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Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"FROM THE PRESENT TO THE PAST"

Is it time for my final *President's Corner* already? It seems like such a short while ago that I was minding my own business, blissfully unaware that I would soon be intimately involved with the operations of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Since those slightly more peaceful times, I have spent a year as President-Elect (mostly organizing the annual meeting program), almost a year as President (trying to look and sound presidential while overseeing the operations of the Chapter), and will soon move on to that most cherished position of Past President (which, it turns out, is not limited to resting on ones laurels).

A few things in particular will occupy my time as Past President and hopefully beyond. Most immediately, as Past President, I will chair our Nominating Committee, which, as I wrote in the previous *President's Corner*, is charged with seeking out new officer and committee chair candidates. My hope is that re-energizing the Nominating Committee will result in finding enthusiastic folks willing to spend time improving an already great Chapter.

Next on my list is the AFS certification process. Jen Stone, our External Director, has written an article for this issue extolling the virtues of becoming certified by AFS (page 12). I have agreed to lead by example on this front by attempting to become certified. I will report on my progress in future issues of the *Piscatorial Press*. I

promise to be honest in detailing the joys and frustrations of the certification process.

My third major task over the next year or so will be to lead the charge in preparing a bid for the Oregon Chapter to host the 2009 Parent Society meeting. The Chapter needs to work on this over the next year because the bid must be presented at the 2005 meeting in Anchorage.

I'll wrap up this final column with saying once again how great it has been to work with the dedicated folks on the Oregon Chapter Executive Committee, as well as with others involved with committees and the annual meeting. I think the plans I have summarized above indicate that I have not yet had my fill of being involved with the Chapter, and that I will be looking for any way I can to stay involved in the future.

I welcome any comments or questions you may have concerning becoming more involved with the Chapter, hosting the National AFS meeting, or on any other topic: **503-657-2000 Ext. 402; David.L.Ward@state.or.us**. It has been my honor to serve as President of the Oregon Chapter AFS.

Submitted by Dave Ward, President



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OREGON AFS ANNUAL MEETING IN CORVALLIS!

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2005

The 41st Annual Meeting of Oregon AFS will be in Corvallis! The 2005 Oregon Chapter AFS annual meeting will be held February 16-18, at CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Corvallis, Oregon, on the Oregon State University campus. We have rented the entire CH2M Hill Alumni Center and two large auditoriums in the adjoining LaSells Stewart Center. The meeting will offer an excellent array of technical sessions, posters, and contributed papers. Pre-meeting workshops will be held February 15 and 16, 2005. Other meeting highlights include:

- Student-Mentor Social on Wednesday night
- Poster Session & Social on Wednesday night
- Spawning Run on Thursday morning
- Combined Oregon AFS Business Meeting, Elections, and Lunch on Thursday
- Banquet, Awards, and Raffle and Auction Thursday night

Check the Oregon Chapter web site for annual meeting updates (www.orafs.org). For meeting information or to volunteer, contact Molly Webb, Internal Director: Molly.Webb@oregonstate.edu; 541-737-2463. We need a Raffle and Auction chair or co-chairs; contact Molly if you are interested!

Registration details will be available in September, 2004. For registration questions, contact Loretta Brenner at: 541-753-0442, LKBrenner@comcast.net. See page 3 for "First Call for Papers."

*Submitted by Molly Webb,
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AND

Oregon Chapter AFS
PO Box 722, Corvallis, OR 97339
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

*Contact the national office or the Oregon Chapter, or visit their websites.
Be sure to tell the national office that you want to be an
Oregon Chapter Member.*

Oregon Chapter dues are only \$2 per year!

Oregon Chapter's 41st Annual Meeting to be held at Oregon State University

OREGON AFS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS: "MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO AQUATIC RESOURCE CONSERVATION"

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Oregon Chapter AFS will be held February 16-18, 2005 in Corvallis. With the annual meeting being held on the Oregon State University campus, it's a good time to look at the multitude of tools and approaches available to fishery biologists, get our creative juices going and be innovative. The theme of the 2005 meeting is: "*Multidisciplinary and Innovative Approaches to Aquatic Resource Conservation*".

Our first plenary session speaker for the meeting will be former Oregon **Governor John Kitzhaber**, a creative thinker dedicated to restoring and conserving watershed health. He is pushing for innovative approaches to resource management in various forums around the Northwest. We're even starting the meeting one-half hour earlier to jump-start the excitement. We're looking at some different schedules for the plenary speakers and may start each of the three days with a reknowned speaker who fits the meeting's theme, rather than have them all speak on the afternoon of the first day as we have done for many years. We have speakers in mind, but are still open to suggestions. See "Abstract Guidelines" on pages 4-6 for everything you need to know about submitting your paper and poster presentation abstracts.

