

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Work Plan – FY 2006

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 2006 (May 1, 2005 – April 30, 2006) 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 2006 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 42nd annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter at Sunriver, March 1-3, 2006 (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 43rd annual Chapter meeting (Objective 1.1).
- Begin preparing a bid to host the 2011 meeting of the Parent Society (Objective 1.1).
- Plan for 2008 Western Division meeting in Portland (Objective 1.1).
- Provide financial support for K-12 aquatic education programs (Objective 1.2).
- Work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others on the Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium to be held September 29-October 1, 2005 at Fort Worden State Park, WA (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).
- Support the President's attendance at the Parent Society's annual meeting and Western Division business meeting to be held September 11-17, 2005 in Anchorage, Alaska (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 aquatic education workshop(s) for teachers (Objectives 3.1 and 3.2).
- Provide support for aquatic education workshop(s) for teachers (Objective 3.1).
- Encourage members to volunteer with school groups in class rooms, at science fairs, and various outdoor experience activities (Objective 3.1 and 3.2).
- Provide support to education groups for aquatic science programs (Objectives 3.1 and 3.2).
- Promote involvement in the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program (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).
- Distribute copies of the *Stream Continuum* poster at educational events (Objective 3.2).

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 (Objectives 1.1, 4.1 and 5.1).
- 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 certification scholarships at \$100 each.

- Award four student scholarships of \$1,500 each (Objective 4.5). One scholarship each to a Community College student, B.S. candidate, M.S. candidate, and PhD candidate. Winners and first runner-ups will also be awarded AFS student memberships.
- Award certificates to winners and first runner-ups of best student paper and poster presentations at annual meeting (Objectives 1.4 and 5.2). Lead author winners of best paper and best poster will also be awarded AFS student memberships.
- Continue to publish the newsletter, *Piscatorial Press*, quarterly (Objective 4.6).
- Survey membership prior to 42nd annual meeting regarding the new electronic distribution method vs. paper mailing of newsletter (Objective 4.6).
- Plan an External Director hosted breakfast for committee chairs and information sharing network leads at the 42nd annual meeting (Objective 4.7).
- Utilize restructured nominating committee to actively recruit Chapter members to join information sharing networks (ISN), committees, chair committees, and run for office (Objective 4.7).
- Support the President's attendance at the Parent Society's annual meeting and Western Division business meeting to be held September 11-17, 2005 in Anchorage, Alaska (Objective 4.7).
- Recognize professionals for outstanding accomplishments and present awards at the annual meeting including the Fishery Worker of the Year, Fishery Team of the Year, Award of Merit, Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture, and Past President's Award (Objective 4).

Goal 5 Maintain an active and diverse membership

Activities:

- Promote development of information sharing networks (Objective 5.1).
- Actively seek participation in Chapter activities by fish culturists and hatchery management professionals (Objectives 5.1 and 5.4).
- Provide a grant of approximately \$1,000 to the student subunit of the Chapter (Objective 5.2). Student subunit officers will also be awarded AFS memberships.
- Actively involve students in the annual meeting by waiving registration and providing lodging in exchange for 4 hours of service at the meeting or 12 hours of service prior to the meeting (Objective 5.2).
- Develop the theme of the 42nd annual meeting (Objective 5.3).
- Provide Past Presidents and past Fishery Workers of the Year an incentive such as a complimentary meal at the 42nd 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).