

OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE 2018-19 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.

2018-2019 Workplan

1. Through email exchange with committee members, identify the featured species for the 2018 and 2019 Nongame Native Fish Workshops and schedule the workshop dates. Conduct the workshops. Prepare and distribute the post-workshop reports.
2. Develop an annual Official Committee Koozie (or other item such as pint glass or tee shirt) featuring the scanned image of the skull of the fish species selected for the Nongame Native Fish Workshops. The production of this item will need to be financed by those who request it.

3. Through email exchange, elect the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year recipients for 2018 and 2019. Request annual funds from EXCOM to purchase the annual award. 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.
4. Host a Native Fishes Session at the 2018 and 2019 annual chapter meetings.
5. Prepare a short white paper identifying most critical taxonomic gaps (Sidlauskas has started this paper).
6. Compile vexing Oregon native fish questions list. As a committee, select a question to answer with one or a series of presentations in the Native Fish Session of the annual meeting or a separate workshop prior to the annual meeting (Capurso will initiate prior to each annual meeting).
7. Request annual funding for the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award from EXCOM. It has cost \$350 for the last 4 years. EXCOM should prepared for an annual cost of \$350 EXCOM to \$400. Jason Brandt, Dan Bingham, and Shivonne Nesbitt have agreed to raise this request with EXCOM.

2018-2019 Proposed Budget

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

\$400 per year to cover the cost of the annual Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award.