Part of Governor Kitzhaber's legacy is the innovative Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, which fostered multidisciplinary management and monitoring efforts, and the benefits of those efforts for coastal coho salmon are being "audited" this year. So be looking for sessions on what's being learned through the audit, with Bruce MacIntosh of ODFW being a session convener. Then you can anticipate long-range thinking in a session about the "Salmon 2100 Project: What Will It Take to Restore NW Salmon?" Bob Lackey of EPA and Denise Lach of OSU will be co-conveners for this session about a project involving 30 Pacific Northwest scientists who will be writing chapters for a book to be published by the American Fisheries Society (see page 13).

With OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center just over the coast range from Corvallis, housing multiple state and federal agencies, be looking for some strong sessions on marine and estuarine issues. There are multidisciplinary and innovative things happening in the marine area that the inland biologists don't always hear about.

We want to provide good forums for colleagues on the dry side of the state, and we'll plan some sessions that fit the theme of the meeting. This will let them "strut their stuff" and generate some good exchanges of ideas and discovery taking place all the way to the Snake River. We hope to have some sessions, papers, and posters with professionals from

other fields to help us integrate fishery issues with forestry, agriculture, water, urban, climate and other issues. If you are interested in convening a session or speaking, or just have a topic to propose, **please contact Barry McPherson, Program Chair, at 541-574-6111 or bdmcperson@coho.net.**

We expect a lot of participation from college students from OSU and other colleges around the state. There will be ample opportunities for students to present papers, display posters, compete for awards, learn from all the sessions, meet with mentors, be reimbursed for registration and lodging if they volunteer to help put on the meeting, and just network with students and professionals in their fields of interest.

Yes, there will be some workshops and we're open to ideas and willing organizers. To help managers, monitors, and researchers plan their sampling efforts in ways that best ensure usable, analyzable data down the road, a workshop is being planned that will likely start at 1 p.m. the day before the Annual Meeting. Mary Buckman of ODFW is taking the lead in organizing this workshop with the preliminary title of "Designing Your Project with Statistical Analysis in Mind."

A second workshop—a free one—is being planned to help interested members become certified professionals under the Parent Society's AFS Professional Certification Program. Jen Stone of USFWS has the lead in organizing this workshop and she reminds us that "many of us are certifiable, but unfortunately, most of us are not certified." The Oregon Chapter ExCom will be offering reimbursement scholarships to three members who successfully obtain their AFS certification (look for forthcoming details in the *Piscatorial Press* and on the web at www.orafs.org, by Spring 2005).

An idea being considered is a workshop **after** the Annual Meeting that may give some interested folks a reason and an opportunity to visit the coast. This would be a Friday afternoon or Friday afternoon/Saturday morning affair at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, an hour from Corvallis. This might involve getting your hands or feet a little wet—and salty. One idea is to have a workshop on determining age and growth on a variety of freshwater and marine species of fish and shellfish. We're interested in what the membership thinks about this idea. **Please contact Barry McPherson, the Annual Meeting Program Chair, at 541-574-6111 or bdmcperson@coho.net** with your thoughts on this and other workshop ideas. Let him know if you want to organize or help conduct a workshop.

Submitted by Barry McPherson, Annual Meeting Program Chair, current Vice President, and in-coming President-Elect

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS
OREGON CHAPTER AFS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING
GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PAPER & POSTER ABSTRACTS

(Required reading for anyone submitting an abstract)

*“Multidisciplinary and Innovative Approaches
to Aquatic Resource Conservation”*

Oregon Chapter AFS 41st Annual Meeting

February 16-18, 2005

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

Abstract Submission Deadline: November 29, 2004, (5:00 P.M.)

Deadline is Monday, November 29, 2004, 5:00 p.m. for submitting abstracts for the paper and poster sessions for the 2005 AFS annual meeting at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. **Abstracts must be submitted via email as an attached Word or WordPerfect file.**

We ask that both paper and poster presenters register for either the full or one-day annual meeting option. Registration information will be available in the fall newsletter and on the Oregon Chapter website in September 2004 (www.orafs.org). Please contact the Annual Meeting Program Chair, Barry McPherson: 541-574-6111; bdmcperson@coho.net, if you have special requests regarding registration or questions about paper presentations. Questions about posters? Contact Jen Stone, Poster Session Chair: 360-604-2500; Jen_Stone@r1.fws.gov.

NOTE: For paper presentations, PowerPoint or other computer-compatible presentations are required; please contact the Annual Meeting Program Chair if you want to use slide projectors or other presentation devices. *Paper and poster presentations will be accepted for the Annual Meeting at the discretion of the Annual Meeting Program and Poster Session Chairs, and as space allows, so please submit your abstract as early as possible. If accepted, note that the abstract you submit will be the final used in the printed Annual Meeting Program (corrections and revisions accepted until the November 29, 2004 deadline for abstracts).*

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts for Paper or Poster Presentations

(Instructions also available at www.orafs.org. Example abstracts are included on page 6)

INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT:

PRESENTER INFORMATION (Place at the top of your paper or poster abstract):

Name, employer or affiliation, mailing address, city, state, zip code, phone, and email.

