

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
Fish Culture Committee
Ryan Couture Committee Chair
Work Plan for May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014

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. It will:

- 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. Recruits applicants for annual travel scholarships to the Northwest Fish Culture Conference, and recommend recipients to the Executive Committee.
- D. Promote public knowledge about progressive fish culture.
- E. Submits a written report of committee activities to the External Director every six months in November and April.
- F. Submits annual work plan and budget to the External Director by April 1st before the spring ExCom planning meeting or retreat. The Fish Culture Committee Chair prepares these materials.

Proposed Fish Culture Committee 2013-14 Workplan

- Review and comment on white paper related to hatchery and wild fish interactions.
- Scope a Fish Genetics Workshop for fish culturists to be held during the summer of 2014. Further details will be developed during the committee meeting at the 2014 Annual Meeting, and included in the forthcoming 2014-15 work plan.

- Promote the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society at the 2014 Northwest Fish Culture Conference in Boise with a poster presentation.
- Review AFS white papers related to fish culture as needed.
- Organize a technical session at the 2014 Chapter meeting
- Solicit nominations for the Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture prior to the 2014 annual meeting.