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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### IMPENDING SUCCESS!

The Annual Meeting is already promising to live up to its theme of **SUCCESS**.

The draft slate includes a some **164 presentations and 31 posters!** And, registration numbers are exceeding last year. Dr Carl Schreck is planning an enlightening **keynote address** to challenge us in defining, and finding, success in our profession. And, most of the **workshops** will be well-attended, too.

I'm extremely pleased that members value the Annual Meeting so greatly, and recognize how **cost-effective** it is, even when the economy is so challenging. We're working hard to keep registration costs **affordable** by seeking support from sponsorships, vendors, raffle-auction donors, volunteer labor, and other sources. Every bit helps. Please **register** as early as possible.

Demian has done an excellent job planning the Annual Meeting program as you'll see in these pages. There are still opportunities to assist, especially as a **moderator** for one of the open sessions, details inside.

Neil has recruited a solid slate of dedicated and experienced candidates to represent you on the next ExCom. Please read their statements inside and plan to **vote** at the meeting. He is also taking applications for the **trade show**.

Martyne is managing the arrangements for quality facilities and exceptional social and networking events. Scott has received plenty of **scholarship** applications, with winners to be announced at our **business meeting**.

Christy and Kristle are amassing a store of coveted items and services for your **raffle and auction** pleasure.

Shivonne and Brett are making sure **students** have plenty of opportunity to assist and network at the meeting. Despite the economy, many of our traditional **sponsors** are remaining generous in supporting our efforts and mission — thanks!

**Nominations remain open for professional awards** until January 23, details inside and from Mindy.

Immediately after the Annual Meeting is a new opportunity for a **field tour** of the Delta Ponds Habitat Restoration Project hosted by Natural Resource specialists at the City of Eugene.

Aside from the Annual Meeting, the last quarter has also seen action on several other fronts. Jeremiah represented the chapter at a Conservation Leaders meeting. Jason and the E&O Committee are busily ranking the many proposals received for **E&O funding**. Winner(s) will be announced at the business meeting. Also, past winners will be presenting their work within the E&O session.

Confluence Consulting has been retained for a second stint, through April, as our **Legislative Liason** — our eyes and ears in the capital — to help us be more proactive and effective at our mission. Dave will also be assisting with a policy session at the meeting.

In other news, the chapter is striving to keep our positions and resolutions **relevant** to current and future management decisions. To that end, we're participating in a special Western Division committee set up to address emerging documentation and decisions related to the FCRPS AMIP, and update the Snake River Restoration Resolutions of 1999-2000.

Finally, I'd like to introduce and thank my co-editor on this issue, Allison Evans...more inside.

My email, as always, is open to any **suggestions** for improving chapter services or addressing issues relevant to our mission. And to anyone interested in being more active in the chapter — it's a rewarding challenge!

**See you in Eugene!**

*Rich Grost, President*

**Register Now!**

**2010 ORAFS**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 23-26**

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# ORAFS 2010 Annual Meeting

## February 23-26

### Eugene, OR



# SUCCESS

*through Science and Management*

*Raging Red Rainbow – North Umpqua Steelhead*

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Our 2010 Annual Meeting will focus on **success through science and management**. The meeting will include a wide variety of opportunities for sharing technical expertise, ideas, results of cutting edge research, and of course our trademark abundant networking opportunities. It will include an engaging plenary session, keynote address, relevant technical sessions, poster displays, educational workshops, trade show vendors, a student-mentor mixer, and several social events — highlighted further within these pages. We're providing these events and services at the lowest possible cost, to maximize participation despite the economic challenges we're all facing.

#### ***Deadline January 23 for:***

- *Registration discount rates*
- *Professional award nominations*
- *Sponsorships (for logo recognition)*
- *Hilton hotel room discounts: 1-800-937-6660 and specify "American Fisheries Society"*

#### ***Register before January 23!*** ***www.orafs.org***

Early registration fees for AFS members / non-members are \$135 / 185

(\$100 / 125 for retirees).

Registration for students is only \$25.

Banquet meals are priced at \$35, same as last year.

Early registration saves most members \$25-50 in late fees thru 1/23/10

*(let's see a gecko do that!)*

#### ***Student-Mentor Mixer***

Sign up for this interesting event when you register online. We typically get about 100 participants and match up mentors and students in a speed-dating format. Contact Shivonne Nesbit, [shivonne.nesbit@oregonstate.edu](mailto:shivonne.nesbit@oregonstate.edu), 541-805-5320.

