



Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society Fish Culture Committee 2012 Workplan

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Mission of Oregon AFS:

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.

Fish Culture Committee Objectives

The Fish Culture Committee is responsible for promoting advancements in fish culture techniques that protect the biodiversity of native fishes, the exchange of ideas among fish culturists, and public knowledge about fish culture in Oregon.

- a) Promote the exchange of information on progressive techniques of fish culture through the *Piscatorial Press* newsletter, a northwest fish culturist newsletter and Chapter meetings.
- b) Promote excellence in fish culture practices through use of the Bill Wingfield Memorial Award.
- c) Promote public knowledge about progressive fish culture.
- d) Submit a written report in July to the External Director summarizing activities of the committee during the past six months
- e) Submit an annual work plan and budget in July to the External Director.
- f) Review and develop AFS white papers related to fish culture as needed.

Proposed Fish Culture Committee 2012 Workplan

- Review and comment on white paper related to hatchery and wild fish interactions.

- Assist with developing white paper related to genetically modified organisms “GMO’s” for 2013 legislative session.
- Represent the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society at the 2012 Northwest Fish Culture Conference in Portland with a poster presentation.
- Support the 2012 Northwest Fish Culture Conference financially with a donation from OR-AFS as well as the continuation of the scholarships for one student and one fish culturist to attend the conference.
- Organize a technical session at the 2013 Chapter meeting related to Wild Broodstock programs.
- Solicit nominations and coordinate with awards chair committee for the Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture prior to the 2013 annual meeting.