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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"2005-2006... THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!"

Time has flown and it is time for my final "President's Corner". Mike Reed will be stepping forth to write this column in September, as I move on to Past President. That will involve a year of recruiting new ORAFS (Oregon Chapter AFS) officers, writing the application for AFS' yearly Outstanding Chapter award, and helping ExCom and the Chapter in any way needed.

I must say "Wow!", it has been a great experience being President this past year! I highly recommend the experience to others who want to broaden their horizons, learn more about fishery issues and techniques, meet great aquatic scientists and students from throughout the western states, Canada, and Mexico, and serve the professionals, students, and the public of Oregon through a leadership position in a great organization. The ride has been a long one for me as I got involved in ORAFS early in my career and became President after I retired from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife after 29 years and served 2 years as ORAFS Vice President and a year as President-Elect. But YOU need not wait that long to become an ExCom officer! ORAFS has had some great people serve as President or other ExCom officers without having been very involved before they became an officer. So please contact me if you are interested in serving or give it strong consideration if I contact you and ask if you are willing to be nominated to an ExCom office.

One reason I've had a great experience as President is that the Chapter traditionally covers the President's expenses to attend the annual meeting of the Western Division (WDAFS) where the president of each western US, Canada, and Mexico chapter serves on the WDAFS ExCom. WDAFS hosts the Parent AFS meeting (all US, Canada, and Mexico chapters) about every 4 years, and that happened during my presidency. So, I got to go to the combined WDAFS and Parent AFS meeting last September—and it was held in Anchorage, Alaska (I wrote about it in my *President's Corner*, Fall, 2005 issue). It was the largest-ever Parent AFS meeting with over 2,800 attendees. I got to see colleagues from around the nation I hadn't seen in years, meet many fine new colleagues, learn about fish and issues I had never heard of before, and even provide some input to the leaders of the Parent AFS who attended part of the WDAFS ExCom meeting. And, I pungled up [*sic*] my own money to take my wife and spend an extra week touring the great state of Alaska!

My good fortune continued as a second WDAFS annual meeting occurred during my presidency, and President-Elect Mike Reed could not spare the time to attend in my place. That excellent meeting was held at Montana State University in Bozeman (see summary on pages 8-9). Again, I put up my own money to take my wife with me and we spent 4 days in Yellowstone National Park,

including one day on a tour with WDAFS fish biologists to learn about fishery research and management issues in the park.

At the next WDAFS annual meeting, in September 2007, the Western Division will join forces with the Cal-Neva Chapter to host the National

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AFS annual meeting in San Francisco. By this time, Mike Reed will move to Past President of the Oregon Chapter, and Doug Young will move to President. Hopefully both Mike and Doug will have the opportunity to attend this not-to-be-missed meeting!

Then in 2008, comes a big WDAFS annual meeting for ORAFS. The Oregon Chapter will be hosting the WDAFS annual meeting May 4-8, 2008, in Portland, Oregon! This will be a great opportunity for the Chapter and many of our members, although it will be difficult for some because they will have started their field work by May. Please note that there will be no Oregon AFS annual meeting in the winter of 2008, because we will conserve time and energy by melding the Oregon Chapter's annual meeting into the Western Division's annual meeting. The 2008 WDAFS annual meeting is certain to be excellent gathering, with the capable planning team of ORAFS Internal Director Neil Ward, and WDAFS Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward (a former ORAFS President), already hard at work. The Chapter is going to need a lot of help putting together a good 2008 WD meeting and making it run smoothly, so be ready to volunteer!

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The mission of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is 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."

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Contact the national office or the Oregon Chapter, or visit their websites.
Be sure to tell the national office that you want to be an Oregon Chapter Member, dues are only \$2 per year!

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One of the best reasons that I've had a great experience as President of the Chapter is the energetic, enthusiastic, effective, and downright wonderful people I've worked with over the past year. That includes not only the ExCom and Contract Administrative Assistant, but also the Internal and External committee chairs and the many, many volunteers who have stepped forth at the ORAFS Annual Meeting and at other times. And it includes new people I've met and worked with on the WDAFS ExCom. I especially want to thank former President Mary Buckman for nominating me to the position and continuing to help me and the Chapter in many ways; Past President Doug Olson; President-Elect Mike Reed; Vice President Laura Tesler; Secretary-Treasurer Ian Reid; External Director Karen Wegner; Internal Director Neil Ward; Student Representative, Aaron Chappell; and Administrative Assistant, Loretta Brenner. Loretta has seemed like a permanent fixture with a volume of knowledge about ORAFS, but after a decade of being our Administrative Assistant, she is moving on in October to complete her Master's in Elementary Education then pursue a teaching career. We are going to miss her, but I hope we can get her to take the short hop down to Eugene and help us a little bit at our 2007 ORAFS Annual Meeting next winter—or at least visit with all her friends in the Chapter!