## 2010 ORAFS ANNUAL MEETING—CONTINUED

### Technical Sessions and Moderators

- Education: How to get the next generation outside and in the creek (Jeff Yanke; jeff.yanke@state.or.us)
- Emerging Klamath Basin Fisheries Science (Ian Courter; courter@fishsciences.net)
- Environmental Legacies: Understanding the Past – Learning for the Future (Rebecca Miller; rebecca.miller@oregonstate.edu)
- Fish Culture and Health (Ryan Couture; ryan.b.couture@state.or.us)
- Fish Passage and Physical Habitat (Jason Kent; jason.kent@hdrinc.com)
- **Freshwater Fish Ecology (Moderator Needed)**
- **Freshwater Fish Management (Moderator Needed)**
- Freshwater habitat in Oregon: Research, Restoration, and Emerging Issues (Steve Starceвич; steve.starceвич@oregonstate.edu)
- **Habitat and Water Quality (Moderator Needed)**
- Latest Lamprey News (Bianca Streif; Bianca\_streif@fws.gov)
- Limiting Factors - Which Matter Most? (Steve Cramer; Steve@fishsciences.net)
- Marine Fisheries (Scott Heppell; scott.heppell@oregonstate.edu)
- Mitigation/Enhancement Requirements and Solutions at Dams (Matt Bleich; Matthew.Bleich@hdrinc.com)
- Modeling Returns: Where are we straying? (Ray Beamesderfer; beamesderfer@fishsciences.net)
- Oregon's Native Non-Salmonid Fishes (Paul Scheerer; Paul.scheerer@oregonstate.edu)
- Restoring Stream Flows through Innovation (Aaron Maxwell; aaron@deschutesriver.org)
- Salmon in the City (Michael Reed; MichaelR@bes.ci.portland.or.us)
- Policy (David Moskowitz, our Legislative Liason, and Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey; jeremiah@consbio.org)
- Wet-n-Wild in 2010 (Laura Tesler; laura.tesler@state.or.us)

To volunteer as a **Moderator**, contact:

Demian Ebert, [daebert@pbsj.com](mailto:daebert@pbsj.com), 503-222-7275; duties are to organize and manage presentations, provide (or arrange for) a laptop and projector in your session, and keep speakers on schedule.

**Papers** are 15-minute oral and/or PowerPoint presentations (existing on a flash drive or CD) and delivered live and in-person, with allowances of 5-minutes for questions and speaker changes (hence papers are scheduled at 20-minute intervals). Papers have been grouped into sessions according to general topics to facilitate dialogue among peers with similar interests.

**Posters** are written, self-explanatory presentations that must fit within a 4x4 ft space on a poster board (provided). They should be readable from a distance of 3 ft, include your contact information, and may be enhanced with photos and hand-outs. They will be on display throughout the meeting and featured during a social event Wednesday evening, when the lead author should be available to describe and discuss their poster.

**NOTE: Student papers are scheduled within the sessions of most relevant topics.**

## Workshop ORAFS 2010

### The Shocking Truth: Electrofishing Theory and Practice

Feb 23, 08:00 am – 5:00 pm and Feb 24, 7:00 – 11:30 am, Eugene Hilton and nearby field location;  
cost \$200/250\*

Sponsored by: The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and Smith-Root, Inc.

Instructor: Lisa Harlan (lharlan@smith-root.com)

Ever wondered what it was like to use the latest in electrofishing technology, why fish respond differently different distances from the probe, how water chemistry changes electrofishing effectiveness, or what a pulse-burst really was? Does your employer require you to have a certificate of training before they'll let you work on the electrofishing crew? If so, this is the workshop for you.

Smith-Root has generously agreed to teach an introduction to electrofishing course at the annual meeting. The course will cover electrofishing theory, safety, equipment use, and application. A full day is spent in the classroom learning followed by a half day outside where you get to actually put your learning to use.

Because this is an intensive workshop with a required field component, space is limited to 14 participants. Participants will be required to provide their own field gear (waders, boots, raingear if necessary) and carpool to the field sampling site.

## Workshop ORAFS 2010

### PIT Tag Techniques and Technology

Feb 23, 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Feb 24, 8:00 – 11:30 am, Eugene Hilton; cost \$125/175\* (students free pre 1/23)

Convener: Dave Marvin ([Dave.Marvin@verizon.net](mailto:Dave.Marvin@verizon.net))

This one day workshop covers the principles and techniques for a successful PIT tag experiment. Come and learn from the experts the pros and cons of half-duplex vs. full-duplex tags, discuss antenna theory, field detector design and testing, all-important data management and QA/QC techniques, and participate in tagging demonstrations. The goal of this workshop is to improve participants' understanding of how to use passive integrated transponder tags for a variety of study objectives and choose the tag and detection system that is best designed for their particular study.