Indicate if paper or poster presenter is:

- an AFS member and indicate your chapter(s) of membership, e.g. Oregon Chapter.
- planning to use presentation device other than a computer projector for paper presentation. *PowerPoint or other computer-compatible presentations are required (with few exceptions); please contact the Annual Meeting Program Chair if you want to use slide projectors or other presentation devices.*
- a student; **if you are a student, please indicate if you want to be included in the best student paper or poster competition;** all students are eligible for these competitions. *Presented work needs to have been done while a student, not as an employed professional who is currently enrolled as a student.* Students who fail to indicate their desire to be included in the best paper or poster judging competition by the abstract deadline (November 29, 2004) will not be considered for judging. Student winners receive an award and acknowledgement at the 2005 Annual Meeting, and recognition in the *Piscatorial Press* and *Fisheries* publications!

Abstract Guidelines Continued from page 4

ABSTRACT - See Sample Abstracts on Page 6

- **LINE 1:** Indicate if the abstract is a **PAPER (oral)** or **POSTER** presentation. Include 1 space between line 1 and 2;
- **LINE 2:** For **PAPER** presentations please indicate which session you are presenting your paper in (if known) or the name of the session convener. (Papers not designated for a session will be included in the contributed paper sessions or fit into other sessions). Include 1 space between line 2 and abstract title;
- **ABSTRACT TITLE:** Use upper and lower case, and in bold. Include 1 space between title and list of authors;
- **LIST OF AUTHORS:** Use upper and lower case; first name or initials followed by last name; author name followed by a superscript number to reference author's contact information (the same number should be applied to each author having the same contact information); each author then separated by a comma;
- **PRESENTING AUTHOR(S):** Use an * to indicate the presenting author(s). No space between authors and contact information.
- **AUTHOR CONTACT INFORMATION:** Use upper and lower case. Using subscript numbers to reference authors, list employer or affiliation, mailing address, city, state, and zip code. Include phone and email only for the presenting author(s). Include 1 space between contact information and the body of abstract.
- **ABSTRACT (250 words or less):** Use sentence case (the combination of upper and lower case used in a typical sentence).
- **ABSTRACT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 29, 2004, 5:00 p.m. (submit as an email attachment, see below for addresses)**

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

Email your abstract as an attached Word or WordPerfect file by Monday, November 29, 2004, 5:00 p.m. to the Annual Meeting Program Chair, Barry McPherson: bdmcpherson@coho.net.

To ensure receipt of your PAPER abstract, you should receive a confirmation from Barry McPherson that your abstract was received. If you do not hear back from **Barry**, **phone him at 541-574-6111 to confirm receipt of your abstract**. The winner(s) of the Best Student Paper award will be acknowledged at the 2005 Annual Meeting banquet on Thursday night, February 17, 2005.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PAPER PRESENTATIONS? Contact Barry McPherson at: 541-574-6111 or bdmcpherson@coho.net.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Email your abstract as an attached Word or WordPerfect file by Monday, November 29, 2005, 5:00 p.m. to the Poster Session Chair, Jen Stone: Jen_Stone@r1.fws.gov.

To ensure receipt of your POSTER abstract, you should receive a confirmation from Jen Stone that your abstract was received. If you do not hear back from **Jen**, **phone her at 360-604-2500 to confirm receipt of your abstract**. Due to space constraints, there **will not** be space to accommodate posters that just "show up" at the meeting.

Approximately 32 poster slots will be available at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Posters need to fit in a 4 ft X 4 ft space and poster display boards will be provided. Means of attachment include Velcro and push-pins (not provided). Contact Jen Stone directly if you have additional questions about the display boards or your poster. The winner(s) of the Best Student Poster award will be acknowledged at the annual meeting banquet Thursday night, February 17, 2005.

QUESTIONS ABOUT POSTER PRESENTATIONS? Contact Jen Stone at: 360-604-2500 or Jen_Stone@r1.fws.gov.

POSTER SESSION AND SOCIAL:

The combined Poster Session and Oregon Chapter Social will be held Wednesday night, February 16, 2005. Posters need to be set up by 6:00 p.m. on the day of the social. Posters may be removed **AFTER** the morning break on Friday, February 18, 2005.

See sample abstracts on next page

SAMPLE ABSTRACTS
OREGON CHAPTER AFS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING
(Please see guidelines on page 4-5)

Paper Presentation Abstract Example:

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Oregon Chapter AFS Member

Paper

Session: "Things Without Backbones," Convener: Jen Stone

Periphyton as a Diagnostic Tool for Salmon Recovery

R. J. Danehy^{1*}, and JA. Rugenski²

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Small streams are an abundant watershed feature that typically do not support fish or support fish at low densities. Yet each small stream contributes to...

