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OREGON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Greetings ORAFS!

Thank you for coming out to support our first in-person annual meeting of the After Times! After two years of virtual meetings, most of us on the planning committee had not worked on an in-person event and we were all grateful for the experience, vision, and steady hand of our meeting chair, President-Elect Gary Vonderohe. Thank you THANK YOU (!!) to our Annual Meeting Planning Team!

I'm proud of our accomplishments over the last year! We offered great professional learning opportunities including the first ever extinct native fish workshop looking for fossil "Sabertooth/Spiketooth Salmon" and a larval lamprey identification workshop. We awarded 6 scholarships this year and supported an additional 5 fish culture students attending the annual meeting. We are grateful to the patrons behind the Jerry Bouck and Albert G. Lassuy Memorial scholarships to be able to increase our support to deserving fisheries students. Our amazing Education and Outreach Committee provided 9 grants totaling \$8,000 to schools, watershed councils, and a model watershed to support K12 fisheries education. We are back on board with a legislative liaison keeping track of important bills working through the state legislature thanks to Troy Brandt and our partnership with the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society. It's your support at our annual meeting, through your membership, and our amazing Sponsors and Vendors that make all this work possible.

I want to welcome our new ExCom members: our new President-elect Michele Weaver, our new Treasurer Jorden Smith, and our new Vice President Kate Self! I'm excited for the new ideas and energy they will be bringing to the ExCom. And it is with sadness and gratitude that we say farewell to our outgoing Vice President Claire Rosemond, Treasurer Adrienne Averett, and Past President Scott Heppell. We thank you for your 1, 2, and 3 years of service to Oregon AFS and thanks in advance for your continued involvement in ORAFS in other various roles! Each of these folks left a positive mark on the chapter. Claire

increased our efforts to include tribal voices in our annual meeting by taking the lead on creating a new registration fee waiver for Tribal Members that we piloted this year and she brought a full court press on getting donations for our raffle and auction contributing to the success of our annual meeting! Adrienne brought her experience as a Past President of the Virginia Chapter AFS and her great attitude and helped get us caught up on our five-year Goals and Objectives as well as manage the sound financial actions of our chapter. In his three years, Scott led us into the uncharted territory of the virtual meeting world where he and the 2021 Planning Team pulled off a successful meeting – both in terms of participation and content as well as its role as our fundraiser to allow us to do the great work we do.

And so I'll sign off my last President's Corner as I ride off into the Past Presidency. See you on the other side!

Chris Hirsch,
President
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MHCC STUDENT SUBUNIT UPDATE

Things have been taking off with Covid restrictions lifting. This year the Mt. Hood Community College Student Subunit had the opportunity to attend the Annual Oregon Chapter of American Fisheries Society in person this last February! The Graduate Hotel in Eugene was a great host to all our members. Students had a great time networking at the Student Mentor Mixer that they helped to put together in collaboration with the Oregon State University Subunit. Our officers also had an excellent time running the annual Corn Hole Tournament and giving out prizes to our winners! Special thanks to all who participated. What a great way to unwind with camaraderie after all the incredible talks that took place during the day.

Again, our members are very excited to be able to participate in more events due to lifting constraints regarding Covid-19. There are several exciting ventures planned before the end of the school year. Our next event is a tour and overnight trip hosted by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. Students are thrilled to be accommodated and educated in marine tools and technology being used today in the field. In addition to the overnight stay there is also an upcoming clamming/crabbing trip including a short visit to Whiskey Creek Hatchery. In honor of one of the oldest living creatures to call the Pacific Northwest home, we are having a movie night to watch the delightful horror movie Bloodlake. A tribute to both lamprey and the eighties.

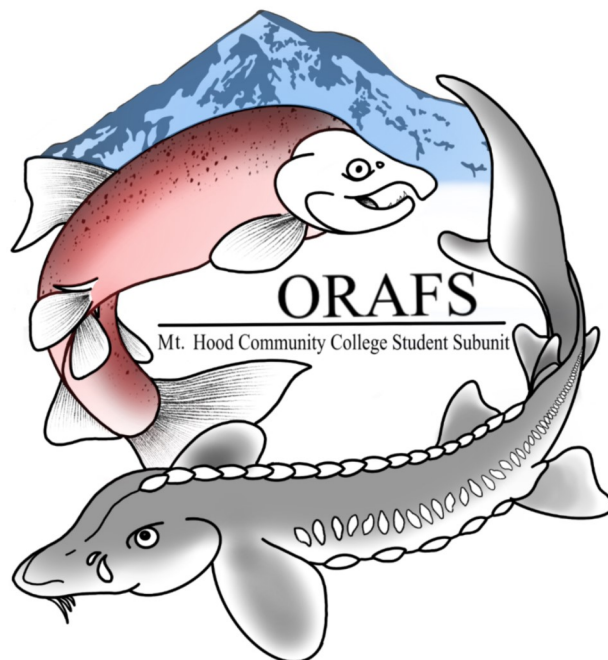
Finally, our students who are in the second year of the Fisheries technologies program have been raising rainbow trout that will be liberated in the Mt. Hood Community College Pond May 21st as well as sent to several camps on Mt. Hood.