Presenters at this workshop will include: staff from ODFW, NMFS, USGS, the Yakama Nation. Vendors participating in the workshop include OregonRFID and BioMark.

## Workshop ORAFS 2010

### Media Madness: Handling Media Interviews

Feb 24 8:00-11:30, Eugene Hilton; cost \$50/100\* (students free pre 1/23)

Instructors: OSU News and Communication Services, OSU Extension and Experiment Station Communications

Whether you work as a biologist for a state or federal agency, or as a researcher for a university, public interest in fisheries and wildlife issues may draw the attention of the news media to your project. In this interactive workshop, professionals from OSU's News and Communication Services and from Extension and Experiment Station Communications will outline what draws the interest of news media, how to walk the line between presenting research and becoming an advocate, and how to translate your science to help the public better understand the issues.

\*costs are for AFS member / non-member; late fees of \$25-50 apply after Jan 23, 2010.

**2010 Oregon AFS Annual Meeting  
February 23-26, 2010; Eugene, OR  
Schedule-at-a-Glance (1-12-10 DRAFT)**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 23</b>	
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Workshop: Electrofishing (classroom)
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration / Information / Sales Desk Open
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Workshop: PIT tag techniques
3:00 p.m.- 3:15 p.m.	Coffee and Refreshment Service
<b>Wednesday, February 24</b>	
7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration / Information / Sales Desk Open
7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop: Electrofishing (field)
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop: PIT tag techniques
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Workshop: Media Madness
7:00 a.m. – Noon	Coffee and Refreshment Service
8:00 a.m. – Noon	Vendor Displays set-up
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Plenary, Keynote Presentation
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break (soda, juice, coffee, tea)
2:30 p.m. – Midnight	Vendor Displays
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
Noon – 7:30 p.m.	Poster Session set-up
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Student-Mentor Mixer
8:00 p.m. – Midnight	Poster Session and Social
9:00 p.m. – Midnight	Rehearsal for Jam Session
<b>Thursday, February 25</b>	
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration / Information / Sales Desk Open
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Coffee and Refreshment Service
8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Poster Session
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Vendor Displays
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m. – Noon	Concurrent Sessions
Noon – 1:45 p.m.	Awards Luncheon (no charge), Professional Awards
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	OR AFS Business Meeting, Scholarship Awards
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	OR AFS Committee Breakout Discussions
2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break (tentative)
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Banquet Social
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Silent Auction
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Banquet, Broken Oar, and Student Paper Awards
8: 00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Oral Auction and Raffle
9:00 p.m. – Midnight	Jam Session
9:00 p.m. – Midnight	Texas Hold'em Fundraiser
<b>Friday, February 26</b>	
7:00 a.m. – Noon	Registration / Information / Sales Desk Open
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Coffee and Refreshment Service
8:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Poster Session (take down)
8:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Vendor Displays (take down)
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m. – Noon	Concurrent Sessions
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Field Tour: Delta Ponds Habitat Restoration Project

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Technical Sessions (1-12-10 DRAFT)**

Start Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
<b>Wednesday, February 24</b>					
1:00 p.m.	Plenary				
2:30 p.m.	Break				
3:00 p.m. (5x6)30	Salmon in the City (6)	Latest Lamprey News (6)	Emerging Klamath Basin Fisheries Sci- ence (6)	Freshwater Fish Management (7)	Habitat & Water Quality (6)
8:00 p.m.	Poster Session and Social				
<b>Thursday, February 25</b>					
8:00 a.m. (5x6)30	Salmon in the City (5)	Latest Lamprey News (5+panel)	Oregon's Native Non- Salmonid Fishes (5)	Freshwater Fish Management (6)	Environmental Legacies: Under- standing the Past - Learning for the Future (5)
10:00 a.m.	Break				
10:20 a.m. (5x5)25	Fish Culture & Health (5)	Marine Fisheries (4)	Oregon's Native Non- Salmonid Fishes (4)	Freshwater Fish Ecology (5)	Environmental Legacies: Under- standing the Past - Learning for the Future (5)
Noon	Awards Luncheon (no charge) and Professional Awards				
1:45 p.m.	OR AFS Business Meeting and Scholarship Awards				
2:30 p.m.	OR AFS Committee Breakout Discussions				
2:40 p.m.	Break (tentative)				
3:00 p.m. (5x6)30	Fish Culture & Health (5)	Modeling Re- turns: Where are we straying? (6)	Freshwater Habitat in Oregon: Research, Restoration, and Emerging Issues (6)	Freshwater Fish Ecology (6)	Restoring Stream Flows through Inno- vation (6)
6:00 p.m.	Banquet Social/Banquet/Raffle/Auction				
<b>Friday, February 26</b>					
8:00 a.m. (5x6)30	Fish Passage and Physical Habitat (4)	Policy (6)	Education: How to get the next generation outside and in the creek (6)	Limiting Factors - Which Matter Most? (6)	Restoring Stream Flows through Inno- vation (6)
1 0 : 0 0 a.m.	Break				
1 0 : 2 0 a.m. (5x5)25	Wet-n-Wild in 2010 (7)	Mitigation/ Enhancement Requirements and Solutions at Dams (5)	Education: How to get the next generation outside and in the creek (6)	Limiting Factors - Which Matter Most? (4)	Willamette BioOp (4)
Note: Student papers are scheduled within the sessions of most relevant topic.					