Thank you all for letting me serve as your President this past year, and for your help in continuing to make this a great chapter. I am very proud that in May of this year, we were once again chosen as the Outstanding Chapter of WDAFS, and we now have a chance to be selected as the National Outstanding AFS Chapter, at the AFS Parent Society annual meeting in Lake Placid, N.Y., this September!

Respectfully submitted by
Barry McPherson, President ORAFS

"Big Fish Over Big Dams: Complexities, Controversies, and Opportunities" Theme of the upcoming 43rd ORAFS Annual Meeting

OREGON CHAPTER AFS 2007 ANNUAL MEETING—FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

Planning is underway for the 2007 Oregon Chapter AFS 43rd Annual Meeting to be held February 27 to March 2, at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center, in Eugene, Oregon. The 2007 Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting will include the usual array of outstanding plenary speakers, technical sessions, posters, workshops, and social events. We hope to attract many students to attend, and fully participate in, the 2007 Annual Meeting. We plan to introduce the new ODFW Director, Virgil Moore, to the Oregon Chapter membership, and ask that he provide one of the plenary presentations.

If you have an interest in organizing or presenting a paper in a technical session, have other session or workshop topics to propose, want to offer a workshop, or want to volunteer for the many fun and important tasks we have available, please contact **Doug Young, Annual Meeting Program Chair, at 503-231-6914 or doug_young@fws.gov**.

The theme of the 2007 Meeting is "Big Fish Over Big Dams: Complexities, Controversies, and Opportunities," celebrating new and ongoing efforts to reintroduce native fish over impassable dams in many of Oregon's river basins—as well as manage the biological, social, economic, and political issues associated with these reintroduction issues. Eugene will be a fine location to host this Annual Meeting theme, as numerous efforts (including Eugene Water and Electric Board hydroproject relicensing efforts in the McKenzie) are underway to move fish above large dams in Oregon's river basins.

Workshops (February 27-28, prior to the annual meeting). Preliminary ideas include:

- Reintroducing Native Fish Species: the art and science of designing and implementing fish translocation projects
- Fishing In Oregon, featuring famous NW guides providing lectures and field demonstrations on the hottest new gear and techniques, and discussion on the sportfishers' role in fish conservation and management
- Grant Writing: how to fund fish projects in the age of diminishing budgets

Technical Sessions (February 28-March 2): We'd like to encourage sessions and papers that cover east-side as well as west-side issues and topics. Coastal, marine, and hatchery sessions and papers are encouraged. Topic suggestions for other technical sessions also are welcome, especially those related to the Annual Meeting theme.

We are looking for organizers and speakers for these and other technical sessions. **Preliminary Session topics include:**

- Moving fish above barriers
- Influence of bull trout on native salmonid reintroductions
- Measure 37 and its effects on fish
- New management tools for aquatic and riparian restoration
- Klamath salmon and the 2006 ocean salmon fisheries

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EXTERNAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings! Summer is here and we are all thinking about vacations, and other diversions. I'm going to take a few minutes to talk about the importance of being involved with the Oregon Chapter's committees, and Information Sharing Networks (ISNs). We are in a unique position to actually participate in decisions that have important implications in our field. I recently met someone who complimented the Chapter on opinions, responses, workshops, and conferences. This person felt that the Chapter could deal with issues that impact Oregon, and that with membership behind the work the Chapter does, it gives weight to the effort.

I'd like to encourage all of you to see if you have time to participate on a committee, or with an Information Sharing Network. If you are a Committee Chair or ISN lead, and you haven't contacted your members in awhile, please take the time to reconnect. Are there issues you think the Chapter should be considering? Don't hesitate to contact myself, or a Committee Chair, we may not be able to deal with everything that is brought to our attention, but beginning a conversation almost always has a positive result.

Contact information for Committee Chairs may be found at:

http://www.orafs.org/pdfdocs/05_06COMMITTEES_LIST.pdf

ISN leads may be found at:

<http://orafs.org/pdfdocs/ISNLEADS.pdf>

You will notice that many of the ISNs are in need of new leadership, if you are interested, please let me know. Remember this is your Chapter, and your participation is valued.