Congratulations to our President Bridget Manning for the recognition and acceptance of a Scholarship for a student obtaining an Associate of Applied Science from ORAFS!



For more information please direct questions or comments for the subunit to: mhcc.orafs.subunit@gmail.com
Bridget Manning, AFS Subunit President



OSU STUDENT SUBUNIT UPDATE

More than just flowers are emerging from the rain and mud this spring at OSU - with a full campus of new and returning students, Oregon State is as bustling and productive as ever. The Fisheries and Wildlife Club is no different, and in this term alone we are planning on hosting 8 events for our members over the 10 weeks of the term, including a visit to Hatfield Marine Science Center, guest speakers from ODFW's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), R-Studio Workshops, owl pellet dissections, group outdoor exploration sessions, and several OSU outreach events. During winter term, the subunit was kept busy with the ORAFS and ORTWS Conferences and a few fun get-togethers like trivia night, R-Studio Workshops, and a guest speaker from Trout Unlimited's Corvallis chapter. The Fisheries & Wildlife Club also submitted and won the award of Western Division AFS Best Student Subunit for 2023, which we are so grateful for and proud of - this honor is made possible by our supporters such as ORAFS and our members within the club!

Members are gearing up for summer internships and some are even out in the field already! Volunteer projects that have been all the buzz in the Fisheries and Wildlife community have included night surveys capturing and monitoring sage grouse in Eastern Oregon, elk calf monitoring around Coos Bay, redd surveys in the Luckiamute with Trout Unlimited, and leading the Dead Week Tours



Secretary (Charlotte Hussain), left, and Vice President (Mayah Baker), right, attend the outreach table at Hatfield Marine Science Center's Science Day. Photo by President (Jacob Edwards).

with the Fisheries and Wildlife Club showing off the FW department's amazing specimens collections. There is so much going on, and even more to look forward to (as always)! Go Beavs!

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The Native Fish Committee of the
Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
Presents
The 2023 Nongame Native Fish Workshop

The 2023 Featured Species are the Goose Lake Endemics, including:



Goose Lake Tui Chub (*Siphateles bicolor thalassinus*)
Photo courtesy of Dave Giordano



Goose Lake sucker (*Catostomus occidentalis lacusanserinus*)
Photo courtesy of Aleah Dew, OSU



Goose Lake Lamprey (*Entosphenus* sp.)
Photo courtesy of Aleah Dew, OSU

September 12-13, 2023 near Lakeview, Oregon

The Native Fish Committee of the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society organizes annual field workshops featuring nongame native fish in Oregon. This year, the committee will study the endemic fish of Goose Lake, including the Goose Lake Tui Chub, sucker, and lamprey. We will hear presentations and engage in discussions regarding the species and sample for them in the field.

There is no charge to participate in the workshop or to camp the night of the workshop. Everyone is welcome to participate and students are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will start noon September 12th at the Fremont-Winema NF Headquarters large conference room (1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Or) with presentations and we'll camp that night at Drews Creek Campground, 35 minutes SW of Lakeview. Bring your own water and camping gear. Dinner and evening refreshments will be provided September 12th (Courtesy of OCAFS). Bring your own food for other meals.

The morning of September 13th, we will sample for the featured species to gain a better understanding of their habitat and take photos. The workshop will end at noon on September 13th.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP James Capurso, OCAFS Native Fish Committee Chair, at james.capurso@usda.gov, by August 15, 2023.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

59th ORAFS Annual Meeting
Eugene, Oregon

February 28 – March 3

Facing Our Challenges



59th Annual Meeting

February 28 - March 3, 2023

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Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Here are a few highlights

- Attendance exceeded 370 registrants representing over 70 organizations
- Program featured 14 sessions, with 118 paper abstracts, up to 5 concurrent sessions, and 17 posters
- Three workshops on (1) Freshwater Mussels, (2) Data Visualization in R, (3) Navigating Difficult Conversations
- Two excellent Plenary Speakers – Ed Bowles and Krystyna Wolniakowski
- 32 sponsors and vendors

The Planning Team is very grateful to all the attendees, sponsors, and donors for supporting the 2023 Annual Meeting!

