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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Oregon Chapter AFS members,

I had the opportunity to attend the 2023 AFS Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan back in August. The Midwest did not disappoint and brought what was probably the hottest, most humid days of the summer with temperatures reaching into the 100s. Thank goodness for air condition in the convention center. I sat in on several talks about non-native fish management, Mississippi River habitat talks (I spent many summer days on the backwaters of the big river growing up), a few salmonid talks, and several Human Dimension talks. But the biggest take away I had from the meeting was to catch up with former co-workers from the Midwest that I have not seen in over 20 years. We rehashed several old stories of work incidents that would have made great candidates for the Broken Oar Award.

Speaking of awards, it's that time of the year to think about which of our colleagues deserve to be nominated for our Oregon Chapter AFS Awards like Award of Merit, Fishery Worker of the Year (and Team of the Year), Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture. These awards are a great way to give recognition for all the good work our colleagues do throughout the year and their career. See page 19 for details.

Along with the first call for ORAFS Award Nominations we have a lot of information in this newsletter about our 60th Anniversary Annual Meeting held at the Riverhouse in Bend on February 27 – March 1, 2024. One of the announcements is an ask for donations to our Raffle/Auction. Over the years I've donated a few fishing trips to the ORAFS Annual Meeting auction which has been a great way to give a little back to the Chapter. Spending a day on the water with the auction winners has been a great way for me to get to know some of our great chapter members a little better. If you have the ability to provide a fishing trip, artwork, crafts, or anything else that our members might enjoy please consider donating to our upcoming Raffle/Auction.

A few weeks ago, my friend Mindie and I provided the salmon fishing trip on Coos Bay that we donated to the auction at the 2023 Annual Meeting. It was a great early October day on the Coos Bay estuary. The morning was clear and cool with temperatures in the low 50s but quickly warmed up to the low 80s with no wind. I don't remember many days salmon fishing when I was asking for the wind to start blowing. Of course I forgot sunscreen and got what was hopefully my last sunburn of the year. Fishing was a little slow but we did manage to land a couple coho salmon.

I'm a firm believer that as managers and researchers of our fisheries resources, we all need to get out and enjoy the resources we are working with. Obviously the first thing that comes to many people minds is to go fishing. Whether you are looking to harvest tonight's dinner or just enjoy catch and release this is a great way to enjoy our resources. But there are other ways to enjoy these resources like being on the water in a boat, viewing it from the shore, or viewing what's under the water with a mask and snorkel. Our jobs can be pretty stressful at times and getting out on the water always helps me recharge for the upcoming week.

Gary Vonderohe, President
President@orafs.org



EXTERNAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello ORAFS members,

I hope your fall is off to a good start! It certainly seems to be going by fast.

In addition to colorful leaves, rainy weather, and pumpkin spice, one exciting thing that happens every fall is that ORAFS ExCom goes into high gear to plan the annual meeting. Our 2024 meeting will be held Feb 27th—March 1, 2024 at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend. Registration is now live! I hope to see you all there. There will be a wide range of events related to our external committees, and plenty of opportunities to get involved with the work these committees do. If you'd like to attend but are concerned about the cost, please check out the scholarship opportunities listed in this issue. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the meeting.

In other news, the Native Fish Committee recently hosted their annual nongame native fish workshop on the fishes of the Goose Lake Basin. It was a well-attended workshop, filled with interesting topics (including a discussion of the social dimensions of fish conservation in this area). You can read more about the workshop in this issue on pages 4-5.

You can also find an update in this issue about the work of the Education and Outreach Committee. Learn about these programs in this issue.

Hope to see you all in February,

Alex Harrison



Alex Harrison, External Director
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Education and Outreach Committee
Report by Karen Hans E&O Committee Chair

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society Education Outreach Committee will be offering an Educators Grant for up to \$1000. This grant opportunity is targeted for teachers, watershed councils, and other organizations and individuals that provide fisheries related education to k-12 students.

Funds can be used for any education related materials or participation activities having to do with fisheries biology and aquatic related sciences. Funds can be used for durable gear (waders, nets, scientific instruments, dissecting scope/microscopes, etc.), educational signage, restoration supplies, curriculum development, bus services for fields trips, or other teaching needs.

Strong preference will be given to applicants that involve field experience (outside the classroom), have collaborative partners, plan for implementation including administrative support, clearly incorporate Next Generation Science Standards into their project, include match funding or in-kind support, contribute towards the purchasing of gear or other durable goods, and have potential to benefit multiple students.

The grant announcement will come out January 10, 2024 and applications will be accepted until February 15, 2024. The Education and Outreach Committee will review the applications and determine the award recipients at the Oregon Chapter's 2024 Annual Meeting.

Please contact Karen Hans (541 602 4097 or at fish-heads@peak.org) if you have any questions.

ORAFS EDUCATION MATERIALS AND PARTICIPATION GRANT

Award amount: Up to \$1,000

Grant Deadline: Monday February 15, 2024 11:59pm

Questions and Contact: Karen Hans at fishheads@peak.org 541-602-4097

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (ORAFS) is proud to announce the opportunity to apply for education materials and participation grants for up to \$1,000 each. These grants are intended for educators that teach fisheries or aquatic related sciences to grade levels k-12. Funds can be used for any education related materials or participation activities having to do with fisheries biology and aquatic related sciences; projects will be evaluated on how well they meet the below education goals. Funds can be used for durable gear (waders, nets, scientific instruments, dissecting scope/microscopes, etc.), educational signage, restoration supplies, curriculum development, bus services for fields trips, or other teaching needs.

Consistent with the National Chapter's guide to fisheries education for grades k-12, applications will be evaluated based on how well each meets the following criteria:

Goal 1. Help youth acquire a basic awareness and understanding of the total ecosystem in which fishes live; the commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries supported by that ecosystem; the issues involved in managing these fisheries; and the effects people can and do have on the resource.

Goal 2. Help youth acquire positive attitudes and values toward fishes, fishing, fisheries, and the aquatic ecosystem in general, ensuring their protection, rehabilitation, and responsible management.

Goal 3. Help youth acquire the social and technical skills to make decisions and solve problems associated with the management of fisheries and the motivation to personally act on those problems. Provide youth with opportunities for personal action and evaluation of those actions.

