

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society 2012 Education and Outreach Committee work plan submitted by: Karen Hans Committee Chair

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 Education and Outreach Committee is responsible for distributing information on the Chapter, fisheries, and water resources to members, fisheries professionals, the general public, organizations, and schools.

Objectives of the Education and Outreach Committee

- a. Develop and update Chapter brochures and related publications as needed.
- b. Develop and maintain audio-visual resources for schools to stress the importance of fisheries in Oregon.
- c. Organize training and continuing education programs.
- d. Assist the Chapter to publicize the annual meeting, and other newsworthy events and issues related to fisheries and aquatic habitat.
- e. Submit a written report in July to the External Director summarizing activities of the committee during the past six months.
- f. Submit an annual work plan and budget in July to the External Director.

2012 Work Plan

- Respond to requests from ExCom for updated E/O materials such as brochures and posters;
- Add link to OR AFS Webpage to educational resources for members who want to work with volunteers and K-12 students;
- Add a link to OR AFS webpage for teachers who want to use natural resource based curriculum in their classrooms (i.e. Stream Scene, Stream Web);
- Coordinate the near-term sustainability of the Salmon Watch program, which serves to provide outdoor education opportunities to middle and high school students in Oregon, including:
 - Identify an entity to oversee long-term coordination of the program
 - Recruit volunteer interest to facilitate program operations
- Recruit and provide travel awards for two teachers to attend the 2013 ORAFS annual meeting in Bend
- Assist the Chapter to award financial support to worthy aquatic education programs within Oregon