.
- Nine of the students are currently members of AFS.
- Six indicated they will join AFS in the next year or two.
- As usual, the students were unanimously positive about the overall experience, giving the meeting an 8+ on a 1-10 scale.
- The "Match-the-Hatch" Student-Mentor Social had better reviews than last year, though the "marine-oriented" students were disappointed in the low numbers of marine fisheries professionals. Some students appreciated the frankness of those conversations, even when the news about permanent jobs was "pretty bleak". Others were very encouraged by job prospects and many felt that more time (more than one hour) was needed to adequately meet all the mentors who were there.

Some student comments (after reading these glowing verses, I couldn't figure out how they rated the meeting only an 8!!):

"It enriched my professional development"

"I was excited to hurry up and finish school so I could begin my career"

"The friendly atmosphere was also important for me. I definitely will be going next year."

"Everyone in our department should have to go to an AFS or TWS annual meeting once before they graduate."

"Overall I would describe the entire AFS conference as inspiring." This from a student (sophomore) who also said, "I had no idea this organization existed."

"I must note that Jim Martin's plenary session talk ... really moved me..."

"Overall, I am glad that I went to AFS and will probably go next year (if I can afford it). The possible opportunities are too great not to attend."

"I've learned from this experience that you have to do your best on every job ... showing that you have the skills to become a professional."

Congratulations to the Oregon Chapter on another fine meeting and thank you for the traditional warm welcome of students.

*Submitted by Doug Markle, Professor Department Fish and Wildlife, OSU*

### New and Improved

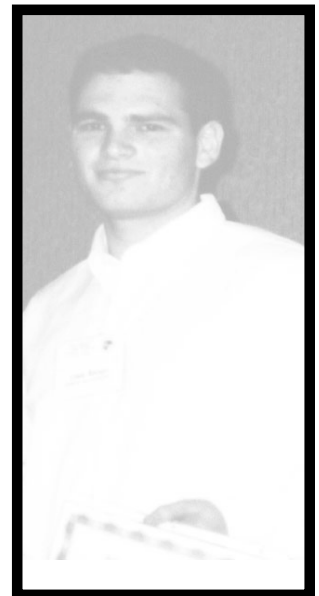
#### "Match-the-Hatch"

This year's Student-Mentor Social, "Match-the-Hatch" was a large improvement from last year; in part because of the suggestions from students, and also because of the large turnout of eager mentors willing to share their knowledge with the up-and-coming generation. Students and mentors alike benefited from the experience. So thank you to all of the mentors who were willing to donate some of their time and also to the Oregon Student Subunit for their suggestions and to everyone else who helped to make this year's Student-Mentor Social a success.

*Submitted by Ryan Bellmore, Oregon Student Chapter Representative*



*Seth Naman (Left) and Ryan French, received Best Poster Award for 2001.*



*Lewis Barnett, OSU, received the 2002 undergraduate scholarship.*

## WELCOME EXCOM 2002-2003!

A big **thank you** to everyone who voted this year at the annual meeting, as we have a fine slate of new officers elected! The biggest **thanks** should go to the new officers who volunteered to run. It's a big job with no pay, but the benefits are really rewarding. To be a part of the fine leadership tradition that has prevailed in the Oregon Chapter over the years is a real privilege! Their terms start on September 1, 2002, but the transition from old officers to new officers will start with the ExCom retreat in April.

**President Mary Buckman** moves into her second year of the three-year presidential cycle. After an intense year of planning and hosting the annual meeting, she is looking forward to a relatively quiet year as President. Mary is a biometrician with the Natural Production Program, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Mary has served the Oregon Chapter in many capacities including Secretary-Treasurer and Web page editor. 541-757-4263 x229; mary.buckman@orst.edu

**President-Elect Dave Ward** hails from the ODFW, where he is employed as the program leader for Columbia River Investigations, which is part of the ODFW's Interjurisdictional Fisheries Management Program. Dave brings with him an abundance of experience, from the Columbia River hydropower system to habitat in small urban streams. (503) 657-2000 x402; david.l.ward@state.or.us

**Past-President, Tony Faast**, is with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Portland, where he works as a Staff Biologist for the Division of Federal Aid in the Pacific Region. He also worked for 20 years with ODFW in many capacities including the ODFW's first public involvement coordinator. He will be contacting you in the near future as he works on rounding-up candidates for the 2003 elections! 503-231-6233; Tony\_Faast@r1.fws.gov

**Vice President-Elect Gretchen Oosterhaut** loved being Vice President so much she decided to sign up for another term! Gretchen has been an independent consultant since 1991, and has provided risk assessment and decision analysis support to multi-agency, tribal, utility, and environmental groups. She has worked on a variety of salmon and watershed issues. 541-826-9100; gretchen@decisionmatrix.net