To apply:

Please submit a brief description of your experience and programs you intend to or are currently teaching to grades k-12, how these programs fit with any of the goals above, how your proposal will meet district or national educational standards, and a brief itemization of what the funds will be spent on. Please send applications to Karen Hans at fishheads@peak.org by the grant deadline.

Strong preference will be given to applicants that involve field experience (outside the classroom), have collaborative partners, plan for implementation including administrative support, clearly incorporate Next Generation Science Standards into their project, include match funding or in-kind support, contribute towards the purchasing of gear or other durable goods, and have potential to benefit multiple students. While out of state applications will be considered, priority will be given to projects in Oregon.

A project completion letter detailing how ORAFS funds were spent shall be completed by December 31, 2024, or the grantor notified should a delay occur in funds being spent. For more information about the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, please visit: <http://orafs.org/>



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American Fisheries Society**

OSU STUDENT SUBUNIT UPDATE



As school gets back into session the OSU student subunit has already hit the ground running. We have a full team of 10 student leaders who are passionate and engaged with the Fish and Wildlife club, as well as many new student members who have been showing up for many events! So far this term, the OSU student subunit has hosted 3 major events, including an owl pellet dissection that had a hybrid option and thus hosted students on and off campus. We have also hosted an invasive scotch broom pull in the Salmon River drainage near Otis, OR in collaboration with David Hill of the USFS. Lastly, a group of student volunteers and members of the Corvallis Trout Unlimited organization came together to host 16 OSU students on a beginner's fly fishing trip to the Middle Fork Willamette river. The trip was funded by the Fish and Wildlife club with beginner fly rods and reels provided by the Corvallis TU chapter.

With a relatively large turn-out of OSU students at last year's annual AFS meeting, we are hard at work pushing even harder for students to attend this year. With our fully staffed team of club leaders, we are optimistic that we are going to make this academic year one to remember for the OSU Fish and Wildlife club members! Go beavs!

Tjaden Archer, OSU AFS Liaison

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Students posing in front of a pile of plant refuse from Scotch Broom Removal on October 28th. Pictured: Tjaden Archer (AFS Liaison, right), Ren Alsteen and Winter the dog (E-campus liaison, center), and Katelyn Carter (Treasurer, left of center).

MHCC STUDENT SUBUNIT UPDATE

With the start of this Fall school year, the MHCC Fisheries Technology program has seen another year of high enrollment with a large first year class. The first-year students have been extremely passionate about participating in club activities and helping attend school meetings as representatives. Everyone is very excited about what the coming school year holds and what we can accomplish as a club together.

The first-year students have begun learning the basics of fisheries science, looking at species ID and external anatomy. They have also begun the exciting process of performing spawning stream surveys for their Fisheries Techniques class using Beaver Creek located on the MHCC campus. Every year, these surveys prove to be full of surprises, and are an excellent form of hands-on learning for the students.

Our second-year students had an extremely productive summer, with almost every student participating in summer internships that ranged from field work to laboratory work.

We all had a fabulous time learning on the job and have started the new school year with renewed enthusiasm. So far, the class has gone on multiple field trips to several hatcheries, including Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery,

Oak Springs Hatchery, and Little White Salmon Fish Hatchery. We also received Rainbow Trout eggs from Oak Springs and began the process of raising them in our hatchery on campus. As of October 22nd, the fish have been ponded and everyone has begun taking shifts feeding and caring for the young trout. We are all thrilled to see how the fish will grow and develop, and the skills we will gain from learning the fundamentals of fish husbandry. The MHCC Student Sub-unit held our first club meeting this October and we plan to hold our subsequent meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone has already begun discussing and planning several future events with the hope of possibly collaborating with other college clubs on a few. Overall, everything is pointing towards an exciting school year for our first- and second-year students of the Fisheries Program.

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OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE 2023 NONGAME NATIVE FISH WORKSHOP FEATURING THE GOOSE LAKE ENDEMIC FISHES WORKSHOP SUMMARY

James Capurso, Native Fish Committee Chair

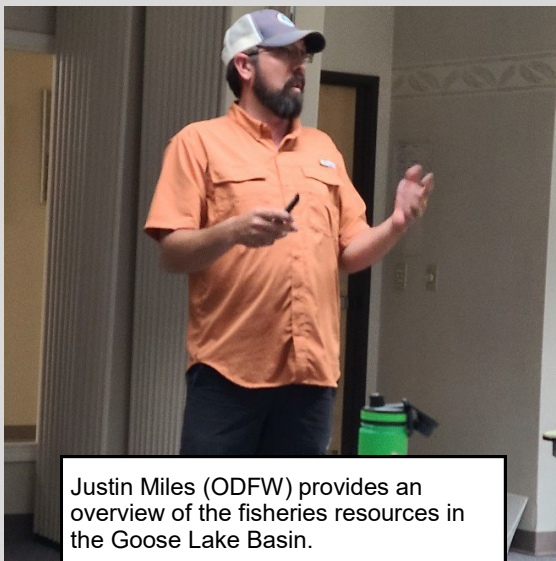
On September 12-13, 25 fisheries biologists gathered in Lakeview, Oregon for the ninth annual Nongame Native Fish Workshop presented by the Native Fish Committee of the Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society. Each year, the committee hosts a workshop featuring nongame native fish species within the State of Oregon. This year, the workshop featured the endemic fish species of Goose Lake, including the Goose Lake Tui chub, sucker, and lamprey.

This workshop was the highest attended workshop yet, with 25 participants from state and federal agencies, universities, and organizations. It started at noon on September 12 and ended at noon September 13. The first half day featured presentations in a conference room in the



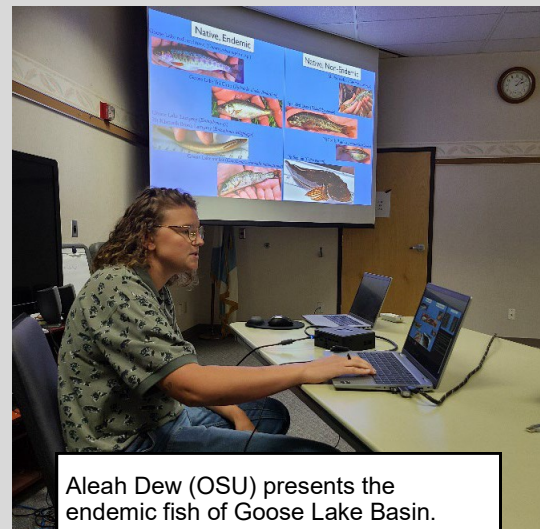
Stewart Reid (Western Fishes) presents a biogeographic perspective of Goose Lake fishes relative to neighboring basins.

relative to neighboring basins. ODFW Fish Conservation and Permitting Specialist Michele Weaver presented the freshwater mussels of the Goose Lake area. Troy Brandt from River Design Group described geologic context, aquatic endemics, conservation strategies, and restoration in the area. The presentations concluded with Brandi Nei-



Justin Miles (ODFW) provides an overview of the fisheries resources in the Goose Lake Basin.

