

# Oregon American Fisheries Society 1964-1969



**Howard Horton**  
1964-65  
Withycombe Hall  
Corvallis



**Bob Borovica**  
1965-66  
Withycombe Hall  
Corvallis



**Carl Bond**  
1966-67  
Withycombe Hall  
Corvallis



**Bob Phillips**  
1967-68  
Withycombe Hall  
Corvallis



**Dean Marriage**  
1968-69  
Withycombe Hall  
Corvallis



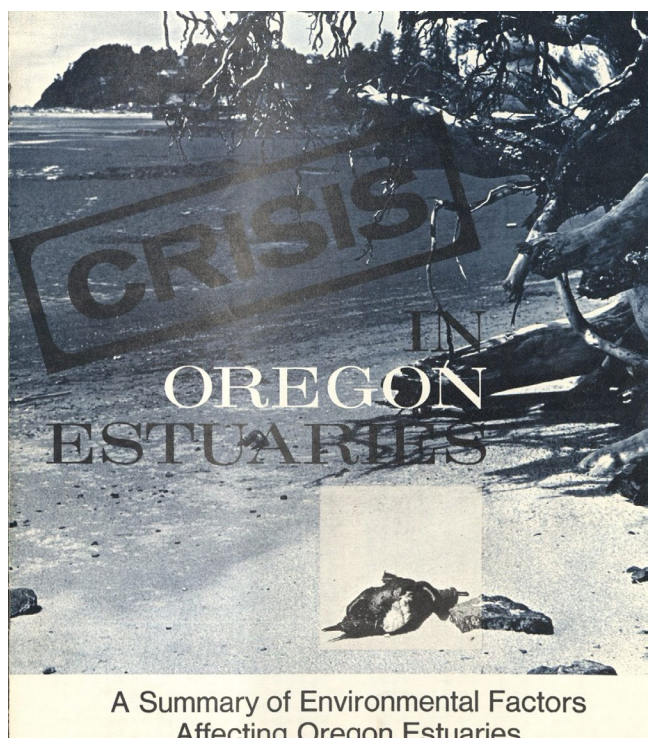
**Bob Corthell**  
1969-70  
Withycombe Hall  
Corvallis

## The SOBs

Soon after the Oregon Chapter was formed in 1964, members involved with management of coastal areas expressed concern for the continuing loss of estuarine areas to diking and filling. In 1967, the Estuaries Committee (now the Estuary Conservation and Development Committee) was formed. Known informally as the SOBs (for Save Our Bays), the Committee launched a public education campaign and kept an eye on estuarine developments. This effort by the Oregon Chapter to further protection of then-vulnerable important Oregon aquatic resources started a tradition of resource responsibility outside of normal jurisdictions that continues in the Chapter today.



**1968:** A paper titled "Crisis in Oregon Estuaries" was presented at the 1968 Oregon Chapter, AFS meeting. The paper was turned into a pamphlet and was edited, upgraded, and reprinted a couple of times while continuing to be distributed to key decision makers. In 1971, it was awarded a national first place blue ribbon by the American Association of Agricultural Editors.



you are cordially invited to attend the --

**AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**  
OREGON CHAPTER  
A Historical Overview

On October 25, 1964, in Portland, Oregon, a Steering Committee met at the Portland General Electric Building to create an Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

The committee members met in George Eicher's office at 11:00 AM and immediately became happy and went to lunch. These persons were:

Dr. Howard F. Horton, OSU  
George Eicher, PSE  
Dean Marriage, CSC  
Ed Mitsel, OSU

During lunch Dr. Horton discussed the opposition to the formation of an Oregon Chapter of the AFS that he had encountered. Most opposition stemmed from administrators who described the proposed Oregon Chapter as "just another meeting." Dr. Horton emphasized that while it was hoped that all interested persons would attend the AFS meeting, the objective was not to provide "just another meeting for administrators," but a meeting in which field personnel could attend and participate.

Ed Mitsel reported that he had received every indication that the OSU would cooperate in trying to arrange for its field people to attend the conference. He was fairly certain that if Commissioner Clemens Frazier, former National President of AFS was behind it, they would all get to go!

