

## Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Work Plan – FY 2005

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 2005 (May 1, 2004 – April 30, 2005) 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 2005 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 41st annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter at Oregon State University, February 16-18, 2005 (Objectives 1.1 and 1.4).
- Organize and conduct workshops in conjunction with the annual meeting. Specific workshops will be determined (Objective 1.2)
- Provide support for workshops or events in addition to those associated with the annual meeting as appropriate (Objective 1.2).
- Finalize location and begin planning for the 42nd annual Chapter meeting (Objective 1.1).
- Begin preparing a bid to host the 2009 meeting of the Parent Society (Objective 1.1).
- Plan and conduct an aquatic education workshop for teachers to be held at the Oregon Zoo in October 2004 (Objective 1.2).
- Work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others to plan a symposium on coastal cutthroat trout to be held in 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 that affect the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources (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 and conduct an aquatic education workshop for teachers to be held at the Oregon Zoo in October 2004 (Objectives 3.1 and 3.2).
- Provide support for an ongoing aquatic education workshop for teachers (Objective 3.1)
- Continue updates to Chapter Web page (Objective 3.3).
- Respond orally or in writing as appropriate to Oregon legislative actions, and to local, state, or federal policies that affect conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources (Objective 3.4).

**Goal 4      Promote development of fishery and aquatic science professionals**

Activities:

- Encourage agencies and other employers to allow and promote participation in the Oregon Chapter annual meeting and other AFS activities.
- Organize and conduct workshops in conjunction with the annual meeting to promote understanding and adherence to professional standards. Specific workshops will be determined (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 \$1,500 each (Objective 4.5).
- Award two scholarships totaling \$3,000 (\$1,500 each) from proceeds of the previously held Watershed and Stream Restoration Workshop (Objective 4.5).
- Continue to publish the newsletter, *Piscatorial Press*, quarterly (Objective 4.6).
- Utilize restructured nominating committee to 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 approximately \$1,000 to the student subunit 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 or 12 hours of service prior to the meeting (Objective 5.2).
- Develop the theme of the 41st annual meeting (Objective 5.3).
- Provide Past Presidents an incentive such as a complimentary meal at the 41<sup>st</sup> annual meeting to recognize their contributions and to encourage their continued participation in Chapter activities (Objective 5.3).
- Write a newsletter article promoting involvement in the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program (Objective 5.4).
- Present Chapter poster and distribute Chapter brochure 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).