Poster Abstract Example:

Presenter Information:

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Oregon Chapter AFS Member
Student; Please include in the student poster competition

Poster

Impacts of the Tapeworm *Schistocephalus solidus* on Fish and Wildlife in Central Oregon

David Banks¹, Jessica Coyle¹, Victoria Cronin², Mark George¹, Randall Linden¹, Justin Miles¹, and Barbara Shields¹

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The tapeworm *Schistocephalus solidus* has become established in the Deschutes Basin as a result of invasion by a non-native fish, the three spine stickleback...

If not you . . . then who?

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2005-2006 OREGON CHAPTER EXCOM!

This is your opportunity to become an officer in one of the biggest and best chapters of the American Fisheries Society! It's a great chance to learn about the other aspects of fishery science, develop management skills, and meet people who might give you jobs that actually pay. Retiring officers are glad to help you learn the ropes, and we have numerous training materials to get you up to speed.

If you've been thinking about getting more involved in AFS, now's the time. Officer positions have different types of time requirements, sometimes lower intensity, but nonstop, and others that are short bursts of intense action. Your approach is up to you, but it is always educational and entertaining. I'll be happy to go over the demands of each position with you if you need more information.

We seek candidates for the following positions:

President	3-year term*
Vice President	1-year term
Secretary-Treasurer	1-year term
Internal Director	1-year term**
External Director	1-year term

***3-year term: 1 year each as president-elect & annual meeting chair, president, past president**

****With the expectation of assisting in the annual meeting facilities pre-planning for the subsequent year (will require volunteer work prior to September 1, 2005)**

Submit nominations by December 3, 2004. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in February 2005, and terms begin September 1, 2005.

Nominating is EASY! If you are interested in running for an office just submit your name (or someone else's) via an email or a phone call! If you know someone you think would be a great officer, but don't feel comfortable asking them, please submit their name to me and I will contact the potential candidate to determine their interest in serving. Candidates will need to prepare a candidate's statement by December 15th for publication in the January 2005 *Piscatorial Press* describing themselves, their background, education, work, interest in the position, and what they would like to contribute to Oregon AFS.

You can find descriptions of officer responsibilities on the Oregon Chapter website: www.orafs.org

**Submit your nominations or questions to:
Dave Ward, President, Oregon Chapter AFS
503-657-2000 EXT 402
David.L.Ward@state.or.us**

Please give some thought to tossing your name in the hat or to recommending other qualified candidates who might need just a little nudge. I'd like to extend a special invitation to those members who have retired—vacationing, golfing, skiing, fishing, and home projects get old. We'd value your experience and expertise back in the AFS fold.

Your Chance to Speak Out! CALL FOR CHAPTER RESOLUTIONS

Is there a resource issue that needs addressing? Do you have concerns to voice? Then the Oregon Chapter wants to hear from you! The 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 Friday, December 3, 2004.** Your resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee, published in the Winter 2004-05 issue of the *Piscatorial Press*, posted to the Chapter website, and submitted to the Chapter membership for a vote at the 2005 Annual Business Meeting in Corvallis. Join in the democratic process and be heard!

Adopted Chapter resolutions can be found on the website at:
www.orafs.org

For More Information on Submitting Resolutions Contact:

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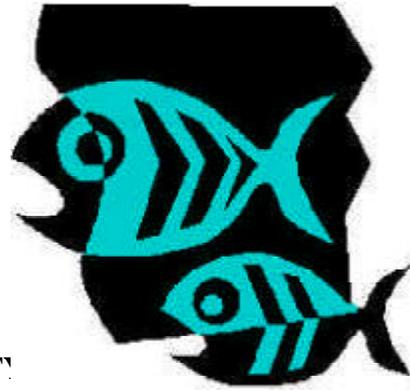
Mark Your Calendar!

**Oregon AFS 2005
Annual Meeting**

**February 16-18
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon**

Meeting and workshop details available in the Fall newsletter and our website:
www.orafs.org

**CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!
APPLY NOW FOR
2005 SCHOLARSHIPS!!!**



**OREGON CHAPTER
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

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**Undergraduate and Graduate Student
2005 Scholarship Application Guidelines**

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is proud to announce a competition for three student scholarships (undergraduate, Master's, and Doctoral student categories). Scholarships will be formally awarded at the 2005 Oregon Chapter annual meeting at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. 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 \$1,500, one year of student membership in AFS (may be a renewal), an award certificate, recognition at the 2005 annual meeting, and in *the Fisheries* journal and the *Piscatorial Press*, and group lodging and refunded registration at the 2005 Oregon Chapter AFS annual meeting February 16-18, 2005, in Corvallis.