*Submitted by Karen Wegner,
External Director*

*Call for Papers
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- . Information Sharing Networks: sessions around ISN species
- . Data management/Data Sharing
- . Snake River Updates
- . Non- salmonids
- . Aquatic Habitat
- . Lake and Reservoir Fisheries Management
- . Hydro issues
- . Education
- . Contributed Papers

Poster Session (February 28): The Poster Session will again be combined with the Chapter Social and held on the first night of the annual meeting. Danielle Warner will return as the **Poster Session Chair: warners@tds.net.**

Guidelines for Paper and Poster Presentation Abstracts are listed on pages 6-7 of this issue of *Piscatorial Press*, and are also available on the **Oregon Chapter website: www.orafs.org. Abstracts are due, Wednesday, November 29, 2006.**

Registration Information for the 2007 Annual Meeting will be available in the Fall 2006 issue of the *Piscatorial Press* and also on the Oregon Chapter website: **www.orafs.org.**

Submitted by Doug Young, 2007 Annual Meeting Program Chair, and Incoming President-Elect ORAFS

2007 POSTER SESSION DETAILS

The combined 2007 Poster Session and Oregon Chapter Social will be held Wednesday night, February 28th. The deadline for Poster Abstracts is Wednesday, November 29th, 2006, 5:00 pm.

Approximately 32 poster slots will be available at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Due to space constraints, there will not be space to accommodate posters that just "show up" at the annual meeting.

Posters need to be set up before 6:00 p.m. Posters must be removed after the morning break on Friday, March 2, 2007. Posters need to fit in a 4 ft X 4 ft space. Poster display boards will be provided. Provide your own means of poster attachment, either Velcro or push-pins. When making your poster, please consider such items as font size, font color, graphics, etc., that will allow people to view your poster clearly during the Poster Session.

Deadline: Email your abstract as an attached Word file by Wednesday, November 29, 2006, 5:00 p.m. to Danielle Warner, Poster Session Chair, at warners@tds.net. Details on submitting abstracts can be found in on pages 6-7.

Contact Danielle Warner, Poster Session Chair, if you have additional questions about the display boards or your poster: 360-431-8433, warners@tds.net.

Submitted by Danielle Warner, ORAFS Poster Session Chair

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PAPER & POSTER ABSTRACTS

(Required reading for anyone submitting an abstract)

**Oregon Chapter AFS
43rd Annual Meeting
February 28th – March 2nd, 2007
Eugene Hilton & Conference Center**

**Abstract Submission Deadline:
November 29, 2006 (5:00pm)**

Paper and poster presentations will be accepted for the Annual Meeting at the discretion of the Annual Meeting Program and Poster Session Chairs, and as space allows, so please submit your abstract as early as possible (see information below). If accepted, note that the abstract you submit will be the final copy used in the printed Annual Meeting Program (corrections and revisions will be accepted until the November 29, 2006 deadline). You will receive a confirming email to acknowledge receipt of your abstract. Paper and poster presenters must register for either the full or one-day annual meeting option.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS FOR PAPER OR POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Abstracts must be submitted via email to Paper and Poster Coordinators (see contact information below) as an attached Word file. Please see example abstracts on page 6.

Include the following information in your Abstract:

Font: Times New Roman / Size 11.

Indicate if the abstract is for a **PAPER (oral)** or **POSTER** presentation.

Indicate Whether Presenting Author(S) is an **Oregon Chapter AFS Member**

Indicate Whether Presenting Author(S) as a **Student**

For PAPER presentations, please indicate session in which you are presenting your paper (if known). Papers not designated for a specific session will be considered for the Contributed Paper sessions or scheduled for an appropriate session.

ABSTRACT TITLE: Use upper and lower case and bold text.

LIST OF AUTHORS: Use upper and lower case letters; first name or initials followed by last name; author name followed by a superscript number to reference author's contact information (the same number should be applied to each author having the same contact information); each author separated by a comma.

PRESENTING AUTHOR(S): If more than one author, use an * to indicate the presenting author(s).

AUTHOR CONTACT INFORMATION: Use upper and lower case letters. For more than one author, use superscript numbers, referenced for each author. List employer or affiliation, mailing address, city, state, and zip code. Include phone and email only for the presenting author(s).

ABSTRACT (250 words or fewer / Times New Roman Font / Size 11)

Abstract submittal and session coordinator contact information:

Submit your abstracts to the following Paper and Poster Coordinators. Contact these individuals with any questions about Papers or Posters.