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. CARL SCHRECK



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Carl Schreck, one of Oregon's most renowned fish biologists, respected mentors, and a long-time supporter of ORAFS, has agreed to present the **Keynote Address** at our Plenary Session in Eugene on February 24th.

Dr. Schreck is a professor and the leader of the Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit & Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University. Dr. Schreck began his career in with an A.B. in Zoology from University of California, Berkeley, in 1966. Following a year's study at Humboldt State University he attended Colorado State University where he received his M.S. in 1969 in Fisheries Science and his Ph.D. in 1972 in Physiology and Biophysics and Fisheries Science. In 1975 he be-

came the Assistant Leader of the Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and an Assistant Professor at Oregon State University. Two years later he became the Leader of that Unit and still serves in that capacity for the Biological Resources Division, U.S. Geological Survey where he is a Senior Scientist. He is also a Full Professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at OSU and has supervised about 80 graduate student theses. His research has focused primarily on salmonids where he applies environmental physiology and behavior to address environmentally relevant questions. Over the years he has authored or collaborated on over 260 papers published in peer-reviewed journals.

He served on the Governor's Coastal Salmon Science Team to develop recovery plans for at risk salmon and trout for the federal listing process. He is now serving his second four year term as a member of the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team for the State of Oregon, being appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. He has been elected Co-Chair of the IMST for the last five years. The IMST serves to provide scientific oversight of issues related to salmonid recovery measures and restoration of watershed health.

He is in his third four-year term as President of the International Federation of Fish Endocrinologists. He has served on the editorial boards of *The Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*, *Copeia*, *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*, *General and Comparative Endocrinology*, and *Aquaculture*. He currently serves as Editor for "The Environment" for the journal *Diseases of Aquatic Organisms*. Dr. Schreck has also served as a Visiting Full Professor at the University of Jos, Nigeria.

Professional recognition for Dr. Schreck includes:

Award of Excellence, American Fisheries Society (2009)

Presidential Meritorious Executive Service Award, White House (2007/08)

Award of Excellence, Western Division American Fisheries Society (2007)

Fishery Worker of the Year, Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society (2004)

Meritorious Service Award, Secretary of the Interior (2003)

Directors Award for Unit Management, U.S.G.S (2001)

Educator of the Year Award, American Fisheries Society (2000)

Earle Price Award for Excellence in Research, Oregon State University (1991)

Directors Award for Research Excellence, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1991)

Twice winner of the William F. Thompson Award, American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists (1980 and 1989)



## SEEKING RAFFLE AND AUCTION DONATIONS

### *Show off and share your products, services, experience, art and other skills*

The ORAFS counts on donations to, and proceeds from, the Raffle and Auction to help fund our scholarship programs and keep meeting fees low. For donors, it's a great way to advertise products and services to our large but targeted audience. Plus, it's a fun part of the Banquet. Some of the most popular items in past years have been fish art, prints, handmade items, guided fishing trips, outdoor gear, professional fisheries gear, books, and fine beverages. Please consider donating, or contacting your favorite local vendors to gather donations.

#### To Donate or Assist, Contact:

Christy Fellas, [christy.fellas@yahoo.com](mailto:christy.fellas@yahoo.com); 503-231-2307

## 2010 Raffle and Auction update

— We are well on our way to gathering items for the upcoming raffle and auction at the Annual Meeting. If you have something to donate or know someone who might be interested in donating gear, gift certificates or services for our members to bid on please contact us. And speaking of bidding, start saving your pennies and get ready to buy raffle tickets or bid on fishing rods, zoo admissions, kayaking classes, fishing trips and amazing artwork! Remember, the proceeds support student scholarships, low meeting fees, and special projects such as recent Education and Outreach grants.

