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Contact the national office or the Oregon Chapter for an application

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PARTING WORDS

As I write my last President's corner I want to welcome the 2000-2001 Executive Committee. I appreciate their willingness to step forward to help the Chapter out. Their term officially begins September 1, 2000 and runs to September 1, 2001. While the majority of the work each year focuses on the annual meeting in February, there is a multitude of other tasks that confront the Executive Committee. Suffice it to say that they will have their hands full most of the year and probably won't look back on the time as slow. Hopefully they will look back on the time as productive and rewarding. I have been a part of Executive Committee for four years now and have thoroughly enjoyed it. The people are some of the best I have ever met, the issues are relevant and timely, and the challenges are intense. I don't enjoy the conflicts that come along with some of the challenges but I am hopeful that they help bring the fish issues closer to resolution. The summer issue of the newsletter also brings with it the call for nominees for officers. If you know of someone you think would be interested, or if you have an inclination yourself, in serving as one capacity as one of Oregon Chapter's officers, please contact me for more information on the nomination process at David.Hohler@orst.edu, or 541-750-7018.

The Oregon Chapter had a very productive year including the 2000 annual meeting that nearly equaled the attendance record set in 1999, a teachers workshop that included grants to help the teachers get monitoring programs established, a voice in aquatic resource education in the Pacific Northwest, and publishing scientific information. The Chapter's activities address the national AFS plan, emphasizing the use of sound science as a guide to public decisions on resource issues, and the importance of education and outreach. The annual meeting was highlighted by unanimous passage of a resolution on Snake River salmon restoration and a great Match the Hatch social with students, and culminated with a historic speech by Governor John Kitzhaber calling for the breaching of the lower four dams on the Snake River.

The Chapter has been active in providing scientific input and technical review on resource issues in the region. We were especially active after the passage of the resolution on the Snake River, getting it out to news media and other organizations including AFS chapters. This included a recognition of our role as scientists to participate in open and honest discussion and the role of decision makers to use the best information to decide what was best for the region. We also pledged that the Chapter would continue to provide good science for decision makers and the public. The other issue that the Chapter worked especially hard on over the last year was the role of hatchery fish in the recovery of salmon and steelhead populations. The Excom supported a decision by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to eliminate a hatchery stock in Fall Creek and let the wild fish spawn in the river. This issue is especially difficult because we are working hard to bring both sides of the discussion together within the Chapter and don't want to alienate anyone. To the end of open and honest discussion, we have started informal discussions with Dr. Jim Lannan on the disagreement over the impact of hatchery fish on coastal coho stocks and hope to agree on a forum to help educate the public on what we agree on as well as where we disagree. (see Oregon Chapter's website for more information osu.orst.edu/groups/orafs)

The Chapter was recognized again as the Outstanding Chapter of the Year 2000 by the Western Division. This is a reflection of the thousands of hours of volunteer effort by chapter members in all of our activities. Certainly you don't do what you do for the award but it is nice to get some recognition for your accomplishments. On behalf of the Excom—Thank you for all of your work!

Important resource issues continue to come up at a very fast pace, with short timelines for response. For this reason, the Chapter continues to develop a series of "white papers" dealing with aquatic issues from a broader scientific perspective. For example, a paper on the use of artificially propagated fishes is in preparation. This paper will reference the scientific literature, and help decision makers sort out the benefits and risks of hatchery fish in specific instances. Other white papers will address introduced fish/exotic species, passive versus active habitat restoration, and the history and causes of fishery collapse. It is our intention that these and other white papers will serve as references that decision makers can use to determine whether a proposed action is consistent with basic ecological principles. You can help us develop or review and improve these documents. I want to thank everyone who helped me in my terms as President-elect and President. I enjoyed working with each of you. I look forward to being Past President and the opportunity to work on the Nutrient Conference scheduled for Eugene in April of 2001. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out in that endeavor.

Again, Welcome to the new Executive Committee. I hope they get your support and assistance as they put together a great shared meeting with the Wildlife Society or work on any issue that you are interested in. As Tim Hardin said last year at this time—"Pick your issue. We need *your* help and participation."

Submitted by Dave Hohler, President

ANNUAL MEETING 2001 AFS & TWS JOIN FORCES IN PORTLAND!