Fremont-Winema National Forest Headquarters. Forest Staff Officer and previous Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award recipient Jimmy Leal introduced the workshop participants to the Goose Lake area and resources. ODFW Assistant District Fish Bio Justin Miles provided an overview of the fisheries resources in the Goose Lake Basin. OSU Masters student Aleah Dew described community dynamics of the native and nonnative fish in the basin. Although OSU Masters student Jacob Dickey couldn't attend, we saw a video of him describing his production of a Goose Lake lamprey larvae distribution map and collaboration with UC Davis. Stewart Reid from Western Fishes presented a biogeographic perspective of Goose Lake fishes



Aleah Dew (OSU) presents the endemic fish of Goose Lake Basin.

der from the Goose Lake Umbrella Watershed Council introducing the group to human dimensions in the Goose Lake area. Later that evening, the Oregon Chapter provided dinner and campfire refreshments to the workshop participants. Most camped that evening at Drews Creek Campground, administratively reserved for the workshop by the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

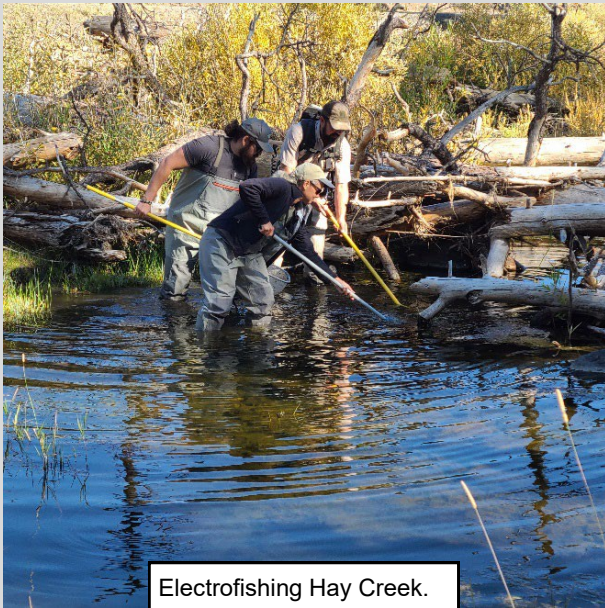
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Gathering around the campfire as the sun sets.

The next morning, we electrofished Hay Creek, within the Goose Lake Basin, under the leadership of Justin Miles and Aleah Dew. We collected Goose Lake Sucker, Pit Roach, Speckled Dace, and a California Floater mussel, all native to the area. We also collect nonnative Fathead Minnow and Brown Bullhead. The sampling location was bi-



Electrofishing Hay Creek.

sected by a livestock fence, allowing us to sample reaches both impacted and undisturbed by livestock grazing. The grazed reach was adjacent to a cattle collection corral, potentially exacerbating livestock impacts. We observed a healthier riparian area shading a narrower, deeper stream with a higher density of fish in the ungrazed reach. At the end of the workshop, the collected fish provided a great opportunity for photographs and further discussions regarding their biology and habitat needs.

Photos courtesy of Jim Capurso and workshop attendees.



Justin Miles leads a morning safety session prior to field work.



A sucker selfie.



California Floater (Perkin Photo)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Chum Salmon Volunteers Needed

WHEN

**October – December
2023**

Monday – Friday ONLY

WHERE

Big Creek Hatchery

93000 Ritter Rd. Astoria, OR

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**WHAT YOU'LL
DO**

**Spawn Chum
Collect scales, otoliths,
& fin clips
Reintroduce Chum
eDNA sampling**

**WHAT YOU
NEED**

**Reliable transport
Warm clothes
Good attitude
Love for Chum**

**WHAT YOU'LL
LEARN**

**How to collect biological
data
Why Chum are rare
How ODFW is recovering
Chum**

**WHAT WE'LL
PROVIDE**

**Knowledge & Training
Safety gear
Free shirt
A good time**

“Better Together – Celebrating 60 years of partnerships, collaboration, and teamwork”

**RIVERHOUSE ON THE DESCHUTES IN BEND,
OREGON
FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 1, 2024**

OVERVIEW & EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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American Fisheries Society Oregon Chapter 60th Annual Meeting

“Better Together – Celebrating 60 years of partnerships, collaboration, and teamwork”

Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend, Oregon

February 27 – March 1, 2024

The Oregon Chapter celebrates 60 years with the 2024 Annual meeting. We are excited to announce this year’s annual meeting will be in person at the Riverhouse in Bend and will also include an option to view the plenary and breakout sessions on your phone or computer with a live stream. The theme ‘Better Together’ will emphasize all the ways we are working together to accomplish great things. This includes all the lessons learned and successes realized in the past, all the ways we are striving to work together right now in the present, and looking forward toward the future as we continue to grow and learn new things.

The program this year will include two Plenary speakers, a wide variety of technical sessions, plenty of networking opportunities, workshops for continued skill building, a trade show, student-mentor event, spawning run/carcass crawl, poster session, banquet, raffle, auction, and plenty of social time. New this year, we will be offering a meeting app

for all to use as well as a live-stream registration option for viewing only of the technical sessions. The meeting app will include all the information you will need to navigate the meeting as well as some fun opportunities for interacting with fellow app users. The live-stream registration option will allow those who can’t make it to the meeting in person the ability to view the technical sessions as they are happening. There will be no interactions with live-stream viewers (no ability to ask questions), but we hope this option will allow increased access and the sharing of fisheries science and management information to those who are unable to attend otherwise.

Your suggestions, input, and assistance are all welcome and encouraged. Please reach out to Program Chair Michele Weaver at presidentelect@orafs.org (503-250-1847).