**External Director-Elect Jen Stone** is a fishery biologist with the USFWS. She works on the Habitat and Natural Production Team, which focuses on population assessment and habitat use for lamprey, chum salmon, and native trout species. She joins us from Maine, and even though she has brook trout in her past, we can forgive her because of the enthusiasm she brings to the Chapter. (360) 696-7605; jen\_stone@fws.gov

**Internal Director Stephen Smith** has decided to give the Chapter another return engagement. Steve recently retired from the Federal government (NMFS, BPA, and USFWS) and is continuing his career in private consulting. Steve served the Chapter for a number of years in a variety of positions, including President, and the Chapter will continue to benefit from his "institutional knowledge". 503-263-1253; huntersmith@canby.com

**Secretary-Treasurer-Elect Karen Martin** recently retired from the Eugene district Bureau of Land Management and is continuing working in the field of fisheries biology by serving as a consultant. Karen has also served in other positions in the Chapter in the past and has accrued some valuable experience in dealing with Chapter business. (541) 607-6717; riverchild1@msn.com

There you have it, some old and some new, and they are here to work for you! Thanks again to all of the candidates for running and deciding to make the commitment to continue the tradition of being the finest Chapter of AFS!

*Submitted by Laura Tesler, Legislative Committee Chair*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES RECHARGED!

Sign-ups for the email lists maintained by each of the Chapter's five external committees went well prior to and during the annual meeting at Sunriver, although the volume of bounce-backs received following email queries sent to Department of the Interior employees was pretty overwhelming. During the next few months and year our committee chairs will be sending occasional emails to those who signed up. The emails will provide people opportunities to get involved in ongoing projects or to help initiate new ones. If you have not signed up for electronic updates on committee activities and are interested in doing so, or if you signed up and haven't been contacted, please contact the chair of the committee in which you are interested.

### Natural Production Committee

The Natural Production Committee's review of ODFW's draft Native Fish Conservation Policy has been put on hold while a public involvement process is under development by the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission. The new process should be in place sometime in April. The committee also has a work group that has begun looking into the issue of marine reserves off the Oregon Coast. Chapter members who are interested but not already participating on one of these two projects should contact **Steve Jacobs at (541) 757-4263, jacobss@fsl.orst.edu**; or **Steve Boe at (541) 962-3043; sboe@eou.edu** (for information on the review of ODFW's draft policy) or **Chuck Huntington at (503)-266-8724; cwbio@canby.com** (for details on the marine reserves working group).

### Education and Outreach Committee

The E&O committee is currently updating the Chapter brochure. Individuals interested in contributing to this or other E&O projects should contact **Henry Booke at (541)-745-9091; hnbooke@juno.com**.

### Fish Culture Committee

The Fish Culture Committee's review of the draft Hatchery Management Policy prepared by ODFW has been put on hold for the same reason as the review of the Native Fish Conservation Policy (see above). Chapter members who have not already contributed to this review but who are interested in doing so should contact **Doug Olson. Contact Doug at (360) 696-7605; doug\_olson@r1.fws.gov**.

### Legislative Committee

During the next few months the Legislative Committee will be working with ExCom to identify ways in which we can be more effective at providing information to policy-makers. Chapter members interested but not already on the committee's contact list can reach **Laura Tesler, committee chair, at (503)-986-4768; ltesler@oda.state.or.us**.

### Aquatic Habitat Committee

Tom Mendenhall, the new chair of the Aquatic Habitat Committee, has been making contact with those who signed up at the annual meeting as being interested in working on the committee this year. Chapter members who feel they have specific habitat or watershed-related issues that the committee should address, or who would like to add their name to the committee roster, should contact **Tom Mendenhall at (541) 464-3266; Tom\_Mendenhall@or.blm.gov**.

*Submitted by Chuck Huntington,  
External Director*

## WELCOME NEW AQUATIC HABITAT CHAIR

The Oregon Chapter welcomes our new Aquatic Habitat Chair, Tom Mendenhall. He is stepping in for Dick Ford, who has been Chair of this committee since 1999.