Planning for the 2001 annual meeting is already well underway and it promises to be an exciting event. As you know, we are joining forces with the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society for a joint meeting located on the Columbia River at the Janzten Beach DoubleTree Hotel in Portland. Though not one of our typical conference locations, the Janzten Beach site offers us the space and flexibility to hold a meeting of this size. We will have the room for two simultaneous business lunches, five concurrent sessions, joint poster sessions and banquets, plus enough rooms to house everyone under one roof. Their audio-visual equipment and services have a high quality reputation, so we can expect the best and most professional audio-visual setups. It is certainly shaping up to be a great meeting; we look forward to seeing you all there.

I would also like to announce two new enthusiastic folks joining the arrangements committee this year. **Sue Knapp (541-567-5318, knappsm@OregonVOS.net)** is taking over the reins as the new internal director. She is in charge of the detailed meeting planning. Please contact her if

you would like to help with local arrangements, especially if you live in Portland. Also **Chris Allen (503-231-6179, chris_allen@fws.gov)** has taken the helm as the new raffle/auction chair. He would very much appreciate your help with soliciting donations. If you have ideas about the meeting or donations then please contact **Sue or Chris** at the numbers or emails listed above. Both Sue and Chris are excited and enthusiastic and will do a fantastic job! *Submitted by Stephanie Gunckel, Internal Director*

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS OREGON CHAPTERS OF AFS & TWS HOST JOINT 2001 MEETING

Our last successful Annual Meeting is only a few months behind us, and a few hardy souls have already begun work on next year's event. The biggest change for the 2001 meeting will be cohosting by Oregon Chapters of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society. Join us at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree in Portland on February 14-16, 2001. A pre-meeting workshop is planned for February 13-14, 2000. This will be the 37th annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society, and over 700 professional biologists are expected to attend!

The theme of the 2001 meeting is: "Fish and Wildlife...the Next Generation"

One of the many challenges common to both fisheries and wildlife biologists is how to grapple with rapid population and economic growth in Oregon. As watershed councils and other locally based restoration groups seek to restore watersheds, the success of habitat and species recovery will depend on continued habitat protection in the face of increasing growth. Are we prepared to manage growth in a manner that also allows for healthy and sustainable fish and wildlife and their habitats? The consideration of the 'next generation' applies not only to the general human populous, land users and managers, but also to the future of the landscape, and fish and wildlife. What kind of future are our decisions creating for the next generation? How will our next generation affect the next generations of fish and wildlife?

A conference planning committee consisting of members from both societies has identified five general categories that will help focus pertinent discussions under the 'next generation' theme:

Education/Communication
Social Issues
Habitat
Species
Ecosystems

A few tentative examples for sessions under these categories include:

- **Social Issues:** The science of politics ... The politics of science
- Education: Communicating through the media / watershed education
- Species: Searun Cutthroat / Endangered Species / Invasives / Marine Mammals
- Habitat: Big Wood: Aquatic and Terrestrial / Water Quality / Fire Ecology
- Ecosystems: Climate change / Ocean / Agriculture ... effects on fish and wildlife

We are also considering other session topics that range from Endangered Species to Disturbance Ecology ...Dam Breaching to Neotropical birds. In addition to the traditional plenary session, poster sessions and chapter socials, the meeting will be organized into three blocks of five concurrent sessions each. During each block there will be sessions pertinent to both fish and wildlife biologists and others focusing strictly on fish or wildlife. There will also be one contributed paper session on fish related topics, and one for wildlife topics. Recognizing that many folks will have difficulty choosing between talks, everyone is assured of finding topics and issues interesting to them. See the guidelines for submitting abstracts and the abstract submission form on the next page.

Also don't miss the pre-meeting workshop: *Fish and Wildlife in the Urban Environment*, to be held February 13-14, 2001, prior to the annual meeting. Cheryl Friesen of TWS, 541-822-3381 or cfriesen@fs.fed.us, is workshop coordinator.

In addition to the presentations and workshop, planning is underway for the plenary session; chapter social and poster session; best student paper and poster competition; banquet, raffle and auction; and the post-banquet dance and much more.

The 2001 meeting is shaping up, but we need your help to make it work! Volunteers are needed to chair technical sessions and to help with Program and Arrangements committees.

If you have an idea or would like to volunteer, please contact us ASAP, we want to include you! Contact either of the Program Committee co-chairs Tony Faast (AFS), 503-231-6128; Tony_Faast@fws.gov; or Denise Pengeroth (TWS), 503-668-1606, dpengero@fs.fed.us; Don't forget to submit your paper and poster abstracts by November 15, 2000 for the 2001 AFS / TWS Annual meeting!

