

## OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY FISH CULTURE COMMITTEE 2015-2016 WORK PLAN

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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. It will:

1. Promote the exchange of information on progressive techniques of fish culture through the *Piscatorial Press* newsletter, a northwest fish culturist newsletter and Chapter meetings.
2. Promote excellence in fish culture practices through use of the Bill Wingfield Memorial Award.
3. Recruit applicants for the annual travel scholarships to the Northwest Fish Culture Conference, and recommend recipients to the Executive Committee.
4. Promote public knowledge about progressive fish culture.
5. Submit a written report of committee activities to the External Director every six months in November and April.
6. Submit an annual work plan and budget to the External Director by June 1<sup>st</sup> before the spring Ex Com planning meeting or retreat. The Fish Culture Committee Chair prepares these materials.

### **2015-2016 Work Plan**

1. In cooperation with other external committees, participate in review of white paper related to hatchery and wild fish interactions.
2. Promote the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society at the 2015 Northwest Fish Culture Conference in Portland with a poster presentation.

3. Review AFS white papers related to fish culture as needed.
4. Solicit nominations for the Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture prior to the 2015 annual meeting.
5. Recruit applicants for the travel scholarships to the Northwest Fish Culture Conference, and recommend recipients to the Ex Com.

**2015-2016 Proposed Budget**

None