Conference Structure and Plenary talks:

The meeting will kick off Wednesday afternoon with two plenary speakers, Laurie Weitkamp and Brian Erickson. Laurie Weitkamp will be sharing her experience working on an international effort to understand salmon ecology on the high seas in winter and Brian Erickson will share some of his work using ideas from social psychology and behavioral science in the natural resource management context.

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Laurie Weitkamp

Dr. Laurie Weitkamp has been a Salmon Biologist at NOAA Fisheries' Northwest Fisheries Science Center since 1992, where she works on salmon conservation, salmon



management, and salmon research. On the conservation side, she has been involved in the scientific basis for Pacific Salmon listings and recovery under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. She works on salmon management as a member of the Coho Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission, which implements the US-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty. Her research focuses on the ecology of salmon (and recently lamprey) in estuarine and marine environments, specifically how physical conditions influence biological processes that are important for growth and survival. Since 2019, Laurie has been involved in an international effort to understand salmon ecology on the high seas in winter, a part of the salmon life cycle about which little is known. She helped plan and participate in the 2022 International Year of the Salmon Pan Pacific Winter High Seas Expedition, which involved five ships sampling 2.5 million km² of high seas salmon habitat across the North Pacific Ocean in late winter. Laurie earned her B.S., M.S., and PhD degrees from the University of Washington.

Brian Erickson

Brian Erickson is a conservation social scientist based at Oregon State University and member of the ORAFS Human Dimensions External Committee. He is a postdoctoral scholar supervised by Dr. Megan Jones in the Human Dimensions lab in the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences. Brian's research focuses on applying psychology and behavioral science to conservation practice to support human wellbeing and environmental sustainability. His current projects seek to understand how to support private landowner coexistence with beavers, describe and segment fish-interested community perceptions of Oregon salmonid hatcheries, and help USGS develop training modules on the science behind successful interdisciplinary team science.

Brian's training includes a B.A. in Biology from Lewis &

Clark College, an M.S. in Teaching Secondary Science from Fordham University, an M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University, and a Ph.D. in Fisheries (Social) Science from Oregon State University. He has a highly varied professional background with an emphasis on formal and informal education and social and ecological research.



In his talk, Brian will present a model of the reasons why people trust and distrust others in natural resource management contexts. He will highlight how understanding the causes of trust and distrust can help us build trust and navigate distrust when interacting with other humans.

WORKSHOPS

Workshop #1 Tuesday, February 27th 1:00 – 5:00

Workshop Title: Leave It To Beaver? Beaver-based considerations for restoration.

Workshop description: Are you interested in learning more about beaver ecology and behavior? Are you planning and designing beaver-related restoration projects to improve habitat for native fish, with the hope of naturally recruiting beaver to your project area? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then this workshop is for you. In this Fish-Wildlife professional mixer style workshop, we're inviting experienced wildlife biologists and practitioners to share their guidance on the opportunities and challenges of advancing beaver-modified landscape restora-

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tion in Oregon. Attendees will learn about State's priorities for beaver-modified landscape restoration, Beaver Ecology and Behavior 101, lessons from the field on natural beaver recruitment, and recommendations for pragmatic restoration outcomes in terms of habitat for beaver and by beaver.

Workshop Organizer: Adrienne Averett, Acting Interdivision Beaver Coordinator,

adrienne.w.averett@odfw.oregon.gov

Workshop #2 Wednesday, February 28th 8:00 -12:00

Workshop Title: Federal Funding Opportunities

Description: Join Karen Hans, Good Neighbor Authority Program Coordinator with ODFW, to explore the variety of federal grant opportunities. Together with representatives from multiple agencies, the instructor team will review federal and state funding sources and the variety of process and nuance that goes into each opportunity. With the current high level of funds available to help support the good work going on in Oregon, this workshop will help you be successful in those opportunities.

Workshop Organizer: Karen Hans, Good Neighbor Authority Program Coordinator, karen.m.hans@odfw.oregon.gov

Workshop #3: Wednesday, February 28th 8:00-12:00 (Free, limited to 24)

Workshop Title: Navigating Difficult Conversations: strategies to work through disagreements to achieve better results.

Description: Back by popular demand, ORAFS is excited to be able to offer this workshop again free of charge. It sold out last year, and space is limited, so make your reservations early. During this participatory course you will learn and practice skills for working through disagreements to achieve better results.

You will learn how to:

- spot the conversations that are keeping you from what you want
- understand and manage what you bring to a difficult conversation
- strategies for how to speak honestly and respectfully
- share messages in a way that invites others into the conversation

Benefits for attending:

- Greater focus on making decisions based on facts
- Increased ability to have conversations with different people
- Develop skills to have conversations during times of stress and uncertainty

Facilitator Bio: Tiffany Lundy, tlundy@uoregon.edu

Tiffany Lundy is the Associate Director for Learning and Development with the University of Oregon. She is a certified trainer for Crucial Conversations for Mastering Dialogue, Crucial Conversations for Accountability, and a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach. She designs and facilitates programs and experiences for people to grow, develop and play. Her passion for training and facilitation comes from helping others develop the strategies and tools they need to be successful contributors in their community.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Oral presentations and poster presentations will address topics from across many disciplines of fisheries that are relevant to Oregon. To present a talk or share a poster at the meeting, you must submit an abstract online by **Saturday December 16, 2023**.

Please note: All presenters and moderators are required to register for the meeting (1-day registration at minimum).

We are currently anticipating technical session topics to include:

- * **Native Fishes**
- * **Marine Invertebrates**
- * **Klamath Basin Suckers**
- * **Freshwater Mussels**
- * **Pink and Chum Salmon**
- * **eDNA**
- * **Fisheries research, monitoring, and management in the Deschutes River**
- * **Bridging aquatic and riparian areas and research**
- * **Fire response**
- * **Harvest Management**
- * **eCreel**
- * **Fish Health**

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- * Tribal Fisheries Management
- * Large wood restoration techniques
-and more

Posters are written, self-explanatory presentations that must fit within a 4x4 ft space (provided). They should be readable from a distance of 3 ft, include your contact information, and may be enhanced by photos and handouts. They will be on display throughout the meeting and featured during our Poster Social on Wednesday evening at which the lead author is expected to be present for discussions and questions regarding their research. **Posters will also be posted on a meeting app to be viewed by all attendees including those registered for live-stream viewing.**

Oral Presentations will be the traditional 15-minute presentation delivered live and in-person, with allowance of 5 minutes for questions. Oral presentations will be grouped into sessions according to general topics to facilitate dialogue. **New for 2024, oral presentations will be live streamed to allow viewing by live-stream attendees.**

Moderating the session means providing a laptop computer, gathering and uploading presentations prior to the session, providing a brief introduction for each speaker, moderating questions, and most importantly **keeping strictly on schedule. Moderators will also make sure that the live stream is projecting so the remote audience can view the presentations.** A student volunteer may be available to assist with A-V and lights in each session.

