

ORAFS Annual Work Plan – FY 2008

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 2008 (May 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008) 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 2008 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

Objectives:

1. Create a high quality 44th annual meeting of the Oregon Chapter (to be held concurrently with the Western Division annual meeting) in Portland, May 4-8, 2008 (Objectives 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4)
2. Support ORAFS Symposia and fishery symposia/meetings/workshops (Objectives 1.2, 1.3, 1.4)
 - a. 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).

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

Objectives:

1. Hire and manage a "resources issues coordinator" to 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).
2. Encourage External Committee activity

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

Activities:

- Promote involvement in the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program (Objective 3.1).

- Redesign and constantly update Chapter Web page. Ensure webpage provides current, useful content (Objective 3.3).

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).
- 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).
- 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:

- 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).