Specific information about the joint annual meeting, workshop, and meeting registration will be finalized and published in the Fall issue of the *Piscatorial Press*, and posted on the Oregon Chapter website (osu.orst.edu/groups/orafs).

Oregon AFS / TWS Annual Meeting - Feb 14-16, 2001 GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

The deadline is November 15, 2000 for submitting abstracts for the paper and poster sessions for the 2001 ORAFS/TWS combined annual meetings. Plan for a 15 minute talk with 5 minutes for questions. Abstracts should be 250 words or less and include following information when submitting your abstract:

PRESENTER INFORMATION

- ♦ Indicate if presenter is:
- AFS or TWS member
- Oregon or other chapter member (indicate what chapter you're a member of)
- Student Member
- **Best student paper/poster:** If you are a student, please indicate if you want to be included in the best paper/poster judging. Work on which presentation is based needs to have been done while a student—not as compensated-for work in the capacity of an employed professional who is currently enrolled as a student. Student winners receive AFS membership or renewal, a nifty plaque, and tons of recognition!

ABSTRACT

- Indicate if the abstract is for an oral or poster presentation
- ♦ TITLE (ALL CAPS)
- ◆ Principal and presenting authors (use an * to indicate the presenting author) include their agencies, mailing addresses, phone and fax numbers and email addresses.
- ♦ Co-authors include: name, agency, city, state
- ♦ Abstract (upper and lower case; 250 words or less) the body of the abstract should start 2 spaces below the heading.

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SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS:

Submit abstracts on a disk in MS Word or WordPerfect, or send vie email embedded in the email message, or an attached file in Word or WordPerfect/Windows 95. To guarantee receipt of your email, please phone Committee Chair and indicate you've emailed your abstract.

Submit session/paper abstracts to:

Denise Pengeroth, Mt Hood NF 16400 Champion Way Sandy, OR 97055 503-668-1606

Email paper abstracts:

dpengeroth@fs.fed.us

*Submit poster abstracts to:

Tim Whitesel, ODFW PO Box 59 Portland, OR 97207

503-872-5252 x5594

Email poster abstracts:

timothy.a.whitesel@state.or.us

^{*}Please note the **guidelines for poster presentations**, and contact Tim Whitesel directly if you have additional questions about display boards and/or the size of your poster. Some

modifications to the existing poster boards have been discussed, and any important information will be passed along to poster presenters.

Please note that authors of contributed papers or posters are asked to register for the meeting at either the full or one-day annual meeting option. Please contact the Oregon Chapter AFS office (541-753-0442; or brennerL@peak.org) if you have additional questions.

SEEKING OFFICERS FOR EXCOM 2001!

You, too, can be part of the ORAFS Executive Committee! All members are eligible. It is non-stop action and entertainment, all salary and benefits are nontaxable, and the benefits can't be beat!

We seek candidates for the offices of:
President-elect (3-year term)
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer
Internal Director
External Director

Elections will be held at the annual meeting in February, 2001 and the one-year term begins September 1, 2001. Deadline for nominations is November 15, 2000, and we ask that candidates prepare a statement for the winter newsletter describing themselves and their interest in the position. If you are interested, or if you know of another qualified candidate who might need just a little nudge, please contact:

Dave Hohler, President (soon-to-be Past-president): 541-750-7018; Dave.Hohler@orst.edu.
You'll be glad you did!

Your Chance to Speak Out! CALL FOR CHAPTER RESOLUTIONS

Is there a resource issue that needs addressing? Do you need to voice your concerns? The Chapter wants to hear from you! The Oregon Chapter wants to be responsive to the needs of its members, and this is one way we can accomplish this goal. If you wish to bring an issue to the membership, please submit your resolutions to the Resolutions and Bylaws Committee by **November 15, 2000**. Your resolutions will be reviewed by the Committee and published in the Winter 2001 issue of the *Piscatorial Press* and submitted to the Chapter membership at the Annual Business Meeting. Join in the democratic process and be heard!