Tom Mendenhall has been land management agency fish biologist since 1984 primarily with the Forest Service. He started his professional career with the Pacific Northwest region in Corvallis which gave him a strong understanding of the needs of PNW salmonids. He later 'branched' out to the management side of the Forest Service working for the Nez Perce Forest, the Tongass Forest, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest, and the Malheur Forest. He recently decided to make the switch from the FS to the BLM and accepted his present position as the district fish biologist with the Roseburg BLM District.  
**Contact Tom at: 541-464-3266; tom\_mendenhall@or.blm.gov**

## FASTEST OF THE FAST - 2002 5K SPAWNING RUN WINNERS

Women - Anne Pressentin (24:54)  
Men - Doug Young (24:54)

Master Women - Jeanie Martin (34:44)  
Master Men - Bob Lackey (24:01)



## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to the effort of a group of dedicated nominators, the Awards Committee had the largest group of nominations it has had to consider in the past five years. The Nominees were outstanding, and nominations were very well-written, well-documented and clearly addressed the awards criteria. Producing nominations of this caliber takes considerable effort. Thank you nominators! Special thanks to **Denny Lassuy** who volunteered to present the awards in my unexpected absence at the meeting.

It was particularly satisfying for me to have seen a large number of nominations for those outside of the core group of fisheries professionals whom we honored. The quality and quantity of the nominations this year provided a broad, diverse set of nominees. I wish to thank the Awards Committee for their efforts. Decisions as to the fate of some nominations were particularly difficult, given the high quality of the nominees. Heartfelt congratulations are in order to all of the award recipients!

### Award Of Merit

Five individuals and groups received awards of merit this year.

**Michael Heck**, Department Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University (OSU), was recognized for his leadership and sustained effort in formation of the Student Subunit of Oregon AFS at OSU. Somehow, within the busy life of a college student, he rallied a dedicated and disciplined core of students, led the drafting (and single-handedly wrote and re-drafted and re-drafted!) a large part of the bylaws, secured a slate of excellent candidates, and petitioned AFS for the subunit formation. Without his effort, the subunit would literally not exist today.

**Bianca Strief**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was recognized for her efforts in orchestrating the Oregon AFS Watershed workshops, from committee chairs to the take-home materials. She contacted and committed each of the 26 speakers to the program, solicited from them the materials necessary for the notebook, and took the lead in editing and assembling notebook materials, and kept the workshops lively and on-course.

**Dan Shively**, USDA Forest Service, was also recognized for his efforts in organizing the Oregon AFS Watershed workshops, from budgeting to soliciting refreshment donations. He drafted the proposal and budget, and led planning committees. He independently exercised innovation and creativity and sweated the details. His innovation and creativity were instrumental in lowering the registration fee so that more folks could attend. Both Dan and Bianca volunteered tirelessly, tracking speakers during the workshop; MC-ing and making sure that both workshops were a success and generated income for the Oregon Chapter. Many who attended felt it was the best-run workshop they'd attended in years.

**Ken Delano**, Grant County SWCD, was recognized for his innovations and accomplishments in habitat enhancement. He designed "lay-flat-stanchion" dams that replaced many obstructive gravel push-up dams in the John Day River basin, and more efficient irrigation systems to reduce landowner needs for water diversion. His partnerships with landowners, agencies, and tribes have resulted in many projects that have reduced erosion, stabilized river banks and protected and enhanced vital habitat.

**Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program** was recognized for its innovative approach to bringing natural resource education to Central Oregon Schools. The program is supported by a unique self-supporting partnership of local conservation organizations, Central Oregon schools, natural re-

source agencies, and volunteers. It uses a hands-on approach, including field trips to watch salmon spawn, classroom salmon-egg incubation projects, angling opportunities, and community work projects to foster an understanding of ecological interaction and stewardship. Cooperators were Central Oregon Flyfishers, Sunriver Anglers, Central Oregon Llama Association, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Forest Service.

**Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District** was recognized for its multi-agency program of watershed conservation, fish and wildlife enhancement, and environmental education. The district has been very successful in implementing large-scale riparian buffer protection projects, adoption of no-till/direct seeding to reduce erosion, a shift from hard structures to natural techniques to reduce bank erosion and sedimentation, control of devastating feral pigs populations and a very active environmental education program working with landowners and the community.

For the first time in many years, no one received the Broken Oar Award! Fishery Worker of the Year and Bill Wingfield Memorial Fish Culture Award were also not awarded this year. The best must be yet to come in 2003!

**So...sharpen up your pencils for next year.** I know there are many deserving folks out there who are unsung heroes. We'd like to hear about their accomplishments. If you have someone in mind, visit the Oregon AFS website for Award Criteria and guidelines to assist you in writing a stellar nomination, and then contact me at (503) 230-4193; [ptlofy@bpa.gov](mailto:ptlofy@bpa.gov). It's not too soon to start jotting down ideas now. Take a moment now to make short list of people who are outstanding in their field and put a nomination on your "to do" list. We'd like to honor these folks next year.

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"Turning the Tide: Forging Partnerships to  
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