PAPER ABSTRACTS: Doug Young, Annual Meeting Chair, 503-231-6914; Doug_Young@fws.gov

POSTER ABSTRACTS: Danielle Warner, Poster Session Chair, 360-431-8433; warners@tds.net

**See sample
abstracts on page 6 -
please use this format for
submitting your
abstracts**

SAMPLE ABSTRACTS - Oregon AFS 2007 Annual Meeting

PAPER PRESENTATION ABSTRACT EXAMPLES:

Paper

Oregon Chapter AFS Member

Session: Unknown

Large wood as an Indicator of Salmon Recovery

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Small streams need large wood to function correctly and support native salmonid populations. This paper will investigate the...

Paper

Oregon Chapter AFS Member

Session: "Things Without Backbones"

Periphyton as a Diagnostic Tool for Salmon Recovery

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Small streams are an abundant watershed feature that typically do not support fish or support fish at low densities. Yet, each small stream contributes to...

POSTER ABSTRACT EXAMPLES:

Poster

Oregon Chapter AFS Member

Student

Tapeworm Photos that will Turn your Stomach as well as those of Rainbow Trout

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The tapeworm *Schistocephalus solidus* can really fill up a fish gut cavity, and can cause even the strongest biologist to...

Poster

Oregon Chapter AFS Member

Student

Impacts of the Tapeworm *Schistocephalus solidus* on Fish and Wildlife in Central Oregon

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The tapeworm *Schistocephalus solidus* has become established in the Deschutes River in 2000 and eventually gained access to...

OREGON CHAPTER HEADS TO EUGENE FOR THE 2007 MEETING!

The 43rd Oregon Chapter AFS Annual Meeting will be held at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center February 27–March 1, 2007. The meeting will offer an excellent array of technical sessions, posters, and contributed papers. Pre-meeting workshops will be held February 27-28, 2007. Other meeting highlights include:

- Student-Mentor Social on Wednesday night
- Poster Session and Social on Wednesday night
- Spawning Run on Thursday morning
- Combined Oregon Chapter AFS business meeting, officer elections, and lunch on Thursday
- Banquet, raffle-auction, other festivities on Thursday night

Check the Oregon Chapter website for annual meeting updates (www.orafs.org).

See pages 3-6 for the Call for Papers and Posters, and guidelines for abstract submission. Abstracts are due: Wednesday, November 29, 2006

For more information contact the meeting organizers listed below:

Meeting Arrangements or to Volunteer:
Neil Ward, Internal Director:
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Call for Papers, Technical and Plenary Sessions,
Pre-Meeting Workshops:
Doug Young, In-Coming President-Elect:
503-231-6914, Doug_Young@fws.gov.

Call for Posters and Poster Session:
Danielle Warner, 360-431-8433, warners@tds.net

Registration information will be posted on the website in September or October, 2006, and will be included in the Fall 2007 newsletter:

<http://www.orafs.org/>

For questions contact Loretta Brenner 541-753-0442, LKBrenner@comcast.net

Submitted by Neil Ward, Internal Director and Annual Meeting Arrangements Chair

Your Chance to Get Involved!

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2007-2008 OREGON CHAPTER EXCOM!

This is your opportunity to become an officer in one of the biggest and best chapters of the American Fisheries Society! It's a great chance to learn about other aspects of fishery science, develop management skills, and network with other fish folk! Out-Going officers are glad to help you learn the ropes and get you up to speed.

If you've been thinking about getting more involved in AFS, now's the time. Officer positions have different types of time requirements, sometimes lower intensity, but nonstop; and others that are short bursts of intense action. Find a position that fits your needs, time constraints, and skills. Please contact me if you want to know the demands of each position.

We seek candidates for the following positions (terms begin September 1, 2007):

President	3-year term*
Vice President	1-year term
Secretary-Treasurer	1-year term
Internal Director	1-year term**
External Director	1-year term

*3-year term: 1 year each as President-Elect & Annual Meeting Chair, President, Past President (requires some work prior to Sept. 1, 2007)

**Assists in arranging the annual meeting facilities for the subsequent year (requires some work prior to Sept. 1, 2007)

Elections will be held at the annual meeting business lunch, March 1, 2007, and terms begin September 1, 2007. Nominating is EASY! If you are interested in running for an office just submit your name to me via an email or a phone call. If you know someone you think would be a great officer, but don't feel comfortable asking them, please submit their name to me and I will contact them to determine their interest in serving. Final candidates will need to prepare a short statement describing themselves, their background, education, work, interest in the position, and what they would like to contribute to Oregon AFS, by December 15, 2006 for publication in the January 2007 *Piscatorial Press*. Please contact me if you have ANY questions, and thanks for your interest!