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 relevant to fisheries science.
3. Applicant must be a current member of AFS, but may join AFS at the time of scholarship application (see Oregon Chapter website: www.orafs.org).
4. Applicant must not have been previously awarded the Oregon Chapter AFS scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each applicant must submit the following:

1. **A short, 3-page essay (maximum 1,400 words, single spaced) describing how your academic and professional development has and/or will contribute to the AFS objectives of:**
 - advancing the conservation, development, and appropriate use of fisheries resources;
 - promoting the development and advancement of all branches of fisheries science;
 - gathering and disseminating scientific and technical information about fisheries; and
 - encouraging the teaching of fisheries science and practice in colleges and universities.

You are encouraged to include undergraduate and graduate experience or 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; or 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, phone number, email address, school and department of enrollment, major, year in college, degree pursuing, anticipated graduation date, and AFS membership number or proof of membership application.**

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2. **Copies of transcripts** from all colleges or universities attended to date (internet-generated transcripts or photocopies of official transcripts will be accepted). Include all college transcripts.
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 in the future.

Scholarship application materials must be postmarked by January 7, 2005

**Submit to:
2005 Scholarship Committee
Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
PO Box 722
Corvallis, OR 97339**

For More Information Contact:
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Oregon Chapter Web Page: www.orafs.org

Get Involved—Make a Difference

***RAFFLE & AUCTION COMMITTEE CHAIR(S) NEEDED
FOR 2005 ANNUAL MEETING!***

Want to get more involved with AFS but not wanting to take it so seriously? The Oregon Chapter is looking for co-chairs to help organize our annual Raffle and Auction. The work involves sending flyers to existing donors, working the phones, acquiring a few new sponsors, and running the event at the annual meeting. The position offers an opportunity to network to all corners of the Oregon Chapter territory, and makes an important contribution by keeping us running in positive cash flow. At the 2004 meeting, the raffle and auction grossed \$6,800; these funds support Chapter activities and actions, and help keep Oregon AFS the best chapter in the world! **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated, and to those of you who pitched in at the meeting.

Think this might be the position for you? Then please contact one of us:

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Barry McPherson
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Your Giving Helps the Oregon Chapter!

FIRST CALL FOR 2005 RAFFLE & AUCTION DONATIONS

Now is the time to start thinking about donations for the 2005 Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting Raffle and Auction. If you are not in the giving mood but know someone or a company that is—the contact would be much appreciated. Some of the most popular items in years past are fish art, prints, handmade items, guided fishing and raft trips, outdoor gear, books and fine beverages—but we want your NEW ideas for items, too! Contact Loretta if you have items to donate or contacts: LKBrenner@comcast.net; 541-753-0442. Thanks for your help!

WHO WANTS TO BE AN AWARD WINNER? SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR 2005 AWARDS NOW!

It's summer and you are knee-deep in exciting field work. With nothing else to occupy your mind, your thoughts wander to last February's Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting and the people **you wish you had nominated** for an award. So...avoid the rush and start now! You know who these people are...the peer, the mentor, the teacher, the partner from another agency, the private landowner who worked so hard to do that great habitat work...the one who made your whole project come together...or who inspired you to go back to grad school! Now is a great time to start putting your thoughts on paper so you'll have plenty of time to refine your 2005 nomination before the **award nomination deadline of December 20, 2004.**

For all awards except Broken Oar, you should indicate how the nominee's efforts are above and beyond their regular job. No award is required to be given each year. The Chapter may award multiple Awards of Merit each year, so you are encouraged to submit multiple nominations for the Award of Merit for individual or team efforts.

Do you know of a top notch team that is doing (or has done) exemplary work? You may now nominate them for the **Fishery Team of the Year** award! Last year the Oregon Chapter added this award to the traditional award categories in recognition that there are outstanding teams out there that merit acknowledgement for excellent work beyond an Award of Merit. The stringent award criteria are similar to the Fishery Worker of the Year, but for team efforts. This new award recognizes the collaborative efforts to understand and manage fisheries resources, and that these efforts frequently cross geographic, disciplinary and socioeconomic boundaries. Although the Award of Merit has always been open for recognition of team efforts, the Fishery Team of the Year award carries with it similar prestige as the Fishery Worker of the Year. If you have questions about criteria for an award please contact me, and thank you in advance for your nominations!

Fishery Worker of the Year
Nominees **must be AFS members in good standing** who are responsible for substantial single or sustained accomplishments above and beyond their regular job. Nominations should indicate how efforts are related to the goals of guiding influencing sound resource practices.

Fishery Team of the Year—NEW !

