

## ORAFS Annual Work Plan – FY 2007

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 2007 (May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007) 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 2007 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 43rd annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter at Eugene, February 27 - March 2, 2007 (Objectives 1.1 and 1.4).
- Develop a process for and selection of one or more persons to provide the services currently provided by the ORAFS Contract Administrative Assistant (Objective 1.1).
- 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).
- Continue planning for the 44th annual Chapter meeting and the Western Division annual meeting to be held concurrently in Portland, May 4-8 of 2008 (Objective 1.1, 1.3, and 1.4).
- Begin preparing a bid to host the 2011 meeting of the Parent Society (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 involved with the Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium held September 29-October 1, 2005 to distribute copies of the proceedings, maintain a bank account for sales of the meeting proceedings and to hold funds for two graduate student scholarships (\$5,000 and \$3,000) to be awarded by the Western Division AFS Scholarship Award Committee, and provide coordination and leadership toward the June 2006 monitoring and evaluation workshop (Objectives 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4).
- Be a financial sponsor of the 2006 Northwest Fish Culture Conference to be held in Portland, OR, and maintain a bank account to hold funds for the business of conducting the conference (Objective 1.2).

- Provide scholarships to the 2006 Northwest Fish Culture Conference for two hatchery technicians to be selected by the manager of a hatchery chosen by ExCom (Objective 1.3).
- 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).
- Fund the President's attendance at the 2006 Western Division AFS annual meeting to be held May 15-18, 2006 in Bozeman, MT (Objective 1.3).
- Fund the President's attendance at the 2006 Western Division AFS mid-year ExCom meeting to be held November 29-30, 2006 in Portland, OR, and provide or fund some hospitality service to the meeting (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).
- Post an article in the Chapter newsletter encouraging members to contact elected decision makers representing the member's geographical area and volunteer their expertise, with a special emphasis on lawmakers involved in the 2007 Oregon legislative session. The Chapter President, in conjunction with the Legislative Committee, will coordinate and track issues and Chapter efforts involved with the 2007 Oregon legislative session (Objective 2.3).
- Investigate potential and advisability of retaining a paid legislative liaison to help ORAFS address issues in the Oregon Legislature (Objective 2.1).

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

Activities:

- Plan, conduct, or participate in aquatic education workshop(s) for teachers and students (Objectives 3.1 and 3.2).
- Provide support for aquatic education workshop(s) for teachers and students (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).
- Post an article in the Chapter newsletter to provide information on benefits of AFS certification (Objective 4.4). Award up to three reimbursement awards for certification fees (\$50 each for associate and \$100 each for certified).
- Award four student scholarships of \$1,500 each at the annual meeting of the Chapter (Objective 4.5). One scholarship each are to be awarded to a Community College student, B.S. candidate, M.S. candidate, and PhD candidate. Winners and first runner-ups will each be awarded a 1-year AFS student membership.
- Award certificates to winners and first runner-ups of best student paper and poster presentations at annual meeting of the Chapter (Goal 4 and Objectives 1.4 and 5.2). Lead author winners of best paper and best poster will also be awarded 1-year AFS student memberships.
- Continue to conduct and improve a student mentoring social at the annual meeting of the Chapter (Goal 4 and Objective 1.1).
- Continue to publish the newsletter, *Piscatorial Press*, quarterly (Objective 4.6).
- Plan an External Director hosted breakfast for committee chairs and Information Sharing Network (ISN) leaders at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Chapter meeting in 2007 (Objective 4.7).
- Utilize restructured nominating committee to actively recruit Chapter members to join ISN's, committees, chair committees, and run for office (Objective 4.7). Also encourage non-members of AFS to join ISN's and Chapter committees through this committee, the Chapter newsletter, and the Chapter web site.
- Recognize professionals for outstanding accomplishments and present awards at the annual meeting of the Chapter 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 further 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 \$1,200 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 43rd annual meeting of the Chapter (Objective 5.3).
- Provide Past Presidents and past Fishery Workers of the Year an incentive such as a complimentary meal at the 43rd annual Chapter meeting to recognize their contributions and to encourage their continued participation in Chapter activities (Objective 5.3).
- Post an article in the Chapter newsletter 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).