For More Information on Submitting Resolutions Contact: Amy Stuart, In-coming Vice President and Resolutions Chair,

Oregon Chapter AFS Resolutions and Bylaws Committee, ODFW 541-447-5111 Ext 27

FAX: 541-447-8065

EMAIL: prihydro@transport.com

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CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS— 15 MINUTES OF FAME AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

The dust has settled from our last Annual Meeting, but it's not too early to start thinking about recognition for your hard-working peers. *NOW* is the time to start drafting a nomination letter for an award for the 2001 annual meeting. The Oregon Chapter recognizes excellence in four categories:

Fisheries Worker of the Year

Nominees **must be AFS members** in good standing who are responsible for single or sustained accomplishments. Nominations should indicate how the nominee's efforts are above and beyond their regular job and how they are related to the goals of guiding or influencing sound resource practices. Here is your chance to reward individuals who have been innovative and creative.

Award of Merit

This award recognizes individuals or organizations that have contributed to fisheries, similar to the Fisheries Worker of the Year award, but recipients can be either AFS members or non-members.

Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture

Nominees should be individuals or groups that have contributed significantly to advancing fish culture in Oregon.

Broken Oar Award

Everyone's favorite, the Broken Oar Award, is presented for "outstanding display of field technique and coordination." No doubt you already have some nominees in mind from this year's field season!

Deadline for nominations is December 1, 2000.

To submit nominations or request more detailed nomination criteria, contact:

Peter T. Lofy, AFS Awards Committee Chair 211 Inlow Hall, EOU 1410 'L'Ave La Grande OR 97850

Phone: 541-962-3777 Fax: 541-962-3849 Email: lofyp@eou.edu

CHAPTER NEWS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RETREAT REPORT

The Executive Committee held its annual retreat April 20-21 at McMenamin's Edgefield Resort in Troutdale,OR. The retreat provided a great opportunity for orientation of incoming officers to their duties, as well as the chance to be briefed on all the current issues being address by Excom. Stephen Kafoury updated us on some pertinent issues in Salem, particularly regarding hatcheries and the Fall Creek salmon clubbing issue. Stephen, Dave Hohler, and Jim Hall met with Rep. Betsy Close. Close has been critical of ODFW and their policy of eliminating certain hatchery runs, but Stephen reported the meeting was positive. Two committee chairs attended the retreat. **Henry Booke of Education and Outreach** briefed Excom on his desire to emphasize the "Education" aspect if his committee and his interest developing workshops to educate the public on the consequences of salmonid hatcheries. **If you would like to be a part of the Education and Outreach Committee contact Henry Booke at 541-745-9091 or hnbooke@juno.com.** (Editor's Note: Henry Booke suffered a heart attack this past June but his recovery has been nothing short of amazing, and we are all happy he's on the mend! Hang in there Henry!)

Doug Olson of Fish Culture updated Excom on the progress of the hatchery white paper under development. Doug will publish his paper in *Fisheries*, then allow Excom to refine it as a white paper. In other news, Steve Boe was announced as the eastside co-chair of the Natural Production committee, and Jim Hall will succeed Chris Zimmerman as newsletter editor. Other major topics discussed were the 2001 joint annual meeting with The Wildlife Society, the 2001 Marine Nutrients Conference in Eugene, the possibility of taking the Snake River resolution national, planning for Fish Fest 2001, and potential activities for external committees in 2000-2001.

Submitted by Dave Simon, Secretary-Treas

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE ORAFS TEACHER WORKSHOP TRADITION CONTINUES

The Oregon Chapter AFS 2000 Teacher Workshop took place at Peavy Lodge, Corvallis, on April 15, 2000. (Tax Day and the Bill Nye the Science Guy day, too!) Twenty teachers and watershed educators from around the state participated in the workshop that focused on increasing the effectiveness of school monitoring programs for students and local communities. Kathy Staley and Judy Li from the OSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and Kelly Moore from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife served as instructors and facilitators. Jeff Mitchell from Philomath High School and Steve Pennington of the Coquille Watershed Association shared their experiences implementing different approaches to aquatic and watershed monitoring in their respective communities. Workshop participants developed monitoring plans for their

classes, or refined existing programs based on the feedback and new information they learned from instructors and fellow participants. Oregon teachers attending the workshop were also eligible to apply for \$500 program development grants from the Chapter to help implement aquatic monitoring in their schools. Four schools received grants for the 2000-2001 school year:

- Thurston High School, Springfield, Stuart Perlmeter, "Monitoring Bacteria Levels on South Cedar Creek", specrlmet@sps.lane.edu
- Judson Middle School, Salem, Lydia Gutierrez, "Judson Water-Watch Project", gutierrez_lydia@salkeiz.k12.or.us
- Reynolds Natural Resources Academy, Troutdale, Larry Callister, "Beaver Creek Thermal Profile: Phase II", Larry_V_Callister@reynolds.k12.or.us
- Astoria High School, Astoria, Lee Cain, "Mill Creek Watershed Assessment", lcain@astoria.k12.or.us