At least one nominee of the team must be an **AFS member** in good standing. The team or group must have been responsible for substantial single or sustained accomplishments. Each member of the team nominated must have produced a substantive portion of the work. Nominations should indicate how they are related to the goals of guiding or influencing sound resource practices. To demonstrate equivalent contributions, describe the substantive contributions of each member of the team. Be the first in Oregon Chapter history to have your favorite team receive this prestigious award!

Award of Merit

This award recognizes **individuals, groups, or organizations** that have contributed to fisheries. 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 (including fish health) in Oregon. AFS members or non-members may be nominated.

Broken Oar Award

Everyone's favorite and just for fun, 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! AFS members or non-members may be nominated.

Full descriptions of the awards criteria and suggestions about how to write nominations will be posted on the Chapter

website or can be obtained by contacting the Awards Chair.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS: December 20, 2004

**To request more detailed nomination criteria, contact:
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Oregon AFS Awards Chair
503-230-4193, ptlofy@bpa.gov**

*Submitted by Peter Lofy,
Oregon Chapter AFS Awards Chair*

2004 MUSSEL WORKSHOP A SUCCESS!

Over 100 people attended the Second Annual "Freshwater Mussels of the Pacific Northwest" Symposium held in April 2004, in Vancouver, Washington. With sponsorship from the Oregon Chapter AFS, mussel experts Tom Watters, Art Bogan, Catherine Gatenby, and Karen Mock presented one-hour seminars on topics related to mussel biology, genetics, and propagation. Additional presentations were given by local biologists and students. The organizers of the Symposium thank the Oregon Chapter for their generous support that enabled us to invite the mussel experts. Check out the Pacific Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup's website for more information: <http://columbiariver.fws.gov/musselwg.htm>.

*Submitted by Jen Stone,
External Director*

Editor's Note: Wendy Walsh, a member of the Mussel Workgroup, received an Award of Merit from the Oregon Chapter in 2004.

EXCOM “RETREATS” TO HOOD RIVER

The Executive Committee held its annual retreat on April 6-7, 2004, in Hood River to discuss some of the larger issues, identify priorities for the upcoming year, evaluate the annual meeting, plan future meetings, and provide transition opportunities for new officers. President Dave Ward had a packed agenda that filled the 1½ days of the retreat.

At the 2004 Annual Meeting, we changed our budget and planning year from a September 1 start date to an April 1 start date so first on our agenda was developing the work plan and budget for the upcoming fiscal year. A priority, reflected in the workplan and budget, is increasing education opportunities for K-12 students by organizing a teachers’ workshop at the Oregon Zoo during an in-service day in October 2004, and other activities initiated by the Education and Outreach Committee.

In keeping with the increasing tuition at colleges, we also budgeted to increase our three scholarships to \$1,500 each (previously \$1,250). We also reviewed the Administrative Assistant contract, felt things were going well, and plan to renew the contract at the same cost as the prior budget cycle. Another budget priority, carried over from previous years, is an Oregon Chapter brochure. After careful editing, we are ready to go to print and allocated for printing in the budget.

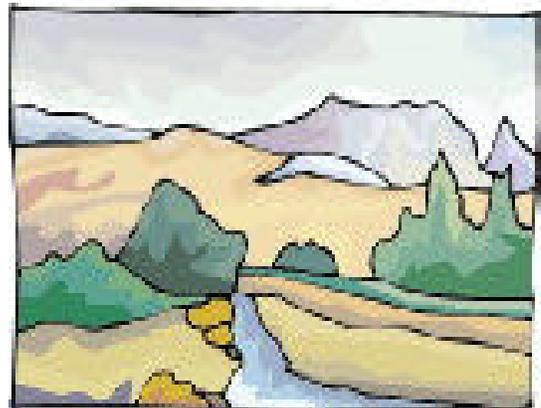
We reviewed our income and expenses from the 2004 meeting, coming out pretty close to the target budget, and began planning for the 2005 meeting. Barry McPherson, Program Chair and in-coming President-elect, proposed a theme along the lines of multidisciplinary and innovative approaches to fishery management, and that idea was supported by all present. We brainstormed possible sessions, conveners, and workshops and all left with assignments to pursue specific aspects of the program. The technical part of our program is well on its way, but we continue to struggle with appropriate post-banquet entertainment. We do not seem to strike the right chord to encourage people to stay, interact, and have a good time. Members with good ideas are encouraged to forward them to Molly Webb, Internal Director: molly.webb@oregonstate.edu; 541-737-2463.