**Submit nominations by December 8, 2006 to:
Barry McPherson, 541-574-6111
bdmcperson@coho.net**

OREGON AFS EXCOM RETREAT

The Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society Executive Committee (ExCom) met at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Willamette Fish Hatchery in Oakridge for a business retreat on 4 and 5 May. Also present were incoming Vice-President Tom Friesen, incoming President-Elect Doug Young, Legislative Committee Chair Hiram Li, and Administrative Assistant Loretta Brenner.

ExCom discussed the Oregon Chapter investment strategy, the formation of a new Northwest Fish Culture Conference account, and reviewed a new Administrative Assistant contract. We heard highlights of and suggestions to improve the 2006 Annual Meeting in Sunriver and strategized for the 2007 Annual Meeting in Eugene. We reviewed expenditures and revenues from the Sunriver annual meeting. ExCom also discussed pros and cons of hiring an ORAFS legislative liaison, and listened to reports from Secretary-Treasurer Ian Reid, External Committee Chair Karen Wegner, and Student Subunit Chair Aaron Chappell. Several ExCom members previewed the DVD, *"Rising from the Shadows: the Return of the Cutthroat Trout"*, produced by Western Division AFS and other sponsors. This documentary was high quality with spectacular footage, and will hopefully be shown on PBS stations around the West.

Because all work and no play makes for lousy newsletter stories, Tom Friesen and Ian Reid performed some early morning sampling for stocked rainbow trout on nearby Salt and Hills creeks. It was determined Tom's sampling gear was far more efficient than Ian's. President Barry McPherson and Ian also tried a post-retreat fishing expedition on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. Catching was slow due to high flows and cold water temperatures (not angler skill), but one mountain whitefish was boated and released. A pair of harlequin ducks was spotted and Barry demonstrated the durability of aluminum drift boats as we ping-ponged through one formidable rapid backwards.

Special thanks go to ODFW, Hatchery Manager Gary Yeager, and other hatchery employees for allowing ExCom to meet at the Willamette Hatchery. ExCom was provided with a conference room, lodging, and a place to cook meals. As a side note, the Willamette Hatchery facility is a work of art complete with interpretive trails, a live upland bird display, sturgeon ponds, a live game and native fish exhibit, and a well-maintained and designed museum. The hatchery is open to the public and is worth a stop if you're ever in Oakridge. Minutes from the May 2006 retreat will be available on the ORAFS website.

Respectfully submitted by Ian S. Reid, Secretary-Treasurer

Your Chance to Speak Out!

CALL FOR CHAPTER RESOLUTIONS

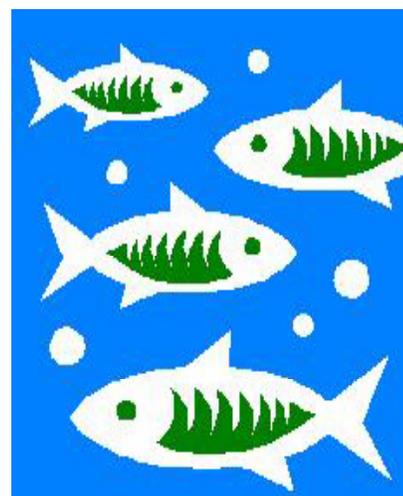
Is there a resource issue that needs addressing? Do you have concerns to voice? Then the Oregon Chapter wants to hear from you! The Chapter wants to be responsive to the needs of its members, and this is one way we can accomplish this goal.

If you wish to bring an issue to the membership, please submit your resolutions to the Resolutions and Bylaws Committee by Friday, November 3, 2006.

Your resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee, and if accepted, published in the Winter 2006-07 issue of the *Piscatorial Press*, posted to the Chapter website, and submitted to the Chapter membership for a vote at the 2007 Annual Business Meeting in Corvallis. Join in the democratic process and be heard! **Adopted Chapter resolutions can be found on the website at:**

www.orafs.org/communications.htm#resolution

For more information about submitting resolutions, please contact: Laura L. Tesler, ORAFS Vice President and Resolutions Chair, 503-947-6259; laura.tesler@state.or.us



REPORT ON THE 2006 WESTERN DIVISION AFS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Western Division of AFS (WDAFS), which includes all AFS chapters in the western US, western Canada, and now includes a chapter in Mexico, was held at Montana State University in Bozeman, May 15-18. Presidents of all the chapters are voting members of the WDAFS Executive Committee (WDAFS ExCom) and are expected to attend. Things got started with the WDAFS ExCom meeting with excellent attendance from all active chapters, some WDAFS committee chairs or representatives, the new WDAFS newsletter editor, and the Parent AFS President-Elect, Jennifer Nielsen, herself a WDAFS member. WDAFS President Joe Margraf of Alaska ran an efficient and effective meeting with a strong message on the importance of volunteerism and good communication.

