

OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE 2020-21 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.*

**Goal and Objectives of Native Fish Committee**

The Native Fish Committee of the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society aims to emphasize the protection and restoration of native fishes, and enhance our membership's and society's understanding of the species. To accomplish this, the Native Fish Committee will:

1. Be available to the Chapter for native fish issues that arise throughout the year. This includes coordinating with the Legislative Committee to identify pertinent issues.
2. Provide opportunities for chapter members and others to learn about native fishes of Oregon.
3. Recognize individuals within the State of Oregon who are outstanding in the field of native fish conservation.
4. Expand our taxonomic understanding of native fishes within Oregon.
5. Identify conservation data gaps associated with native fishes in Oregon.
6. Identify native fish issues to elevate to Chapter for action.

**2020-21 Workplan**

1. Through email exchange with committee members, identify the featured species for the 2020 and 2021 Nongame Native Fish Workshops and schedule the workshop dates. Conduct the workshops. Prepare and distribute the post-workshop reports.
2. Through email exchange, elect the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year recipients for 2020 and 2021. Raise funding for the annual award through web-based donations from committee members. Purchase award. During the annual meeting, present the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award to a chapter member who stands out in the field of native

fish conservation.

3. Host a Native Fishes Session at the 2020 and 2021 annual chapter meetings.
4. Prepare a short white paper identifying most critical taxonomic gaps (Sidlauskas continues to work on this paper).

**2020-2021 Proposed Budget**

\$300 per year for the Nongame Native Fish Workshop food.