We also decided on Sunriver as our first option for the 2006 meeting and Molly Webb is negotiating that contact. Looking further into the future, we discussed and agreed to pursue hosting the Parent Society Annual Meeting in

2009, the next time the rotation comes to the Western Division. Portland is the only location that could accommodate the typical number of attendees. We tended to the business of updating our bylaws to ensure they are consistent, thorough, legal, and in line with the Parent Society. You may see additional bylaw updates at the next Annual Meeting, but they will probably be mostly of the bookkeeping sort. To implement the bylaws, we also discussed aspects of the Administrative Handbook and Annual Meeting Handbook that need to be rewritten, and are editing those documents through the summer. These are tedious tasks, but careful attention to the details keeps us relatively consistent in our actions, lets folks know their duties, and keeps important activities and duties from falling through the cracks.

We discussed the External Committees and agreed to encourage committees to use the \$1,000 proposed in the budget for face-to-face meetings and committee activities. We hope to get input from the committees on some of the issues we think might be on the forefront in the near future—U.S. vs. Oregon annual agreements, NOAA decisions regarding hatchery fish in ESA listing, the Siletz River HGMP, Columbia River spill issues, a rewrite of the Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion, the Willamette River BiOp on Hydro, and minimum stream flows. We also reminded ourselves that we are coming into a legislative year. We have a very busy future, but our active Oregon Chapter is used to that by now.

*Submitted by Mary Buckman,
Past President*



ARE YOU CERTIFIABLE?

Many of us are certifiable, but unfortunately, most of us are not certified. I am not referring to “insanity,” though that is definitely a possibility for some of us. What I am referring to is the American Fisheries Society (AFS) Professional Certification Program.

Did you know that only 9% of AFS members are certified? I recently queried the Parent Society AFS certification database and discovered a few interesting trends. Unfortunately, the database is not set up to query by chapter, so the following results are based on member’s mailing addresses. Washington State members make up the largest portion of certified members (7.0%), followed closely by California (6.7%), Minnesota (5%), Oregon (5%), and Idaho (3.9%). In general, there are more certified members in the northwest and central states than other regions in the United States. Additionally, about 500 non-AFS members are certified.

Why get certified? Well there are a number of reasons and you can find all the details in: “Benefits of Professional Certification” by Dirk Miller, which can be downloaded from the Parent Society AFS website (www.fisheries.org), or in “The Revised American Fisheries Society Professional Certification Program,” which can be found in *Fisheries* 22(8): 11-15. Summarizing these documents, the two main objectives of certification are to provide a minimum standard of experience and education for fisheries professionals and to recognize fisheries professionals as well-educated, experienced, and acting in the best interest of the public. The benefits of getting certified range from achieving a career goal to receiving a necessary credential. For me, it was a sense of accomplishment, an award for my hard work, and an official recognition of my knowledge and skills.

The process for becoming certified is clearly explained on the Parent Society AFS website, so I won’t go into too much detail. What is important to mention is that there are three tiers of certification available: Fisheries Professional Associate, Fisheries Professional Certified, and Fisheries Professional Emeritus. The difference between the first two is that the Associate-tier requires only that you meet academic (course work) criteria, whereas the Certified tier requires a minimum level of experience and professional development. (So to

the new graduates out there, lack of experience is not an excuse!) The third-tier requires certification for at least 20 years. Additionally, you need not be an AFS member to become certified.

There is no doubt that applying for certification is a time-consuming process. My application took about 6 hours to complete, and I consider myself a relatively organized individual. Truth-be-told, my application was rejected the first time around for incompletely describing my course-work, so it pays to be thorough. Fortunately, the review panel allows applicants to provide further clarification if they are rejected on basis of deficiencies.

Oregon AFS is taking new actions to promote AFS certification. First, we will offer up to three competitive scholarships per year to reimburse successful member’s certification application fee. This scholarship will be developed by Spring 2005. Secondly, we will host a free workshop at the 2005 Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting that will walk you through the application process. Thirdly, we will work hard to offer at least one continuing education course per year. Finally, we will announce all recently certified professionals in the *Piscatorial Press*.

This program will increase its credibility each time another member is certified. I strongly encourage each of you to take the time to consider AFS certification. To kick off this new promotion, your President, Dave Ward, will apply for certification. Tune in later to see if the Parent Society considers Dave a Professional!

*Submitted by Jen Stone,
External Director*



SALMON 2100 PROJECT

Thirty salmon scientists and policy experts have joined forces in an innovative project to identify ways that, if adopted, likely would restore and sustain wild salmon runs in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and southern British Columbia. The Salmon 2100 Project has been organized jointly by Oregon State University's Center for Water and Environmental Sustainability and EPA's research laboratory in Corvallis, Oregon.

The Project will synthesize and apply the best available scientific information to the challenge of protecting and restoring salmon runs in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and southern British Columbia. The Project will identify and describe specific, practical policy options that, if adopted, would successfully sustain wild salmon through this century.

To identify those policy options, the Project has enlisted 30 leading Pacific Northwest scientists and policy experts, each of whom possesses stellar scientific and analytical credentials, a track record for innovative thinking about salmon and ecosystem recovery, and a demonstrated ability to think beyond the status quo. Project participants are writing chapters for a book to be published by the American Fisheries Society.