Students: The program committee is actively looking for student research to incorporate within our technical sessions. If you would like to compete for best student paper/poster make sure to check the appropriate box when submitting your abstract.

Questions? Contact Program Chair Michele Weaver (503-250-1847), presidentelect@orafs.org.

Student-Mentor Mixer

Join the popular student mentor mixer! Take advantage of this great opportunity for students, young biologists, established professionals, and retirees to share ideas, provide insight, bridge generation gaps, and build new relationships in a casual setting. Students from all schools and universities are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Kate Self at vicepresident@orafs.org.

Poster Session and Social

Poster topics will cover many different fisheries disciplines, with up to 32 poster displays that will provide great conversation. Enjoy a northwest craft brew, cider, or non-alcoholic beverage while discussing innovative ideas and solutions. Networking at its best! This is an excellent opportunity to renew and create professional acquaintances. For more information, contact Brook Silver at brooksilver@gmail.com.

Trade Show Social

Visit with local and nationally renowned vendors during the trade show. This is a great opportunity to get technical questions answered from some of the professionals with the newest tools and technology to help us implement our projects. Vendor exhibits will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall along with all the coffee and refreshment breaks to facilitate interactions between vendors and attendees throughout the meeting. For more information, or to reserve a space contact [Christine Hirsch](mailto:Christine.Hirsch@orafs.org).

Thursday, February 29th

Awards Luncheon

Join us to recognize the award-winning work and accomplishments of our members at the awards luncheon. The awards luncheon is also a great opportunity to network with colleagues over a free lunch! Contact Brian Bangs (Brian.Bangs@fws.gov) for awards nomination information.

Business Meeting

Immediately following the awards luncheon, the business meeting will not conflict with technical sessions in order to maximize Chapter member attendance. The business

NETWORKING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 28th

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meeting is where you have the opportunity to learn how the Chapter operates and see how you can become more involved. Show your support for the Chapter by attending.

Spawning Run and Carcass Crawl

Continuing with the long established tradition, we will have another Spawning Run/Carcass Crawl. Join in the fun and run (or walk) to get your blood flowing after a great day of talks. The run/walk will be held after talks but before the banquet on Thursday February 29th. Register for the event before the early registration deadline to secure your commemorative swag. Contact Stefan Kelley at stefan.kelly@ctwsbnr.org for more information.

Banquet

Cap off your Thursday with another ORAFS tradition and opportunity for enjoyable networking with friends and colleagues. The banquet begins with a social, includes a sit-down dinner with a choice of delectable menu selections ([see registration form](#)), and is immediately followed by the raffle, auction, and live entertainment. While a banquet ticket is needed to enjoy the meal, all are welcome to attend the post-meal festivities.

Raffle and Auction

Get ready to purchase all the different color raffle tickets, and start the bidding competitions on silent and live auction items. Score some great gear, guided fishing trips, artwork, and so much more. Contributions and assistance are always welcome. Contact Kate Self at vicepresident@orafs.org if you are interested in assisting or have a donation.

VOLUNTEER!

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society depends heavily on volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to meet new members, connect with old colleagues, assist the chapter while serving your profession, or to make attendance more financially feasible (as a student).

- **Student volunteers** assist with many meeting components. To volunteer as a student please select this option when registering. You will be contacted by the volunteer coordinator for more information. A student volunteer commitment includes 4 hours of volunteer time.

Most years this is compensated with room accommodations for the meeting.

- **Mentors** provide their perspectives on the profession and help answer questions for aspiring fisheries professionals during our student-mentor mixer. To volunteer please select the option when registering.
- **Best Student Posters and Presentations** are a key component of this meeting, evaluating the quality and content of student efforts and rewarding those who do an amazing job! To volunteer please select the option when registering.
- There will definitely be other opportunities.

This year's ORAFS Annual Meeting will assuredly be one to remember! Volunteer and help make it outstanding. If you have any questions about volunteering, contact the volunteer coordinator Olivia Boisen at olivia.boisen@oregonstate.edu.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2024 ORAFS Annual Meeting is now open! [Click here to register today!](#) Register before the early registration deadline of **February 5, 2024**, and you will receive \$50 off the General Registration Fee (\$25 off for students).

Additionally, AFS members* save \$125 off the general registration fees (\$25 off for students). **Not a member of the American Fisheries Society?** Please consider joining the oldest and largest professional society for fisheries scientists in the world online at <http://www.fisheries.org>; don't forget to add the Oregon Chapter to your membership!

The **Early** and General Registration Fees are:

- **\$300 (\$350)** for AFS members*,
- **\$425 (\$475)** for non-members,
- **\$55 (\$80)** for student AFS members*,
- **\$80 (\$105)** for student non-members,
- **\$150 (\$200)** for retired AFS members*, and
- **\$275 (\$325)** for retired non-members.
- **\$100** Live-Stream viewing of presentations only.

“BETTER TOGETHER”

OVERVIEW & EVENTS AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

The General Registration fee includes access to all technical sessions and social events including the Poster Session and Trade Show Social, the awards lunch, raffle/auction, and more. Additional activities for purchase include the banquet dinner (\$41), and the 5K Spawning Run/Carcass Crawl (\$25 including a silipint with the meeting logo). **Please note that all attendees, including oral and poster presenters, are required to register for the conference.**

ORAFS is offering opportunities for reduced registration at the 2024 Annual Meeting – a Registration Fee Assistance Waiver (formerly the Fish Out of Water waiver) and a Registration Fee Assistance Waiver for Tribal Members and Indigenous Peoples. Waivers are limited and are awarded on a first come, first serve basis. See pages 15-16 for more information on the waivers.

Please [click here](#) to access the meeting website which includes a link to the online registration form. If, after checking the websites, you have any questions about registration, please contact [Jorden Smith](#).