Submitted by Kathy Staley, Education and Outreach Committee, Outgoing Chair

WHITE PAPER ON WILD AND HATCHERY FISH NEARING COMPLETION

The Oregon Chapter's ExCom is responding to the ongoing controversy over wild and hatchery fish in Oregon. Based on a draft White Paper by Doug Olson, OR AFS testimony to the Oregon Legislature by Jim Hall, a presentation to the media by Denny Lassuy, and the active brain of Stephen Kafoury, the ExCom has completed a series of Position Statement drafts on the differences between wild and hatchery fish in Oregon. The Position Statement should be useful in keeping OR AFS ExCom and membership "on subject" during future discussions of this controversial subject. Thanks to all reviewers and authors, especially Doug Young, Kirk Shroeder, Doug Olson, Stephen Kafoury, Kathryn Kostow, Rich Grost, and Jeff Dose. The latest draft is available for membership review and comment on the OR AFS web page (osu.orst.edu/groups/orafs).

Submitted by Doug Young, Vice President

STUDENT AFFAIRS

WE WANT TO SHOW YOU THE MONEY!!! STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

If you are a student, odds are you need more money! Here is an opportunity to win a competition (for your resume), to clarify your thinking on career direction (for your future), and to win a cool grand (to help with bills and student life)!

Applications are due December 1st, 2000, so get it done now before classes and finals take up all your time! The scholarships are awarded annually, for undergraduate and graduate students. Completing the application is easy, and can be a good start for other grant applications in the future. Guidelines are posted on the Chapter's web page, osu.orst.edu/groups/orafs, and also listed below.

For more information contact:

Steve Parker: email: steve.parker@hmsc.orst.edu or phone: 541-867-4741.

Don't let this one pass you by!

OREGON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT 2001 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is proud to announce a competition for one graduate and one undergraduate student scholarship. Scholarships will be formally awarded at the 2001 Oregon Chapter annual meeting. The goal of these scholarships is to further the objectives of AFS by rewarding and promoting the education and development of future fisheries professionals. The award will consist of a check for \$1000, one year of student membership in AFS (may be a renewal), a certificate, and free registration and group lodging at the year 2001 annual joint Oregon Chapter AFS / TWS meeting in February.!

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Applicant must be enrolled in or have been accepted for admission into a degree program within the state of Oregon.
- 2. Applicant's major field of study must be directly relevant to fisheries science.
- 3. Applicant must be an AFS member, but may become a member at the time of scholarship application.
- 4. Applicants *must not* have been previously awarded the Oregon Chapter AFS scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each applicant must submit the following:

1. A short essay [3 pages (maximum 1,400 words) single spaced] describing how your professional development has and/or will contribute to the AFS objectives of:

Advancing the conservation, development, and wise use of fisheries resources; Promoting the development and advancement of all branches of fisheries science;

Gathering and disseminating scientific and technical information about fisheries;

Encouraging the teaching of fisheries science and practice in colleges and universities.

You are encouraged to include undergraduate and graduate research, along with volunteer and work experience to demonstrate the relevance of your professional development to the objectives of AFS. Essays may also describe any grants, honors, or awards you have earned, the influence of a class project or how you think your future contributions to fisheries science issues will promote the objectives of AFS. Essays will be judged based on the ability to communicate your ideas in writing, and how well your goals further the objectives of AFS. Include your name, address, and phone number, email address, college of enrollment, major, year in college, and anticipated graduation date.

- 2. A *copy* of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended to date.
- 3. Two letters of recommendation from mentors, or other professionals, *one of which must be an AFS member*. The letters should address the potential of the applicant to be a productive member of AFS and to contribute to fisheries science.

Application materials must be postmarked by <u>December 1, 2000</u> Submit to:

Scholarship Committee

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society

PO Box 722 Corvallis, OR 97339

For More Information Contact: Steve Parker, email: steve.parker@hmsc.orst.edu or phone: 541-867-4741 or

Loretta Brenner, email: brennerL@peak.org; phone: 541-753-0442 or Oregon Chapter Web Page: osu.orst.edu/groups/orafs

BEST STUDENT PAPER & POSTER

Congratulations are in order to the winners of the 2000 Best Student Paper and Best Student Poster Competition. Winners receive a membership or renewal in AFS, a plaque, and recognition at the 2001 Annual Meeting in Portland.

