

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
Annual Work Plan – FY 2004

The mission of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is to:

Improve the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources and their aquatic ecosystems for long-term public benefit by advancing science, education, and public discourse concerning fisheries and aquatic science and by promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

The Annual Work Plan for 2004 (September 1, 2003 – August 31, 2004) includes specific activities that address goals and objectives of the Chapter's 2004-08 Strategic Plan. Each of the five goals of the Strategic Plan will be addressed; however, not all objectives within each goal may be addressed within the 2004 Work Plan. Each objective will be addressed within at least one annual work plan over the five-year period covered by the Strategic Plan.

Goal 1 Develop programs that advance understanding of fishery science and responsible stewardship of fishery resources

Activities:

- Organize and conduct the 40th annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter at Sunriver Resort, February 18-20, 2004 (Objectives 1.1 and 1.4).
- Organize and conduct three workshops in conjunction with the annual meeting: (1) Effective writing for technical papers; (2) Radio and acoustic telemetry: tags, tagging, and reception; (3) The most common technical presentation mistakes and how to avoid them (Objective 1.2).
- Finalize location and begin planning for the 41st annual Chapter meeting (Objective 1.1).
- Determine if the Chapter will prepare a bid in 2005 to host the 2009 meeting of the Parent Society (Objective 1.1).
- Plan an aquatic education workshop for teachers to be held as a stand-alone event in October 2004 (Objective 1.2).
- Work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to begin planning a symposium on coastal cutthroat trout to be held in 2004 or 2005 (Objectives 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4).
- Print and distribute proceedings from the Inland Rainbow Trout Workshop (Objective 1.4).
- Facilitate (through cost reimbursement when appropriate) member attendance at selected events to represent the Chapter (Objective 1.3).

Goal 2 Advocate policies and laws that benefit the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources

Activities:

- Respond orally or in writing as appropriate to Oregon legislative actions, and to local, state, or federal policies developed for use by fishery managers (Objectives 2.1 and 2.2).
- Write a newsletter article encouraging members to contact local decision makers and volunteer their expertise. The Chapter President, in conjunction with the Legislative Committee, will coordinate and track efforts (Objective 2.3).

Goal 3 Increase public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of fishery resources.

Activities:

- Plan an aquatic education workshop for teachers to be held as a stand-alone event in October 2004 (Objectives 3.1 and 3.2).
- Upgrade Chapter Web page and move page to new domain (Objective 3.3).

Goal 4 Promote development of fishery and aquatic science professionals

Activities:

- Organize and conduct workshops in conjunction with the annual meeting to promote understanding and adherence to professional standards: (1) Effective writing for technical papers; (2) The most common technical presentation mistakes and how to avoid them (Objective 4.1).
- Continue and regularly update Chapter Web page sections dealing with professional information exchange and career opportunities (Objectives 4.2 and 4.3).
- Write newsletter article that provides information on benefits of AFS certification process (Objective 4.4).
- Award three student scholarships of \$1,250 each (Objective 4.5).
- Award two scholarships totaling \$3,000 (\$1,500 each) from proceeds of the previously held Restoration Workshop (Objective 4.5).
- Continue to publish the newsletter, *Piscatorial Press*, quarterly (Objective 4.6).
- Actively recruit Chapter members to join committees, chair committees, and run for office (Objective 4.7).

Goal 5 Maintain an active and diverse membership

Activities:

- Actively seek participation in Chapter activities by fish culturists (Objectives 5.1 and 5.4).
- Provide a grant of \$1,005 to the student unit of the Chapter (Objective 5.2).
- Actively involve students in the annual meeting by waiving registration and providing lodging in exchange for four hours of service at the meeting (Objective 5.2).
- Develop the theme of the 40th annual meeting to be: “Our history, the current state of affairs, and our future” (Objective 5.3).
- Host a “Past Presidents and Fishery Workers of the Year” luncheon at the 40th annual meeting (Objective 5.3).
- Write a newsletter article promoting involvement in the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program (Objective 5.4).
- Approve and print a brochure highlighting Chapter activities and present it at appropriate venues including but not limited to the Northwest Fish Culture Conference, Western Division AFS Annual Meeting, and Parent Society Annual Meeting (Objective 5.5).
- Present the Chapter poster at appropriate venues (Objective 5.5).