Christy Fellas and Kristle Volin, Raffle/Auction co-chairs

## Attention Students:

### Trade Time for Space at the ORAFS Annual Meeting

How would you like to earn free lodging at the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting?

We are looking for professional, trustworthy student workers to assist with a variety of logistical support tasks including:

- Audiovisual support (PowerPoint and lights) in speaker rooms
- Assembling and disseminating attendee packets prior to the meeting
- Providing directions and information to meeting attendees
- Assisting with the raffle and auction
- Setting-up and taking down poster boards and presentations

In addition to helping serve the noble cause of fisheries conservation, expanding your fisheries education, and networking and meeting interesting people, you will also be compensated with **complimentary group lodging** for your labor while you will still have plenty of time to attend technical presentations and enjoy social events!

#### To get on the list as a student volunteer, contact:

Shivonne Nesbit, ORAFS Vice President at:  
[shivonne.nesbit@oregonstate.edu](mailto:shivonne.nesbit@oregonstate.edu) or (541) 805-5320

# PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

## EXTENSION – NOMINATE BY JANUARY 23!!!

This is your chance to recognize excellence in the profession, and thank those who have helped you along the way. Oregon is ripe with professional excellence and deserving candidates, and nominating is easy.

Most of us know several likely people...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 graduate school.

For all awards except Broken Oar, you should indicate how the nominee's efforts are above and beyond their regular job. All awards are discretionary, none are required to be given each year. All awards are limited to one recipient per year, except for Awards of Merit where multiple recipients may be rewarded within a year.

### *Fishery Worker of the Year*

This is the chapter's most prestigious individual award. Nominees must be an **AFS member** 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 and influencing sound resource prac-

### *Fishery Team of the Year*

This award represents recognition that there are outstanding teams 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 award recognizes the collaborative efforts to understand and manage fisheries resources, and that these efforts frequently cross geographic, disciplinary and socioeconomic boundaries.

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 substantial 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 substantive contributions of each member of the team.

### *Award of Merit*

This award recognizes **individuals, groups, or organizations** that have made special contributions to fisheries. Recipients do not need to be AFS 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 description of awards criteria and suggestions about how to write nominations will be posted to the Oregon AFS chapter website [www.orafs.org](http://www.orafs.org), or can be obtained by contacting the Awards Chair, **Mindy Simmons, 503-808-4766, [mindy.m.simmons@usace.army.mil](mailto:mindy.m.simmons@usace.army.mil)**

## Trade Show – Reserve Your Space Now!

The 2010 Annual Meeting will feature a trade show of up to 9 vendor displays, each 8x10 ft with 1 table, arranged within the conference lobby for excellent exposure throughout the meeting. Spaces can be selected on a 1st-come basis. Display cost is \$400 for members and \$500 non-members. Each display includes registration and banquet for one person (additional persons are welcome but must register separately). To reserve your space, contact: **Neil Ward, 503-229-0191, [neil.ward@cbfwa.org](mailto:neil.ward@cbfwa.org)** [details at www.orafs.org](http://www.orafs.org).

## Oregon AFS Award Nomination Form

(also on [www.orafs.org](http://www.orafs.org); email this information to the Awards Chair, below)

**Deadline January 23, 2010**

Desired Award:

Nominee information:

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Nominee contact info:

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With this form please include:

1. An abstract of service and accomplishments that justify the award (300-word max, this may be read during the Awards Luncheon).
2. Additional detail supporting this nomination, including accomplishments in fishery profession, service to AFS, fostering conservation and education, mentoring students, etc. (as relevant to the specific award, 3-page max).
3. Pictures of the nominee "in action" for possible use in an award presentation or newsletter (1-3 images, <1MB jpg file size).

Please **email all nominations** or questions to Awards Chair Mindy Simmons at:  
[mindy.m.simmons@usace.army.mil](mailto:mindy.m.simmons@usace.army.mil) (503-808-4766).

Thank you for helping recognize and reward professional excellence!



## Jam Session!

Paging all jammers, pickers, musicians, vocalists, roadies and groupies: get ready for another great semi-rehearsed, center-stage show following the 2010 ORAFS Annual Meeting banquet. If interested in playing, jamming, singing, or otherwise assisting please let us know ahead of time, especially if you have some music and special treatments in mind.

This year's Jam Session is being organized by veteran guitarist and local Eugenic Steve Leibhardt, [steve\\_liehardt@blm.gov](mailto:steve_liehardt@blm.gov), 541-683-6454.