Restoring wild salmon to the Pacific Northwest is a daunting challenge. Since discovery of gold in California in 1848, salmon runs have dramatically declined across the region due to water pollution; loss of spawning, rearing, and riparian habitat; a history of over-fishing; dam construction and operation; water withdrawal for irrigation and industrial cooling; competition with hatchery-produced salmon; competition with various non-indigenous fish species; predation by marine mammals and birds; and climatic and oceanic shifts.

Many experts conclude that current salmon recovery efforts, as earnest, expensive, and socially disruptive as they currently are, do not appear likely to sustain significant wild salmon runs through 2100. Sustainability remains elusive, and it appears that other recovery strategies must be adopted if wild salmon are to survive in significant numbers through the century.

Key Project results also will be disseminated to policy makers and others through a regional symposium (Corvallis, February 2005) and an international symposium (Anchorage, September 2005).

For more information contact Project Leaders:

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STUDENT SUBUNIT RECAPS A GREAT YEAR!

June marked the end of another event filled year for the Oregon State University (OSU) Student Subunit (a.k.a. "The Fisheries and Wildlife Club"). Some of the activities of the year included a Spring Break trip to Yellowstone National Park, and a three-day trip highlighting issues associated with the Columbia River dams and the Hanford Reach. The Club also did its part to outreach to the community by hosting or assisting several natural resource-based youth education activities throughout the year, including a Saturday Academy class for 8th grade students, Salmon Watch, and Discovery Days.

Overall the Club has hosted 21 events, 15 club meetings (6 with professional speakers), and attained a record Club membership more than 80 members. Through these events, the Fisheries and Wildlife Club has fostered relationships between students, faculty, and resource professionals. Not only did members have fun participating in club events but they also learned something while serving the community and utilizing the resources of the Club. To top off a great year the Club also received a "Club of the Year" award from the College of Agricultural Science!

The newly elected Oregon Chapter Student Representative is Peter Ober, a Junior in Fisheries and Wildlife Science, specializing in Fish Ecology and Habitat Restoration. Peter and the other newly elected officers look forward to continuing the Club's success and participating in Oregon Chapter AFS activities, including the 2005 Annual Meeting at OSU. For more information on the Fisheries and Wildlife Club or next year's leaders, visit: www.oregonstate.edu/groups/fwclub. **To contribute ideas or to volunteer to help lead any Fisheries and Wildlife Club activities please contact Peter Ober at oberptr@yahoo.com.**

*Submitted by Ryan Bellmore,
Past Student Subunit Representative*

Get Your Event on the Calendar!

Submit your conferences, workshops, and other important events to Loretta Brenner: LKBrenner@comcast.net. Please include date, contact person, website, email, etc. Thanks!

Are You a Life Member of AFS?

If you answered "yes," have you paid your annual Oregon Chapter dues? Oregon Chapter dues are only \$2.00 per year, but you must send in your dues annually. Just let the National AFS office know that you are a Life Member paying your Chapter dues. If you don't pay, you're not included in the Oregon Chapter mailing list! Thanks for your help! For more assistance contact: Eva Przygodzki, Membership Assistant, 301- 897-8616, eprzygod@fisheries.org.

Mark Your Calendar!

Oregon AFS 2005 Annual Meeting

**February 16-18
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon**

Meeting and workshop details will be available in the Fall newsletter and our website:
www.orafs.org

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 22-26, 2004

NATIONAL AFS 2004

AFS 134TH ANNUAL MEETING

"The Gathering: Leopold's Legacy for Fisheries"

Monona Terrace Convention Center

Madison, Wisconsin

Website: www.afs2004madison.org/pages/registration.shtml

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SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2004

"Restore America's Estuaries: 2nd National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration"

Seattle, Washington

www.estuaries.org/2ndnationalconference.php

Contact: Nicole Maylett, nmaylett@estuaries.org

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2004

"Watershed Planning: Approaches, Challenges, and Strategies for Success II"

Stevenson, Washington

Contact: 250-729-9623, sff@island.net

DECEMBER 7-9, 2004

NORTHWEST FISH CULTURE CONFERENCE 2004

"New Challenges, New Opportunities"

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

www.nwfcc.confmanager.com

Contact: nwfcc@gofishbc.com

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2005

OREGON CHAPTER AFS 41ST ANNUAL MEETING

"Multidisciplinary And Innovative Approaches To Aquatic Resource Conservation"

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

Abstract deadline: November 29, 2004

Meeting Chair: Barry McPherson

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SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2005

NATIONAL AFS 2005

AFS 135TH ANNUAL MEETING

(Held in conjunction with the 2005 Western Division and Alaska Chapter Annual Meetings)

Anchorage, Alaska

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