THANK YOU!

A big thanks to Pete Baki for a great job capturing many of the great moments at the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting. All the annual meeting photos featured in this edition of the Piscatorial Press are courtesy of Pete.

We started Wednesday with great plenary presentations:



Plenary speakers Ed Bowles and Krystyna Wolniakowski with President-Elect Gary Vonderohe

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP-CONT'D

Student Mentor Mixers

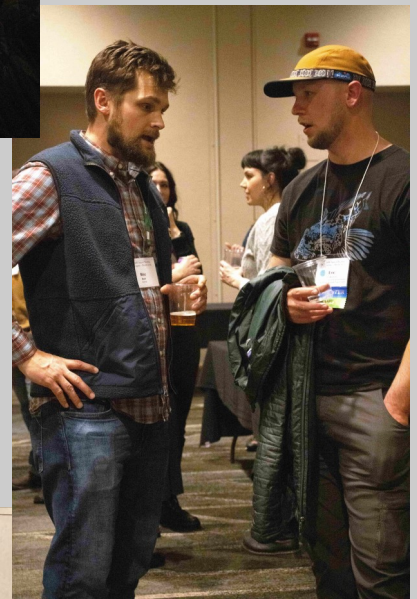


Spawning Run/Carcass Crawl Organized and hosted by: Jeff Ziller



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP-CONT'D

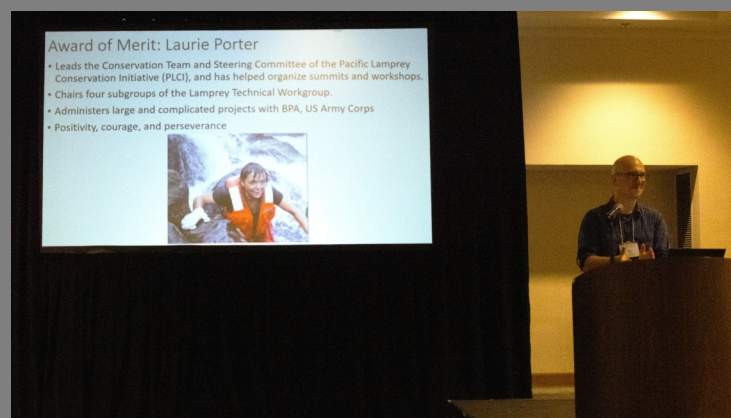
Socials & Banquet



AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

The 2023 Annual Meeting was a place to visit with old friends, meet new friends, share ideas, and learn about current fisheries work. It was also a place to recognize the achievements of our colleagues. This year's professional awards were managed by Brian Bangs and the Awards Committee. Congratulations to the award winners, and thank you to all of the members who submitted nominations and reviewed the awards nominations.

- ◆ The **Award of Merit** is awarded to individuals, groups, or organizations that have made special contributions to fisheries. This year's recipient was **Laurie Porter**.



- ◆ The Chapter's most prestigious award is the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, presented to someone who goes above and beyond year after year and has made a substantial lifetime contribution to fisheries. For his dedication to fisheries this year's recipient was **Tom Friesen**.

- ◆ Everyone's favorite and just for fun, the **Broken Oar Award** is presented for "outstanding display of field techniques and coordination". This year's recipients were **Joseph Feldhaus** and **Fred Drascic**



AND THE AWARD GOES TO... (CONTINUED)

- ♦ The **Bob Wingfield Memorial Award** in Fish Culture goes to individuals or groups that have contributed significantly to advancing fish culture in Oregon. This year's recipient was **Amiee Reed**.



- ♦ The Chapter's **Fishery Worker of the Year Award** is presented annually to an individual responsible for substantial single or sustained accomplishments above and beyond their regular jobs. For her contributions to fisheries this year's recipient was **Dr. Anne Mullan**.

- ♦ The **Fishery Team of the Year Award** goes to a group of people responsible for substantial single or sustained accomplishments above and beyond their regular job. This year's recipient was the **PGE Westside Hydro Biological Services Team**.



AND THE AWARD GOES TO...(CONTINUED)

Student Scholarship Recipients

The 2023 ORAFS student scholarships were awarded to:

- **Bridget Manning**, Associate Degree, Mt. Hood Community College
- **Olivia Boisen**, Master Degree, Oregon State University
- **Ashley Sanders**, Master Degree, Oregon State University
- **Arif Jan**, Doctoral Degree, Oregon State University
- **Rahiza L. De Thomas**, Diversity Scholarship, Oregon State University
- **Olivia Boisen**, Jerry Bouck Memorial Scholarship, Oregon State University

Kate Self and the scholarship committee did an excellent job managing the scholarship process and evaluating the worthy applicant pool.



