OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2023-2024 WORK PLAN

Submitted by Committee Chair Karen Hans

**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.

**Objectives of Education and Outreach Committee:**

The Education and Outreach Committee is responsible for distributing information on the Chapter, fisheries, and water resources to members, fisheries professionals, the general public, organizations, and schools. These objectives are:

1. Develop and update Chapter brochures and related publications as needed.
2. Identify, develop and maintain audio-visual resources schools and educators emphasizing the importance of fisheries and aquatic habitat in Oregon. Organize training and continuing education programs as needed/requested.
3. Assist the Chapter and Social Media Committee with media outreach for newsworthy events and issues related to fisheries and aquatic habitat in Oregon and abroad.
4. Encourage development of new members from diverse backgrounds and fields of study.
5. Develop annual work plan for committee duties. Submit a written report of committee activities to the External Director.
6. Contribute to Piscatorial Press with updates of E/O Committee.
7. Assist with Annual Meeting as needed/requested.

**2023-2024 Education and Outreach Committee Work Plan**

1. Respond to requests from ExCom for development and updating of Education and Outreach materials.
2. Present Education Outreach Poster at Annual Meeting.
3. Other materials as requested.
4. Upload all past award recipients and grant documents to OR AFS Google Drive account.
5. Facilitate and coordinate efforts to create and promote natural resources education and outreach programs/curriculum among agencies and organizations.
6. Advertise, select and distribute funds for education and materials grants. Grant funds awarded will depend on available funds. Award grants will be $1000. However, the EO Committee by mutual agreement may elect to award more or less that $1000 depending on available funds.
7. Distribute completion reports of grant recipients to Ex Com and E/O committee members.
8. Generate a list of available resources/curriculum for K-12 educators in Oregon.
9. Participate in planning for Chapter meeting as appropriate to support education and outreach related content. Specifically:
10. Have E/O committee member coverage of outreach poster at poster session at annual meeting to answer questions, talk of opportunities, etc.
11. Give brief presentation for Committee Information session
12. Assist with planning a student/mentor mixer at annual meeting as needed.
13. Chair act as moderator for session at annual meeting as needed.
14. Conduct committee meeting at annual meeting and correspond throughout year via conference calls/email communication as deemed necessary by Education and Outreach Committee members.
15. Review grant applications and make recommendations for awardees. Select grant award recipients.
16. Collate contacts list for all members of Education and Outreach Committee.
17. Work with Oregon AFS Vice President to add Education and Outreach Committee Grant Award clause to the Oregon AFS By Laws.
18. Develop templates for grant application, application review, and reporting.