Register early and join AFS if you're not already a member! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in Bend!



Jorden Smith, Treasurer
treasurer@orafs.org

sions or helping to capture the meeting in pictures as an official meeting photographer just to name a couple opportunities.

⇒ Contact President-Elect Michele Weaver to discuss options (presidentelect@orafs.org), 503-250-1847.

Contest for a new Chapter Logo

The Oregon Chapter AFS ExCom is excited to announce a contest to design a new chapter logo. We are approaching our 60th anniversary Annual Meeting and it's time to update our Oregon Chapter AFS logo. The winning artist will receive a complimentary registration to the 61st Oregon Chapter AFS Annual Meeting in 2025.

Entries into the logo contest must be sent to president@orafs.org and received by January 31st. Logo designs will be voted on by our Oregon Chapter members and the winning logo will be announced to our membership at the 2024 Oregon Chapter AFS Annual Meeting in Bend.

The American Fisheries Society recently rebranded their logo and the new Oregon Chapter logo must incorporate the new AFS logo into the design. If you are interested in entering the logo contest please contact Gary Vonderohe at president@orafs.org for logo guidelines.

Want to get involved?

- ⇒ Gather some people together and organize a session (especially if you don't see a currently anticipated session that piques your interest).
- ⇒ Volunteer to be part of the planning team. We have several things we are looking for help with including solicitations for donations for the auction and raffle and helping to build and populate a meeting APP.
- ⇒ Help make the meeting run smoothly by assisting during the event. We are looking for help with the AV team to make sure the live streams are running in the ses-




2024 RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION: DONATIONS WANTED

Please consider supporting the future of ORAFS with a donated item or experience for the auction and raffle to be held at the upcoming annual meeting, our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Funds raised during the auction and raffle will go directly towards student scholarships, supporting student subunit groups, supporting conference and workshop attendees, ORAFS representation at Western Division and Society meetings, legislative activities, and public outreach.

ORAFS has updated its mission and objectives to promote an inclusive and equitable professional environment to support diverse membership by increasing access to the annual meeting, workshops, funding opportunities, and fisheries science and management information.

 Please consider donating to support our mission! Do you have artwork, carvings, or crafts that you would be willing to donate? Do you have a specialized skill that you would be willing to share with others? Do you know someone else who might be interested in donating?

• Please contact Kate Self at vicepresident@orafs.org to coordinate your donation. We will need a description of the item or activity, photos, the fair market value, and a suggestion for the starting bid.

Your donation to ORAFS, a 501(c)(3) organization, is tax deductible. Generous donors like you are vital to the continuation of this important work.



ORAFS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS!

To reward and promote the education and development of future fisheries professionals

- * **ORAFS Student Scholarships:** (Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral, one each at \$2,000)
- * **Carl Bond Scholarship** (graduate students, \$2,000)
- * **Jerry Bouck Memorial Scholarship** (graduate students)
Applications for above due to Kate Self at (scholarships@orafs.org) by 12/31/2023.
- * **Albert G. Lassuy Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship** (undergrad students, \$2000): To promote the education and development of future fisheries professionals who are commonly under-represented in the fisheries field, including people of color, women, and other historically marginalized communities. Applications due to Alexis Harrison (externaldirector@orafs.org) by 1/31/2024.
- * For more information on these scholarships as well as information on other exciting Scholarship and Award opportunities for students, please visit: <http://orafs.org/student-scholarships/>.

Each award includes an award certificate and recognition at the 2024 Annual Meeting, in *Fisheries*, and in the Piscatorial Press.

How do I become a Student Member of AFS? Go to www.fisheries.org and apply online and be sure to check the Oregon Chapter box (\$30 total cost for annual membership).

Where do I go for complete application instructions? <http://orafs.org/student-scholarships/>.

YOU CAN HELP SPONSOR THE 2024 MEETING!

The ORAFS Annual Meeting is the premier venue for sharing fisheries science and management information with fisheries professionals from across the Pacific Northwest and beyond. We typically host more than 450 fisheries professionals! The annual meeting showcases up to 200 technical presentations, plus many networking and mentoring opportunities. ORAFS is committed to keeping registration fees affordable to encourage participation among students and professionals from all employment levels.

We can keep this commitment thanks to generous Annual Meeting sponsors. The sponsorships we receive from agencies, industries, and other entities constitute a large and important part of the Chapter's support. Contributions of in-kind services (e.g. printing) and direct funding help defray meeting costs, provide support for our student programs including annual scholarships, sponsor the student-mentor social event, and provide student registration discounts.

Sponsorships generally range from \$250 to \$5,000 each, and are widely recognized within our meeting program, on posters at the meeting registration desk, on AV displays throughout the Annual Meeting, and on the ORAFS website. Please consider sponsoring the ORAFS Annual Meeting through a tax-deductible donation and help ORAFS achieve its mission to improve the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources and their aquatic ecosystems.

To become a Sponsor of the 2024 Annual Meeting please contact: Chris Hirsch at PastPresident@orafs.org

Sponsorship level	Price	Complimentary registrations	Session sponsorship
Platinum	\$5,000	3	Keynote session
Gold	\$2,500	2	2 Technical sessions
Silver	\$1,250	2	1 Technical session
Bronze	\$500	1	Acknowledgement on registration site and ORAFS website
Sustaining Contributor	\$250		Acknowledgement on registration site

2024 TRADESHOW RESERVE YOUR SPACE!

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society's 60th Annual Meeting will be held February 27—March 1, 2024. The ORAFS Annual Meeting is traditionally the premiere venue in Oregon for vendors to share their wares and services with hundreds of fishery professionals from diverse backgrounds. An extensive Exhibit Hall is available where we encourage vendors to set up exhibits to showcase their products and services. The Exhibit Hall will be the location of refreshment breaks, the Trade Show and Poster Social (Wednesday), and the Awards Luncheon (Thursday). We anticipate excellent vendor exposure throughout the conference!

The vendor booth fee is \$800 for for-profit entities and \$500 for artists and non-profit organizations.