Unfortunately, one of the big orders of business was to decide whether to recommend that the Parent Society dissolve several WDAFS chapters that have not responded positively to WDAFS' attempts to revitalize them over several past years. A problem is that it is difficult to establish a quorum to conduct WDAFS business at meetings and on conference calls if these chapters are absent. The number needed for a quorum would be less and include only "active" chapters if these others were dissolved. We voted to recommend the Parent AFS dissolve the Humboldt Chapter (it will likely become a Humboldt State University student subunit), the New Mexico State University Chapter (it will likely become a student subunit, also), and the Hawaii Chapter (no future for it is apparent at this time). On a WDAFS ExCom conference call in March, it was decided that WDAFS would recommend the Parent AFS dissolve the Portland Chapter. This was after a number of past Portland Chapter members responded to a WDAFS inquiry and stated they felt it should be dissolved and the \$800+ bank account turned over to ORAFS for use in granting scholarships. Hopefully, final decisions on these chapters will be made at the September 2007 National AFS meeting.

The WDAFS is in decent financial shape, especially after the successfully attended (400+) annual meeting but some discussion was held regarding the need to develop income from new sources. Discussion has been ongoing, but no decision was made by WDAFS ExCom in Bozeman, regarding chapters being able to "piggy-back" onto WDAFS' successful investments. Especially for small chapters, this would improve how they are able to invest and protect their chapter funds.

It was great to have the Mexico Chapter give its first report ever to WDAFS and hear that we are all invited to their first chapter meeting in May 2007—which will be held in La Paz, Mexico. Not surprisingly, many ExCom members started pushing for a WDAFS annual meeting to be hosted by the Mexico Chapter in a few years!!

The theme of the 2006 WDAFS annual meeting program was "Natives and Newcomers" and there were great presentations on native species of fish and issues regarding non-native species. Several ORAFS members made presentations and there was an Oregon State University student entry in the poster session. A big issue I heard about at the meeting and on the WDAFS tour into Yellowstone National Park, was runaway populations of introduced lake trout in major waters such as Yellowstone Lake, Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park, and Flathead Lake. Tens of thousands of these lake trout are being removed by angling contests and gill netting, yet there seems to be little effect on their populations and growing evidence of impacts on native cut-throat and bull trout populations.

The plenary session focused on western water issues and featured one of the greats: Phil Pister of the Desert Fishes Council, who as a California Fish & Game biologist decades ago, took the State of Nevada all the way to the US Supreme Court and won protection of the amazing little desert pupfish in California when their water supply was threatened by human development in Nevada. Jeff Ruch, Executive Director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, spoke in the plenary session about the need for AFS fish biologists to support each other in the stepped-up onslaught against the integrity of science and the integrity of our ecosystems by exploitative interests and the politicians that are beholden to them for re-election funds. In relation to this concern, I'll mention here that during the WDAFS ExCom meeting, it was reported that AFS Executive Director Gus Rassam was working with other organizations on a collaborative approach to press federal agencies to "let their scientists be scientists and let the science come forth without interference" (my words). It was also reported that the AFS "Best Science" white paper has been submitted to the AFS Management Committee for final review. The revised draft will be distributed for wider review this summer. I was involved in discussions of these two items with Parent AFS folks at the WDAFS ExCom meeting in Anchorage last September.

ORAFS Internal Director Neil Ward attended the Bozeman meeting and along with ORAFS member and WDAFS Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward, and the three of us gleaned some good ideas for the 2008 WDAFS meeting in Portland. We especially liked the "Montana style" raffle where all the items were displayed on tables

up front and ticket numbers were pulled and announced rather quickly. Winners wasted little time getting up to the tabled items to choose a prize before some other ticket winner got there first!