Best Student Paper:

Kristopher Wright, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis (541-737-1968; wrightk@ucs.orst.edu): "Describing the community structure of stream macroinvertebrates: consequences of using data reduction techniques." Kristopher also won best paper in 1998.

Best Student Poster:

Michelle L. LaRue, Ohio Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit & Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis (541-737-4531 or laruem@ucs.orst.edu): "Seasonal patterns in Ohio stream fish assemblages."

Call for papers & posters INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESTORING NUTRIENTS TO SALMONID ECOSYSTEMS APRIL 24-26, 2001; EUGENE, OREGON, USA

The International Conference on Restoring Nutrients to Salmonid Ecosystems will be hosted by the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and sponsored by other regional AFS chapters and agencies. Its purpose is to capture and showcase the latest information on one of the most pressing issues affecting the recovery of Pacific salmon and their ecosystems. A plenary session will include invited presentations by key researchers in the field of nutrient dynamics and management in lakes and streams from throughout the North Pacific ecoregion. In addition, contributed papers and posters that describe case histories, hypotheses, or research related to the North Pacific Rim and the following topics are welcome:

- description and management of historical and current nutrient regimes
- ecological linkages between salmon and productivity of freshwater ecosystems
- ecological impacts of a diminished salmon nutrient shadow
- nutrient dispersal mechanisms
- effects of hatcheries, harvest, and other resource management on nutrients and their dispersal
- incorporating nutrient management into ecosystem restoration
- re-assessing salmon escapement for restoring ecosystem productivity goals

Abstract Submissions

Proposals for contributed papers (oral presentations, 25 minutes) and posters must be received by December 1, 2000. Proposals should be prepared in 10-pt Times New Roman font, left-justified, without special formatting, and submitted as a digital file (MS Word or "RTF") on a 3.5-inch disk or via email (if email, attach the file and also embed the text within the email message). You must include:

- ✓ a brief, descriptive title
- ✓ a list of all authors, their addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and email addresses (clearly identify the presenter with an "*")
- ✓ an abstract, including brief methods and results, not exceeding 300 words
- ✓ indication of preference for oral or poster presentation
- ✓ type of projection equipment needed (slide, overhead, or computer [bring your own])

Submit all proposals to: Richard Grost, PO Box 128, Idleyld Park, OR 97447; 541-496-4580; rgrost@compuserve.com

Proposals will be screened for pertinence to the topics and technical merit. Proposers will be notified by January 15, 2001 as to the disposition of their proposal. Accepted abstracts will be compiled in a booklet for conference registrants. *Please note that authors of contributed papers or posters are required to register for the conference.*

Registration

Registration fees to be determined at a later date. Registration forms will be available in October 2000. Conference lodging, at special rates, can be arranged at the Eugene Hilton, 800-937-6660. For more information, call Richard Grost at 541-496-4580, rgrost@compuserve.com.

Background for Conference

"...salmon are among the oldest natives of the Pacific Northwest, and over millions of years they learned to inhabit and use nearly all the region's freshwater, estuarine, and marine habitats. ...From a mountaintop where an eagle carries a salmon carcass to feed its young, out to the distant oceanic waters of the California Current and the Alaska Gyre, the salmon have penetrated the Northwest to an extent unmatched by any other animal. They are like silver threads woven deep into the fabric of the Northwest Ecosystem. The decline of salmon to the brink of extinction is a clear sign of serious problems. The beautiful ecological tapestry that Northwesterners call home is unraveling; its silver threads are frayed and broken."

From: Salmon Without Rivers: a history of the Pacific salmon crisis, By Jim Lichatowich, 1999. Island Press.

Submitted by Rich Grost

Become a mentor or sponsor today! WESTERN DIVISION INITIATIVES

The Western Division of AFS is proposing two new initiatives for consideration by local chapters: mentorship and sponsorship programs.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Western Division AFS Mentorship Program is to promote professionalism in students and entry-level biologists and technicians by providing an unbiased mentor to:

- Help develop professionalism in the newcomer
- Discuss and guide career options
- Be available to discuss fisheries science
- Encourage membership and activity in AFS.