Each vendor booth includes an 8'x8' display space and one complimentary registration. Vendor logos will be included in the meeting program and displayed throughout the conference. Additional exhibitor staff must register for the meeting using the online registration form. A guest pass can be used if the additional staff will only be staffing the booth. **If the additional staff wants to attend the talks and/or networking events that are not taking place in the exhibit hall then the staff will need a full registration. Please note: vendor registration does not include a banquet ticket; banquet dinner tickets need to be purchased separately.**

To reserve your space, register for the meeting at ORAFS [Registration](https://www.orafs.org/Registration) and select the "Vendor Exhibit" option on the form. Any Questions? Contact: Chris Hirsch at pastpresident@orafs.org.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Contributed Oral and Poster Abstracts: Instructions

SUBMIT ABSTRACTS [HERE](#)

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16, 2023

The program committee welcomes your abstract for oral presentations and posters. As always, the meeting will include a poster session that encourages discussion and provides great networking opportunities.

Abstracts for ALL presentations and posters must be submitted by using the online abstract form, and we are accepting abstracts starting November 6, 2023. Before you hit submit, please be sure to:

- 1) Develop a brief but descriptive title <130 characters, including spaces, avoiding acronyms or scientific names in the title unless the common name is not widely known.

- 2) List of authors (up to five), their affiliations, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses.
- 3) Type a succinct abstract of <300 words that summarizes your objectives, methods, and results. This can be cut and pasted into the abstract box of the form to reduce your online time and help avoid system crashes.
- 4) **For presenters that have been invited to participate in a symposium**, please list the title of your symposia or the name of the symposium organizer/moderator.
- 5) For **student presenters**, please indicate if you would like to be considered for the “best student paper” and “best student poster” awards.

All presenters will receive an email confirmation of their abstract submission and will be notified of acceptance by January 13th, 2024. The schedule of talks will be available thereafter. Please submit your abstracts as soon as possible, as time slots will be limited this year. When there are no longer any 15-minute oral presentation time slots available, the opportunity for presenters to participate in the poster session may be offered alternatively.

REGISTRATION FEE ASSISTANCE WAIVER

With this waiver, the Chapter offers an opportunity for reduced registration (\$50) to the Annual Meeting and/or a related workshop. This waiver is intended to reduce the registration fee for those who require financial support to attend the Annual Meeting. Professionals, students, and community members may apply.

Selection criteria will include financial need, dedication to the fisheries field (including AFS membership and service), reasons for attendance (e.g., presenting, networking), and available space at the meeting and/or workshop.

To apply, email the following materials to the ORAFS Treasurer (treasurer@orafs.org):

- Resume and contact information;
- AFS membership number (if a member, but not required);
- Brief summary of your financial need;
- Brief summary of your reasons for attending the annual meeting; and
- If employed, a statement of lack of funding or financial support from your employer to attend the Annual Meeting or that your work is not fisheries-related.

Those selected must register online and will receive instruction on how to register at the reduced rate. Besides the Waiver, we can assist in locating other registrants for ride-sharing and room-sharing opportunities.

REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

With this waiver, the Chapter offers reduced registration (\$50) to the Annual Meeting and/or a related workshop for any Tribal member or member of an Indigenous community. Professionals, students, and community members who self-identify as Tribal members or members of an Indigenous community may apply.

To apply, email the following materials to the ORAFS Treasurer (treasurer@orafs.org):

- Contact information;
- Tribal affiliation(s) (optional); and
- Brief summary of your reasons for attending the annual meeting (e.g., presenting, networking, attending a workshop)

Those selected must register online and will receive instruction on how to register at the reduced rate. Besides the Waiver, we can assist in locating other registrants for ride-sharing and room-sharing opportunities.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING DATES ALL THE DATES IN ONE PLACE

Now Open!: [Abstract submission!](#)

Now Open!: [Registration!](#)

December 15, 2023: Submissions due for Winter Piscatorial Press

December 16, 2023: Abstracts due for the Annual Meeting

December 20, 2023: ExCom nominations due

December 31, 2023: Award nominations due

December 31, 2023: Student scholarship (AA, BS, MS, PhD, Carl Bond, Jerry Bouck Memorial) applications due

January 13, 2024: Abstract acceptance notification

January 31, 2024: Albert G. Lassuy Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship deadline

February 5, 2024: Early registration deadline

February 5, 2024: Riverhouse room block deadline

February 21, 2024: Sponsorship final deadline

February 25, 2024: Program errata deadline

**FEBRUARY 27—
MARCH 1, 2024**

ORAFS!

**Mark your
calendars!**

WHERE TO STAY FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

RIVERHOUSE

ON THE DESCHUTES

LODGING DETAILS

3075 N. Business 97
Bend, OR 97703



ORAFS has reserved a block of rooms at the Riverhouse in Bend! Immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of picturesque Central Oregon at Riverhouse on the Deschutes. Our re-imagined hotel in Bend,

Oregon has been completely redesigned to provide guests with modern sophistication and world-class amenities. A relaxing location on the banks of the Deschutes River is just a preview of the natural beauty and untamed wilderness that surrounds us, beckoning for outdoor pursuits. Nightly rates for conference attendees are \$120 for standard rooms and \$165 for riverside rooms. The block of rooms are available now, and will be held until 5pm PST on February 5th, 2024. After this date, the block of rooms will be opened to the general public, and the Riverhouse cannot guarantee that rooms will be available. [Reservations](#) can be made by calling the Riverhouse at 1-866-453-4480 and asking for the OR American Fisheries Society meeting rate. A credit card number will be required to secure a room out of the room block.

PLEASE NOTE: The Riverhouse cancellation policy states if you cancel less than 7 days prior to arrival - you will be charged one night's room and tax.

For more information on the Riverhouse click [here](#) to reserve a room, or call 1-866-453-4480 and request the meeting rate for the Oregon Chapter of American Fisheries Society.

FIRST CALL FOR OR AFS AWARD NOMINATIONS

CELEBRATE A COLLEAGUE TODAY!

You know who these people are...the hardworking peer, the inspirational mentor, the energetic teacher, the partner from another agency, the private landowner who worked so hard to do that great habitat work, or the team who overcame great obstacles to accomplish something unique. Now is a great time to start putting your thoughts on paper so you will have plenty of time to refine your nomination before the due date of **December 31, 2023**.

For all awards except Broken Oar, you should indicate how the nominee's efforts are above and beyond their regular job. All awards are discretionary - none are required to be given each year.

To submit a nomination, please submit a completed nomination form [online](#) or **via email** to Awards Chair Brian Bangs at Brian_Bangs@fws.gov.