Thanks to a great application submitted by Past President Doug Olson, our Chapter was honored with the award of Outstanding Chapter of WDAFS for the past year. We will now compete for Outstanding Chapter of all AFS to be selected at the Parent AFS meeting in Lake Placid, NY, this September. The OSU Student Subunit gave the Montana State University Student Subunit a run for their money with an application spearheaded by our Student Representative Aaron Chappell, but the MSU students got the Outstanding Student Subunit award from WDAFS and will go on to compete in Lake Placid this September.

I could report on a lot more good things from the Bozeman meeting, but I'll end here and suggest that you go to www.wdafs.org/newsletters/newsletters.htm and look at the report(s) on the meeting in the WDAFS newsletter (*The Tributary*). I thank the Chapter for financially supporting my attendance at the meeting.

Submitted by Barry McPherson, President ORAFS

COASTAL CUTTHROAT TROUT SCIENCE WORKSHOP SUMMARY

A "Coastal Cutthroat Trout Science Workshop" was held in Portland, Oregon on June 6-7, 2006. The Science Workshop was a direct result of the "Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium," held in Port Townsend, WA, in September 2005. Symposium participants identified the need for more interaction among those with expertise in coastal cutthroat trout throughout the species range, therefore, as a means to begin more interaction, the Science Workshop was scheduled. The Science Workshop, sponsored by Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, was the first in what organizers hope to be a series of workshops that focus on "developing a consistent framework to help and prioritize conservation, management, research, and restoration throughout the native range of coastal cutthroat trout". A group of researchers and managers representing state and federal agencies from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska met at the Science Workshop to discuss the future of this complex and fascinating species. Information from California was provided, however a California representative could not attend. Participants discussed the state of knowledge of coastal cutthroat trout, identified data gaps, and identified issues and tasks that are a

priority for the conservation and management of the species.

Prior to the Science Workshop participants prepared summarized information relating to the ecology, population dynamics, and population characteristics of coastal cutthroat trout within each represented jurisdiction. In addition, participants were asked to summarize potential impacts to coastal cutthroat trout populations and information on the status of the species. Participants presented this information in a round robin style, followed with facilitated group discussion. Each topic was concluded with a prioritization exercise designed to identify the information needs that were of highest priority for each state or province, as well as develop overall priorities throughout the range. The two highest priorities identified include the challenges that agencies face in developing monitoring programs for this species, and the challenges that researchers face in identifying the various life history forms and their interactions (plasticity).

The Science Workshop will be summarized in a "framing document" that can be developed further as efforts continue through future meetings and workshops. The framing document, which will be available in January 2007, is meant to serve the research and management community by identifying information needs throughout the range of coastal cutthroat trout, and prioritizing actions. The hope of the Science Workshops' organizers and participants is that this rangewide, collaborative effort continues and that a newly-formed Coastal Cutthroat Trout Technical Working Group will focus on the scientific and management issues concerning coastal cutthroat trout.

To learn more about the 2005 Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium and the 2006 Science Workshop, please visit the Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium website: <http://www.fws.gov/columbiariver/cctsym.html>

Submitted by Kitty Griswold, Coastal Cutthroat Trout Science Workshop Coordinator

RAFFLE / AUCTION TEAM SEEKING CO-CHAIR!

I will be chairing the Raffle and Auction Committee for one more year, and would love to have a Co-Chair for the 2007 meeting (with the possibility of turning the reins over to this person for the 2008 combined ORAFS and WDAFS meeting). No doubt it's a big job, but also rewarding, and you get to work with a great crew of people! If interested (even remotely) please contact me, **Martyne Reesman**: martyne.j.reesman@state.or.us. **503-657-2000 Ext 425**

OREGON STATE STUDENT SUBUNIT ANNUAL REPORT

It's been another great year for the Oregon State University Student Subunit / Fish and Wildlife Club. We've been able to offer students several opportunities for educational, networking, and volunteer experience. Some of the highlights of our year include visiting Pt. Reyes National Sea Shore and Catalina Island where we toured the University of Southern California's Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies, and a weekend trip to Sunriver where we helped the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife prevent bank erosion on the Deschutes River. The Club has also been involved with youth educational experiences such as Salmon Watch and Discovery Days, and put on a wildlife film festival for the Corvallis community that showcased several award winning documentaries.

In addition, students have had opportunities for education and networking through the Club's monthly meetings. We have attended several presentations on topics concerning both fish and wildlife presented by a wide range of individuals including professionals and graduate students. These opportunities have been very beneficial for the students as well as the individuals who presented and the areas of study they represent. Professionals and graduate students had a chance to present their research to the individuals who will be following in their footsteps, and the students received a deeper understanding and feeling of connectedness to the field of fisheries and wildlife.