The guidance provided here is meant to be implemented at the Chapter level. These suggestions are intended to provide a framework—there are numerous ways in which individual Chapters can customize a mentorship program:

Create a Chapter Mentorship Network: Since mentorship will be most effective at a local level, it is probably best implemented at the Chapter level. Your Chapter can facilitate mentorship by:

- Educating members about the concept
- Promoting the Chapter's mentorship program at universities and agencies
- Establishing a clearinghouse for interested mentors and proteges
- Starting a promotional campaign or challenge for Mentors

NEW MEMBER SPONSORHIP PROGRAM

How about sponsoring an individual's first year of AFS membership by paying their dues? Many young technicians, students and interns are unaware of AFS or are on a shoestring budget and consider annual dues prohibitive. You or your organization can help by paying their dues to help them get started in AFS. Once they see the benefits of AFS membership, they are likely to continue on their own.

Who can be a sponsor?

Any individual or organization can support this program by paying the first year dues. Possible sponsors include:

- An individual AFS member
- An AFS chapter or Division
- An organization or business
- A friend or family member

AFS Chapters or Divisions can stimulate sponsorship by including this program in their activities. Simply fill out a membership form with the individual's name and address and send it in with payment for their annual dues.

These two programs are patterned after those initiated in 1999 by the Alaska Chapter. Further information on both is available at the Western Division website: www.fisheries.org/wd/committee/membership/mentor.htm and /membership/sponsor.htm

OREGON CHAPTER EARNS OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD (AGAIN!)

The Oregon Chapter of AFS received the Outstanding Chapter award at the Western Division meetings in Telluride, Colorado, July 16-20. This marks the sixth year (out of seven) that the Oregon Chapter has received this recognition. This award is a direct reflection of the time, commitment, and activism of not only the Executive Committee officers and committee chairs, but also the level of interest and participation of our overall membership. We thank everyone of you who contributed to the accomplishments of our Chapter over the past year. Check out our website for a look at our "Outstanding Chapter Application", for an overview of what we accomplished in 1999-2000.

The Oregon Chapter continues to be a leader, or at the least involved, in several aspects of fisheries science and conservation, while maintaining a high degree of professionalism and integrity. Your help is crucial to the Oregon Chapter maintaining it's role as a leader in fisheries science and conservation. Will you step forward to serve on one of our many committees or run for a position on the Executive Committee? Please consider nominating yourself or another worthy individual for our upcoming 2001 elections. Current officers are happy to fill you in on the details of the various positions, and provide background. We can be a stronger Chapter with continued involvement from individuals like you! See page 5 for officer nomination information, and the back page for names and contacts of Excom and committee members. THANKS!

AND NOW FOR SOME NEWS FROM OUR NEW RAFFLE AND AUCTION CHAIR

Chris Allen, from the Portland USFWS office, has stepped in to fill the mighty big shoes of outgoing Raffle and Auction Chair, Steve Wille. Steve is helping Chris transition into his new position, and Steve has also agreed to provide on-site assistance at next year's annual meeting. Chris has already started to get some raffle items together, so think about what you'd like to donate. Items large and small, hand-crafted or purchased, are all welcomed! Chris was kind enough to fill us in on his background...he's originally from southwestern Oregon, has a BS in Fisheries from Oregon State University and has worked with The Nature Conservancy for three years prior to coming to the Oregon State Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Spring of 1999. He's currently working on an array of issues under various ESA programs from conservation agreements and section 7 consultation to ESA listing and recovery implementation. Though he's been a member of AFS for the better part of the last decade, this is his first time serving on an executive committee. **Get in touch with Chris Allen at:**

503-231-6179, or chris allen@fws.gov

WATERSHED FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU VOLUNTEER FOR SALMON!!!

Bill Wall, Restoration and Education Coordinator for Tsalila, "A Watershed Experience", in Reedsport, has come to the Chapter with a request for assistance in planning and implementation of a Salmon Forum that will coincide with the Tsalila Umpqua River Festival on September 9, 2000. Goals of the Forum include:

- 1) improve communication and dialog between the local community and government entities,
- 2) provide a base of understanding of what will actually occur and what is expected of society in the process of recovery of coho salmon, and
- 3) provide an overview of issues from agencies concerned with the recovery process. A panel discussion, question and answer session, and small group discussions are planned.

Oregon Chapter members with an interest in participating, identifying panel participants, or in helping to implement the Forum are invited to contact Bill Wall at 541-271-6042 or email at wwall@fs.fed.us

AND THANKS, THANKS, AND MORE THANKS!