Descriptions of the criteria of each award are listed below.

Lifetime Achievement Award

For those people who go above and beyond year after year. This highly prestigious award should go to an individual who has made a substantial lifetime contribution to fisheries. Substantial lifetime contributions to the American Fisheries Society and/or Oregon Chapter are also recommended. This individual should have actively participated in other conservation, professional, or social organizations that promote sound fisheries and resource management practices. They must be a member of the AFS Parent Society as well as the Oregon Chapter. This award will be presented to a maximum of one person per year.

Fishery Worker of the Year

This is one of the Chapter's highest individual awards for fisheries professionals. Nominees must be AFS members in good standing who are responsible for substantial single or sustained accomplishments above and beyond their regular job, often spanning many years. Nominations should indicate how efforts are related to the goals of guiding and influencing sound resource practices.

Fishery Team of the Year

This award recognizes outstanding teams that merit acknowledgement for excellent work beyond an Award of Merit. The stringent award criteria are similar to the Fishery Worker of the Year, but for team efforts. This award recognizes the collaborative efforts to understand and manage fisheries resources, and that these efforts frequently cross geographic, disciplinary, and socioeconomic boundaries. At least one nominee of the team must be an AFS member in good standing. The team or group must have been re-

sponsible for substantial single or sustained accomplishments. Each member of the team nominated must have produced a substantial portion of the work. Nominations should indicate how they are related to the goals of guiding or influencing sound resource practices. To demonstrate equivalent contributions, describe substantive contributions of each member of the team.

Award of Merit

This award recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations that have made special contributions, above and beyond normal job requirements, to fisheries science, or the American Fisheries Society over one or more years. Successful nominees display evidence of creativity, cooperation, and results. Nominees do not need to be AFS members.

Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture

Nominees should be **individuals or groups** that have contributed significantly to advancing fish culture (including fish health) in Oregon. AFS members or non-members may be nominated.

Broken Oar Award

Everyone's favorite award, and just for fun, the Broken Oar Award is presented for "outstanding display of field technique and coordination." No doubt you already have some nominees in mind from this year's field season! AFS members or non-members may be nominated.

[DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS December 31, 2023.](#)

BECOME A PART OF THE LEGACY!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 EXCOM

ORAFS is a premier Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and serving on the ORAFS ExCom is a great way to become an integral part of the legacy. While the Chapter will most certainly benefit from your service, successful candidates have a lot to gain including:

- A great resume booster, highlighting your leadership and dedication to the profession
- Networking opportunities with a diverse and enjoyable group of folks
- A meaningful way to give back to a chapter that has benefited your career

Officer terms are 1 to 2 years (except President-elect, which is 3 years), but officers often run for a repeat term. Each position has different qualities and expectations to meet your needs and interests.

Descriptions for the positions open to election for the 2024-2025 term are:

- **President-elect** serves 1 year *each* as President-elect (manage annual meeting), President (manage ExCom), and Past President (nominations, trade show, newsletter).
- **Internal Director** manages the internal committees (i.e., historian, scholarships and awards) and coordinates logistical elements of the annual meeting.
- **External Director** manages and motivates external committees including the development of work plans and budgets.
- **Vice President** is responsible for resolutions and bylaws, student coordination, and overseeing the raffle-auction for the annual meeting.
- **Secretary** keeps the official records of the Chapter. Responsible for meeting minutes, annual meeting registration management, and maintaining accurate membership information.

How can I become a candidate or how can I nominate someone I think would be a good candidate?

If you are interested in a position, or if you know someone who may be interested in being a candidate, contact Past President [ChrisHirsch](#). Please provide your contact information and the position of interest. Nominations are due by **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**, with Candidate statements due by **Friday, December 29, 2023** to Chris Hirsch at pastpresident@orafs.org. For detailed information on positions and duties, see the Chapter's [Administrative Handbook](#).



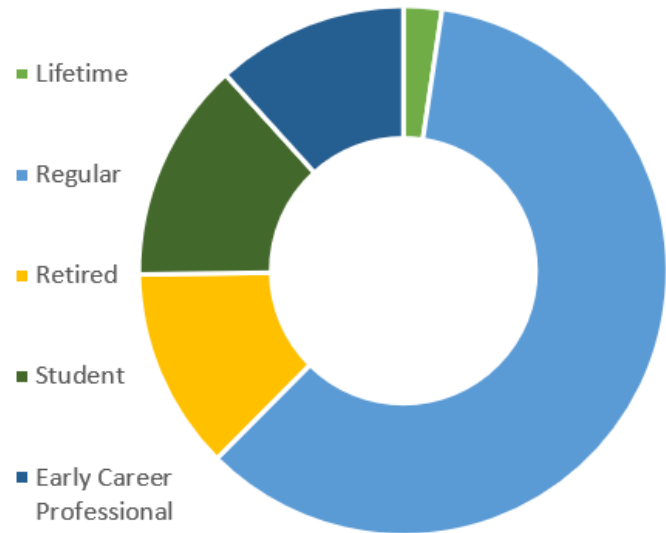
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

ORAFS is one of the few AFS chapters that requires AFS membership in order to be a chapter member. ORAFS is a membership leader in both Western Division and AFS! Not only is membership important for our members' professional development, your membership is also important for ORAFS sustainability. The Chapter receives a 3% rebate from AFS on Regular dues paying members. Members have other benefits such as access to travel awards through the Western Division, access to AFS journals, and reduced registration fees. Please be sure to check your membership status to ensure you qualify for the reduced rates associated with membership categories other than "Regular member". Also before registering for the Annual Meeting, be sure to join and save on the registration fees.

As of October, ORAFS membership included 341 members with a membership breakout included in the adjacent figure. ORAFS members hail from 17 states and provinces! If you have any questions about membership or ideas on how to reach more fisheries professionals, please contact [Sarah Sapienza](mailto:Sarah.Sapienza@orafs.org).



Sarah Sapienza, Secretary
Secretary@orafs.org



Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society membership breakout. As of October 2023 there were 341 members, of which were made up of 60% regular members, 14% students, 12% early career professionals, 12% retired, and 2% lifetime members.

ORAFS LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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: October 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.

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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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CHANGE OF ADDRESS & MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

To join or change address, go to www.fisheries.org and be sure to sign up for the Oregon Chapter. Also visit www.orafs.org/membership to join our listserv and get other Chapter information.