

Mission of the ORAFS Natural Production Committee  
(Excerpted from the Oregon AFS Handbook)

**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.*

The Natural Production Committee is responsible for advocating conservation of genetic and habitat diversity to protect and restore the natural productive capacities of fishes and aquatic resources in Oregon. The Natural Production Committee will:

- a. Encourage inventories and descriptions of both historic and present status of genetic and fish habitat diversity.
- b. Identify unique and threatened species and stocks of resident and anadromous fishes, and advocate appropriate conservation and restoration measures.
- c. Identify unique and threatened aquatic environments and habitats, and advocate appropriate conservation measures.
- d. Encourage land, water, and fish management practices that conserve or restore genetic and fish habitat diversity.
- e. Promote public awareness of the importance of biological diversity in fishes and the hazards of declining diversity.
- f. Submit a written report in July to the External Director summarizing activities of the committee during the past six months.
- g. Submit an annual work plan and budget in July to the External Director.

**2012 Work Plan**

- Assist the ORAFS Executive Committee with developing and hosting a workshop on anadromous run forecasting.
- Provide feedback and/or review of documents or plans as requested by the ORAFS Executive Committee.
- Develop and convene a Natural Production session of presentations for ORAFS 2013.

**Budget Request for 2012:** None