We would like to share two letters have crossed the Oregon Chapter desk with words of thanks for donations made

Russian scientists respond...

Dear colleagues:

The Khabarovsk Division of the Pacific Fisheries Research Institute (Khabarovsk Division of the Pacific Fisheries Research Institute (Kho TINRO) would like to thank you for your initiative in perpetuating the links between Russian and US colleagues in salmonid studies. We believe that this positive beginning will broaden the perspectives of salmon experts on both sides of the Pacific Ocean, and help us to avoid management errors by learning from each other's experience.

We greatly appreciate your choice of books; they are now in our Institute library where all can refer to them. Your selections reflect the lively discussions which occur at salmon conferences on both sides of the Pacific. We hope that the American Fisheries Society's gift will serve to provide an American perspective on our scientific and management debates in the Russian Far East.

Dr. Vladimir Belyaev KhoTINRO Khabarovsk, Russia May, 2000

...MORE THANKS CONTINUED

And from Maryland...

Thank you for sending the wonderful "Stream Continuum" posters. We use these as part of our county wide stream education program called, "Stream Striders." we also gave one [poster] as a thank you gift to [Dr. Bernard Sweeny], Director of the Stroud Water Research Center. Dr. Sweeny is the author of the Stream Continuum Concept – and was the one to coin the phrase and put it out there...in the 70's and 80's. We all wish to have an East coast version [of the poster] some day!

Claudia Donegan

Maryland National Capital Park and National Capital Park & Planning Commission May 9, 2000

Co-chairs of festival have stepped forward FISH FEST 2001 – A FISH ODYSSEY!

Planning for the next Fish Fest is underway with two new co-chairs, **MaryLou Keefe and Linda Prendergast**. The Oregon Chapter appreciates the willingness of these two members to take on the task of coordinating the 2001 Fish Festival. They are currently working on the overall goals and preliminary program for the festival to be held in the summer of 2001. Some volunteers from Fish Fest 1999 are willing to donate their time and talents again, but many more volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping out with festival planning, children's activities, onsite volunteering, art & vendor sales, or wherever help is needed, please contact Loretta Brenner, OR AFS Administrative Assistant, 541-753-0442; brennerL@peak.org. **Linda Prendergast can be contacted at: Linda.Prendergast@Pacificorp.com; MaryLou Keefe can be contacted at: mkeefe@harza.com**

AWARD-WINNING CHAPTER MEMBERS!

Congratulations are the order of the day for some outstanding Oregon Chapter members. Please forward other names to the newsletter editor so we may recognize the excellent efforts of all our members.

USFS SERVICE 2000 RISE TO THE FUTURE AWARDS:

- Randy Frick for Professional Excellence
- Dan Shively for Monitoring

AFS WESTERN DIVISION AWARD OF MERIT – JULY, 2000:

- •Carl Burger
- •Jim Lichatowich

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2000

TSALILA FESTIVAL: "A WATERSHED EXPERIENCE", REEDSPORT, OR

FMI: Contact Bill Wall at 541-271-6042, wwall@fs.fed.us

AUGUST 20-24, 2000 130TH AFS NATIONAL MEETING ADAM'S MARK HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO

"Reflections" FMI:www.fisheries.org/annual2000/ Registration: Betsy Fritz, 301-897-8616 Ext 212; bfritz@fisheries.org

AUGUST 27-31, 2000

AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RIPARIAN ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT IN MULTI-LAND USE WATERSHEDS, PORTLAND, OR

Further information at www.awra.org/meetings/Portland/Portland.html

SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2000

NINTH ANNUAL FISH SCREENING AND PASSAGE WORKSHOP, YAKIMA WA

Contact Tom Leonard Or Connie Morgan, Screens@Pn.Usbr.Gov

OCTOBER 1-4, 2000 WILD TROUT VII, OLD FAITHFUL INN, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

For More Information: www.montana.com/wildtrout

OCTOBER 23-27, 2000

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOOD IN WORLD RIVERS CORVALLIS, OREGON

"Ecology and Management of Wood in World Rivers: Creating a Framework for Transferring Information Across Geographic Regions"

Plenary session presentations will cover four basic themes: Primary Research, Policy Synthesis, Applied Research, and Conservation Perspectives. Registration deadline is September 1. Further information, including a registration form, is available from the website: http://riverwood.orst.edu or from the Conference Organizer, Stan Gregory (stanley.gregory@orst.edu)

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