

## OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

### CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE 2019-2020 DRAFT WORK PLAN

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Approved by ExCom:

#### **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 Climate Change Committee**

The goal of the Climate Change Committee of the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society is to prepare for the effects of climate change on Oregon's fish and better understand associated risks and opportunities. To accomplish this, the Climate Change Committee will:

1. Be available to the Chapter for fisheries-related climate change topics 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 how climate change can and will affect Oregon's fisheries resources.
3. Recognize fish biologists within the State of Oregon that are paving the way in climate change and aquatic resources.
4. Distribute current information and research articles that pertain to aquatic resource management and climate change.
5. Identify conservation data gaps associated with climate change and aquatic resources.

#### **2019-2020 Work Plan**

1. Through the Oregon AFS annual meeting and email outreach, develop a work plan and recruit committee members.