

INTRODUCING OREGON CHAPTER AFS'S NEWEST COMMITTEE:  
THE NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE  
James Capurso

The Executive Committee of the Oregon Chapter of American Fisheries Society has recently approved the creation of a new committee, the Native Fish Committee, as proposed by James Capurso, Regional Fisheries Biologist of the USDA Forest Service. Capurso has volunteered to be the first Native Fish Committee Chair.

The committee will feature an annual Native Nongame Fish Workshop that will take advantage of the deep native nongame fish knowledge base we have in Oregon, featuring a single nongame native fish within Oregon during each year's workshop. The workshop would be field-based, with a half day of presentations by species experts and a half day in the field sampling the species in their habitat. It would be open to AFS members and non-members alike and would serve as an introduction for non-members to join our chapter. In addition, the Native Fish Committee will take on all chapter responsibilities pertaining to native fish conservation, working cooperatively with other related committees when necessary.

The first Native Fish Committee meeting will occur during the 2013 Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society annual meeting. Watch for the annual meeting agenda for the committee meeting time and place during the annual meeting. We encourage your participation!