## Meet Piscatorial Press's New Editor! Taking over the Reins



Allison Evans will be taking over the editorial reins at the Piscatorial Press! She has been a member of ORAFS for 2 years. Allison has a B.A. in biology from DePauw University (Indiana) and an M.S. in environmental science from the University of Idaho. She comes to Oregon from Michigan

where she spent 4 years administering several research programs for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, an international fishery management organization. Prior to her work in the Great Lakes, Allison worked for several years designing and conducting fisheries studies for hydropower relicensing in California. She is currently a PhD student at Oregon State University and is interested in reproduction and food web ecology. Future PP submissions should be submitted to Allison via e-mail at: [allison.evans@oregonstate.edu](mailto:allison.evans@oregonstate.edu)

## SEEKING SPONSORS

Sponsorships from agencies, industries, tribal and other entities constitute a large and important part of the chapter's support. Contributions of in-kind services (e.g. printing services) and direct funding help to defray meeting costs, thus allowing low registration fees to ensure maximum participation by fishery professionals. They also help support our student programs such as: 4-5 annual scholarships, student-mentor social event, and student registration discounts and complimentary student lodging.

Sponsorships generally range from \$500 to \$5,000 each, and are recognized in print within our meeting program, on posters at the meeting registration desk, and on our website. Please consider arranging a sponsorship from your organization, or naming the ORAFS as a recipient in your non-profit community giving campaigns or matching donation programs. The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit charitable organization. Contributions are tax-deductible (if you qualify and itemize deductions on your tax return). We can receive foundation grants, government grants, and individual contributions.

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society annual meeting is the premier venue for sharing and communicating fisheries science and management information among professionals in Oregon, and beyond. Our annual meeting typically hosts more than 500 professionals and offers more than 150 technical presentations, plus many networking and mentoring opportunities. Registration fees are kept low to facilitate participation among students, technicians, and scientists from all employment levels

To be recognized in print, sponsorships must be received by

**January 23, 2010**

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***Thank you for ANY assistance you can provide !***

**Delta Ponds Habitat Restoration Project**  
**Field Trip Description for American Fisheries Society Meeting in Eugene, Oregon**  
**February 26, 2010, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.; No Fee**

**Contacts**

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**Maximum # of participants on field trip:** 40 (2 groups of 20 people)

Arrive at Valley River Center parking lot (see map on next page) at 1:00 p.m.

**Project Description**

Delta Ponds is a 150 acre complex of former side channel habitat on the eastern flank of the mainstem Willamette River in the heart of Eugene. It is owned by the City of Eugene and managed by the City's Parks and Open Space Division. For many community members, Delta Ponds is a favorite spot for bird and wildlife viewing, fishing, walking, and biking. But it hasn't always been that way. In the late 1800s, the Delta Ponds area was part of a river floodplain network of side channels, sloughs, and tributaries that provided a rich habitat well-suited for many fish and wildlife species. Over time, flood control management, urbanization, and gravel mining changed the area so that only a few remaining ponds and sloughs offered refuge to fish and wildlife. The highly disturbed ground and steep banks were quickly colonized by invasive plants, such as Armenian blackberry, Scotch broom, and English ivy. There were no trails or parking areas to allow people to enjoy what wildlife did find refuge there.

Over the past several years, the City of Eugene has collaborated with local, state, and federal partners to restore this side-channel habitat of the Willamette River. The primary goals of this effort are:

To re-establish hydrological connections between the mainstem Willamette River and the Delta Ponds so that the Delta Ponds system serves as a side-channel to the Willamette River (as it did historically). This will reconnect 2.2 miles of side channel habitat to the Willamette River.

Improve in-stream and riparian habitat for a wide variety of species including Chinook salmon, American beaver, Western pond turtle, river otter, and neo-tropical migratory birds.

Provide appropriate levels of interpretation and public access to the Delta Ponds.

Thus far, we have re-established critical hydrologic connections between the ponds and the mainstem Willamette River, removed over 56 acres of invasive species, and established over 40,000 native trees and shrubs. Spring Chinook salmon and cutthroat trout have been documented in the ponds since the hydrologic connections to the Willamette River were made. In addition, recreational improvements, such as additional gravel walking trails, a parking lot, and an accessible boardwalk and over-look on the ponds' edge have improved access to and enjoyment of this natural area gem in the middle of Eugene. Because of the project's success-to-date and its promise of providing benefits for salmonids, ODFW adopted the project as a Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) project in 2006, and the project received awards from DOGAMI in 2008 and ODFW in 2009.

**Partners**

Many organizations have contributed to the success of the project, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Stream Team Volunteers, University of Oregon, Delta Rotary, Eugene Downtown Lion's Club, and the Eugene Tree Foundation.