Best Student Paper and Poster

Stephanie Gunckel did a great job planning for these important awards. Many thanks to Stephanie and the team of volunteer judges who helped make these awards possible!

The Best Student Paper Award went to **Elliott Cameron**, Oregon State University and the runner-up was **Brian Erickson**, Oregon State University.

The Best Student Poster Award went to **Jansen Ivie**, Oregon State University and the runner-up was **Katherine Kennedy**, Oregon State University



ORAFS 2023 CONFERENCE - **PLANNING COMMITTEE****Program Committee Chair**

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Brian Bangs

Scholarships

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Banquet Social/Music

Tony Siniscal

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WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!The new officers are:

President-Elect : Michele Weaver, ODFW

Vice President: Kate Self, CRITFC

Treasurer: Jorden Smith, ODFW

The returning officers are:

President: Gary Vonderohe, ODFW

Past President: Chris Hirsch, USFS

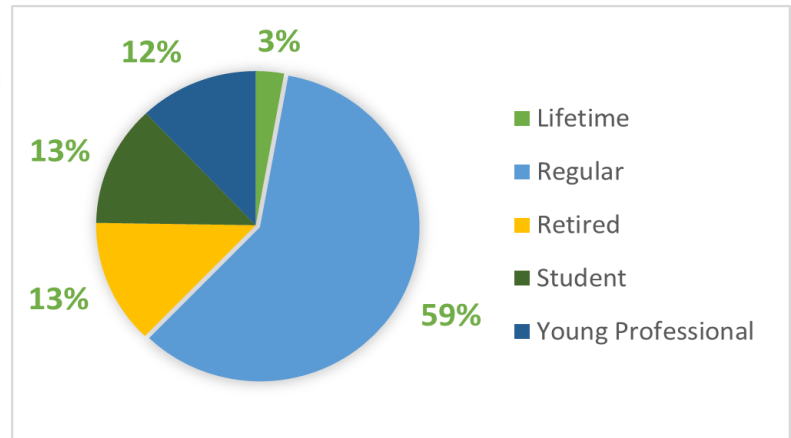
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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Oregon Chapter membership is important for our members' professional development and to ORAFS sustainability. The Chapter receives a 3% rebate from AFS for all "regular" dues paying members. Additionally, 100% of the ORAFS Chapter dues are passed directly from the Society to ORAFS, so please check to make sure you are also registered as an Oregon Chapter member. As of March 2023, ORAFS membership included 315 members. For questions regarding membership, send an email to secretary@orafs.org.



Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Membership breakdown as of March 2023.



Sarah Sapienza, Secretary
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BECOME A LIFETIME MEMBER OF ORAFS

Are you an AFS Life Member and interested in showing your life-long dedication to the Oregon Chapter? We have an Oregon Chapter Life Membership that allows you to do just that! The Oregon Chapter Life Membership costs \$125 or 12.5 times the Oregon Chapter annual membership rate. This relative cost difference mirrors the AFS Life Member cost. Show your dedication to the ORAFS legacy and invest in a membership that will pay off for a lifetime! Please contact Sarah Sapienza (secretary@orafs.org) for more information.

PISCATORIAL PRESS: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Do you have something newsworthy to share?

Hot Topics, Fishery Features, Upcoming Events...

Submissions from ORAFS members are welcome!

Do you have an update on interesting work you would like to share with the membership? Are you interested in providing a Fishery Feature or a Hot Topic to tell the membership about your recent project? Do you have an upcoming event that you would like to advertise to the membership? If so, please submit your story or thoughts to Stacy Strickland at: stacy.a.strickland@odfw.oregon.gov. **Submission deadlines** for news items are: September 15; December 15; March 15; and June 15. The newsletter is published approximately three weeks after submissions are received. Submissions are used as time and space allows.

SAVE THE DATE



ADAPTIVE APPROACHES TO UNDERSTAND
AND MANAGE CHANGES IN FISHERIES

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY 153rd Annual Meeting

AUGUST 20-24, 2023 | GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Adaptive Approaches to Understand and Manage Changes in Fisheries

The American Fisheries Society, President April Croxton, and the Michigan Chapter are excited to host the 153rd AFS Annual Meeting, August 20-24, 2023. Home to the iconic Blue Bridge and Grand River, AFS is thrilled to return to the city of Grand Rapids following a successful Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting held earlier this year. As we continue to address the various stressors impacting fisheries and their ecosystems, we hope that this year's theme, "Adaptive approaches to understand and manage changes in fisheries," will stimulate a wide range of sessions as we bring together professionals from across North America and countries throughout the world.

<https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/>

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Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Mission

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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