Elections for the 2006-2007 Oregon State University Fish and Wildlife Club were held in May and the new Oregon Chapter Student Subunit Representative is Hayden Howell. Hayden is a Junior in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Science. Hayden and the rest of the leadership team are looking forward to working with the Oregon Chapter of AFS next year. We have a limited number of meetings each year but we would love to talk with anyone interested in presenting research at one of the Club meetings. Also we would like to remind agencies and organizations that the Club can be a valuable resource and we would be very interested in talking about educational opportunities as well as volunteer work. **If you are interested please contact Hayden Howell at: howellch@onid.orst.edu.**

Submitted by Hayden Howell, Student Representative

VOLUNTEER FOR SALMON WATCH!

Help teach Oregon's youth about salmon and watersheds with Oregon Trout's Salmon Watch Program, an award-winning education program that centers on streamside field trips to view spawning Chinook salmon. In 2005, nearly 5200 students in 173 Oregon Classrooms participated in the Salmon Watch program. Adult volunteers will attend a free half-day training workshop in August or September 2006 to learn more about water quality, aquatic insects, riparian zones, and working with kids. Then, in the fall, they'll become "o-fish-ial" volunteer instructors, giving them the chance to share their knowledge with middle and high school students on a weekday field trip. Field trips usually begin around 9 AM and conclude between 1-2 PM. Travel time to field trip sites averages 1 1/4 hours.

For training dates, registration form, and more information, please contact: Karen Wegner, Mid-Willamette Regional Coordinator Salmon Watch, Oregon Trout, 541-753-4280, karen@ortrout.org.

COASTAL CUTTHROAT TROUT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The 2005 Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium, Oregon Chapter and Western Division American Fisheries Society awarded two Coastal Cutthroat Trout Research Scholarships in 2006. Many excellent student applications were reviewed and ranked. Applicants and their research project were required to meet the following criteria: masters or doctoral student research project directed at coastal cutthroat trout; at least 50% of the grant to be spent directly on field equipment, supplies, materials, salaries; research findings to be presented at next Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium (tentatively 2010).

The Coastal Cutthroat Trout Research Scholarship award winners are:

Allan Costello, University of British Columbia, \$5,000. Ph.D thesis research project, "Resolving the Ancestral Polymorphism vs. Hybridization Debate: Congeneric Phylogeography of Coastal Cutthroat Trout and Rainbow Trout."

Sarah Haque, The Evergreen State College, \$3,000. Master's Degree research project, "Movement Patterns and Nearshore Habitat Use of Coastal Cutthroat Trout in Relation to Chum Salmon Migrations and Environmental Conditions: Acoustic Tracking in South Puget Sound 2005-2007."

Funds for the scholarships were generated from the 2005 Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium (sponsored by Oregon, Alaska, Pacific International, and Humboldt Chapters), as well as the 1995 Sea-run Cutthroat Trout Symposium (sponsored by The Lower Umpqua Flycasters and Oregon Chapter).

OREGON CHAPTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Oregon Chapter's Contract Administrative Assistant, Loretta Brenner, is leaving her contract position with Oregon AFS at the end of September 2006, and the Chapter is seeking interested candidates for the administrative position. If you are interested in contracting for work with the Chapter at all organizational levels, please contact Laura Tesler, Vice President, to express your interest. Laura is developing a list of interested candidates, and will contact you directly with details about the position. **To be included in a list of candidates, or for more information about the position, please email or call Laura Tesler at: 503-947-6259; Laura.Tesler@state.or.us**

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www.afslakeplacid.org

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**"Big Fish Over Big Dams:
Complexities, Controversies, and
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Workshops: February 27-28, 2007

**Deadline for Poster and Paper Abstracts:
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See call for papers on pages 3-6 For updates check the ORAFS website: www.orafs.org

Meeting Chair: Doug Young, 503-231-6914

Doug_Young@fws.gov (contact Doug if you have session ideas, or would like to facilitate a session or workshop)

OCTOBER 25-27, 2006
2006 BIENNIAL OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD (OWEB) CONFERENCE
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www.oregon.gov/OWEB/2006_conf.shtml

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The 2008 WDAFS Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Oregon Chapter AFS. **Contact Neil Ward, Arrangements Chair, for more information: neil.ward@cbfwa.org, 503-229-0191**

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Visit the Oregon Chapter Website for annual meeting updates, award nomination announcements, scholarship opportunities, and more:

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