## Directions to Delta Ponds Habitat Restoration field tour, starting from Eugene Hilton Hotel

A) Eugene Hilton, 66 E 6th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401-2224 US

1. Start out going WEST on E 6TH AVE/OR-126 BR W/OR-99 N toward OAK ALY. (go 0.3 miles)
2. Merge onto I-105 E/OR-126 E toward I-5/FREEWAYS. (go 1.0 miles)
3. Merge onto DELTA HWY N via EXIT 1 toward BELTLINE HWY.. (go 0.6 miles)
4. Take the VALLEY RIVER CTR exit toward WILLAGILLESPIE. (go 0.2 miles)
5. Take the ramp toward VALLEY RIVER CTR. (go 0.1 miles)
6. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto VALLEY RIVER DR. (go 0.2 miles)
7. Turn LEFT. (go 0.1 miles)
8. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto VALLEY RIVER CTR. (go 0.0 miles)
9. 293 VALLEY RIVER CTR is on the LEFT. (go 0.0 miles)

>> TOTAL ESTIMATED TIME: 6 minutes | DISTANCE: 2.50 miles



## EXCOM 2010: AND THE CANDIDATES ARE...

### President-elect, Colleen Fagan

I have been a member of the Oregon Chapter of the AFS for more years than I would like to admit. During my membership, I have taken advantage of all that the Oregon Chapter has to offer (which is a lot more than free beer at the annual meeting, not that I'm complaining mind you). It is now time for me to give back to the Chapter.



I began in the realm of wildlife with a B.S. from the University of Vermont, substituting squeezing for fur with a M.S. from the University of Idaho. I have worked for ODFW for the past 10 years on licensing of hydroelectric projects in the Snake, John Day, Umatilla, and Grande Ronde basins. Prior to ODFW, I worked for 7 years as the fish harvest manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, serving on the Technical Advisory Committee for Columbia River and ocean fisheries issues. My education and work history have provided me with a diversity of fish and wildlife experience, and extensive experience working with state and federal agencies, tribes, and state and county governments.

Our Chapter mission includes improving the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources and advancing science, education and public discourse. To accomplish our mission, the commitment and participation of Chapter members is critical. As fishery professionals and members of AFS, we are in positions to educate and influence legislators, the public and other resource professionals so they can make informed decisions regarding our natural resources. Therefore, as President, I will continue the Chapter's active involvement and leadership in advocating the protection of fish and their habitats. I will also work to increase member participation in Chapter activities. Call me crazy and pass the free beer, but I am ready for this 3-year commitment.

### Internal Director, Jason Kent

Jason Kent is currently the Education & Outreach Chair for ORAFS. In the past year, Jason has put together a committee of 10 fellow ORAFS members and led the 2009 Education & Outreach Grant. The E&O Committee developed a RFP and selection criteria, reviewed and scored each of the 26 grant applications, compiled the scores, and recommended grant recipients to ExCom. Jason led the "lessons learned" discussion from this process with ExCom with an eye on the 2010 grant. As the PP goes to press, Jason is currently leading the E&O Committee's review of the 2010 grant applications. He believes his experience working closely with the ExCom and the E&O Committee are great background for service as the Internal Director. Prior to moving to Oregon about two years ago, Jason was Hydrology/Water Quality Committee Chair for the



Idaho Chapter of AFS.

Jason works for HDR, Inc. as the Fisheries Business Class Manager for the Portland office. Jason received his Bachelor degree in Environmental Biology from Ohio University. After a couple of years working as a field technician and aquatic ecologist, he went back to school for a Masters degree in Water Resources Engineering from Colorado State. While he was there, he worked for the Biological Resources division of the USGS (formerly the Instream Flow Group) and has spent much of his career crossing back and forth between the line that separates biology and engineering. His professional specialties are in instream flow and fish habitat, fish passage, and stream restoration.

### Secretary-Treasurer, Michele Weaver

After graduating from the University of Connecticut in 1995 with a degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, I learned that people would actually pay you to study fish. I started my career with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection studying American shad and shortnose sturgeon. I migrated west in 1997 and found employment with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife working on various seasonal projects including electrofishing on the Columbia and Snake rivers, urban stream surveys in town, beach seining in the Willamette River, and snorkel surveys in headwater creeks. I promoted to a permanent position in 2001 on a sturgeon project that took me on fieldwork adventures from gillnetting green sturgeon from the Rogue River to setlining white sturgeon from the Columbia River and introduced me to the knowledge and skills needed to be an actual fisheries biologist. I promoted again in 2006 to where I am currently studying the predation by northern pikeminnow, smallmouth bass, and walleye on the prey fish of the Columbia and Snake rivers.



I became involved in AFS after my first meeting in 2002 where I learned the more involved you become, the more rewarding the experience will be. I am member of AFS and have been involved in various capacities including poster presentations, talks, the raffle/auction chair in 2007 and 2008, and the poster session chair in 2009. I feel the experience I have had with AFS is invaluable and would like the opportunity to continue my involvement. I believe I have the skills and abilities needed to perform the duties of this position. I am organized, dependable, can take notes, and know how to balance a checkbook. I would very much appreciate your vote of confidence in electing me Secretary-Treasurer this year.

### ~ Come to the Business Meeting ~

...to welcome these candidates into the ExCom, and consider any other nominees that may arise. Nominations can still be considered by Neil Ward (neil.ward@cbfwa.org). To serve in 2011 contact Rich Grost (rich.grost@pacificcorp.com).

## EXTERNAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chapter President Rich Grost asked me to keep the External Director's report short for this issue and I've obliged. If you'd like additional details, please send me an email (jeremiah at consbio dot org) or give me a ring at 541.757.0687 x.8#.

The Education and Outreach Committee has been busy reviewing the 13 proposals we received for the Oregon AFS Education/Outreach Grant. We anticipate awarding the grant(s) and notifying applicants by the last week of January 2010.

Our legislative liaisons, Confluence Consulting Northwest (David Moskowitz and Susan Marshall), brought to our attention a few issues the Chapter may want to weigh in on during the upcoming legislative session (February 2010). He'll submit briefing papers to ExCom by week's end.

I recently attended another ODFW Conservation Leaders meeting, this one at the new Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) – the first urban NWR in the nation (very neat place – definitely worth a visit if you get the chance). Discussions primarily revolved around County and Department of Energy review and permitting processes for wind energy. I encouraged folks to support their technical staff by sending them to our annual meeting.

We're currently working with the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) to strengthen the relationship between our respective chapters. As a first effort, we hope to trade one complimentary registration for each of our Annual Meetings so that our respective Liason's (or ExCom designee) can attend each meeting without undue expense.

As a final reminder, don't forget to check out some of our newer connectivity platforms. If you're on Facebook, surf on over to the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society's group page for updates and discussions. If you're on Twitter, check out our feed at <http://twitter.com/OregonAFS>. President-elect Demian Ebert and I are still working on the development of some social media guidelines that we'll bring forward this Spring. And the website has been undergoing some revisions. Please let me know what sorts of things we should include, change, and/or edit.

Until next time!...

*Respectfully submitted ,*

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Jeremiah enjoying the Tualatin Refuge after the Conservation Leader's meeting.





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Research & Advances in  
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**February 2, 2010**

8:00am – 7:30pm

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Oregon State University

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**Jim Martin**

Former ODFW Chief of Fisheries



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# WESTERN DIVISION AFS ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 19-23 2010

## SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

On behalf of the Utah Chapter, we invite you to join us in Salt Lake City, April 19 – 23 for the 2010 Western Division of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Downtown Radisson Hotel and adjacent Salt Palace Convention Center.

The theme of the meeting, “**The Future of Aquatic Resources in the West: Science, Management, and Politics,**” is meant to highlight the multiple stakeholders/demands placed on aquatic resources; how these demands drive the direction of scientific inquiry and management; and the political interaction that results. The Western US is home to the five driest states in the nation and three of the top five states with the fastest population growth. The West’s aquatic resources are facing increasing demands resulting in intersections between science, management, and politics.

We encourage symposia, papers, and posters that build on the meeting theme and demonstrate how fisheries scientists, aquatic resource managers, and politicians address the challenges facing fish populations and aquatic ecosystems.

For more information, please contact: Mike Mills ([mikem@cuwcd.com](mailto:mikem@cuwcd.com)) or Anna Forest ([annaforest@utah.gov](mailto:annaforest@utah.gov)).

Meeting details at: <http://utahafs.org/wdafs2010/>

NOTE: The Oregon Chapter is contributing a session on dam removals to the WDAFS Annual Meeting – to participate or assist please contact Kirk Schroeder ([kirk.schroeder@oregonstate.edu](mailto:kirk.schroeder@oregonstate.edu)).

## ORAFS Annual Meeting February 23-26 2010 Eugene Hilton

Deadline January 23 for:

- Registration discount rates
- Professional award nominations
- Sponsorships (for logo recognition)
- Hilton hotel room discounts: 1-800-937-6660 and specify AFS