George Eicher appointed Howard Horton as Chairman of the Steering Committee and suggested he appoint committee members to areas of responsibility so that plans for an annual meeting could proceed in an orderly manner. Dr. Horton then organized the committee as follows:

Secretary-Treasurer - Mark Horton  
Forest of Business Section - Dean Marriage  
Program Co-Chairman - Howard Horton  
Publicity - Robert Halloway  
Time & Place Arrangements - Richard Wallace and OSU students  
H. Horton, OSU  
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A second meeting was held at OSU, Corvallis, Oregon, November 15, 1964. The following men were present:

Howard Horton, OSU  
John Fortune, OSU  
Harry Lora, OSU  
Homer Campbell, OSU-OSU  
Mark Horton, OSU

Dr. Horton announced that the time in place committee had set January 24-25, 1964, at Corvallis for the first meeting of the Oregon Chapter AFS and offered a suggested program outline.

Mark Horton said that a meeting should be scheduled for John S. Hultin or for successful fishery men such as hatchery managers, fishermen, biologists, etc. in 1965. He felt it was too premature for the meeting would contact directly with the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists in Pacific Fishery Institute, and they may have professional fishery biologists. In contrast to these two organizations, nobody interested in fish or fishing can join the AFS.

It was decided that nothing would be printed on the annual meeting, although any agency or individual could leave material for distribution.

Two more meetings of the Steering Committee were held to iron out details for the opening 1964 conference.

**Friday, January 24, 1964 - P.M.**

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - OSU Memorial Union Terrace Room  
1:00 - 1:10 Oregon Water Resources Board - D. Lane  
1:10 - 1:20 OSU Department of Biology - A. Pritchard  
1:20 - 1:30 Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla - G. Von Outten  
1:30 - 1:40 Humble Bee Seafoods, Inc. - J. Gilbert  
1:40 - 1:50 Dr. S. Public Health Service Representative  
1:50 - 2:00 OSU Department of Fish & Game Management - C. Bond  
2:00 - 2:10 Discussion

2:10 - 2:30 Observation of the inter-tidal fauna of the Oregon Coast - Dr. R. S. Lyons  
2:30 - 2:50 What does industry expect from professional fishery biologists - J. Gilbert  
2:50 - 3:10 What do sportsmen expect from professional fishery biologists - Judge Ralph Nolan  
3:10 - 3:20 Discussion  
3:20 - 3:30 Break - OSU student chapter  
3:30 - 3:55 Criteria for the natural rearing of young salmonids in a lentic environment - Robert Garrison  
3:55 - 4:20 Salinity adaptation in steelhead trout and coho salmon in relation to smoltification - Harry Wagner  
4:20 - 4:45 The behavior of juvenile salmonids in reservoir environments - Larry Korn  
4:45 - 5:00 Libby Pond, a cooperative salmon rearing project - Arvo Hiskala  
5:00 - 5:10 Discussion  
5:15 - 6:30 No host, social hour - Toune House Hotel  
6:30 - 7:30 Dinner  
7:30 - 10:00 Basketball game - OSU vs Stanford University

**Friday, January 24, 1964 - A.M.**

9:30 - 9:40 Registration  
9:40 - 9:45 Short business session  
9:45 - 9:50 Welcome to conference - Governor's representative  
9:50 - 9:55 Welcome to Department of Fish & Game Management - Dr. Scott

9:55 - 9:30 CURRENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH OREGON FISHERIES - assemble speakers  
9:30 - 9:40 Soil Conservation Service - D. Marriage  
9:40 - 9:50 Oregon State Sanitary Authority - G. Carter  
9:50 - 10:00 Pacific Power and Light Company - G. Hamilton  
10:00 - 10:10 Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife - T. Barnaby  
10:10 - 10:20 Fish Commission of Oregon - M. Clothier  
10:20 - 10:30 Mayor/Deputy Mayor - J. Beach  
10:30 - 10:40 Discussion  
10:40 - 10:50 Break - OSU student chapter - assemble speakers  
10:50 - 11:00 Bureau of Indian Affairs - H. Jensen  
11:00 - 11:10 OSU Department of Oceanography - M. Parry  
11:10 - 11:20 Portland General Electric Company - G. Richter  
11:20 - 11:30 Oregon Water Game Commission - G. Campbell  
11:30 - 11:40 U. S. Forest Service - J. Schwartz  
11:40 - 11:50 Corps of Engineers, Portland - P. Moon  
11:50 - 12:00 Discussion

**Saturday, January 25, 1964 - A.M.**

9:30 - 9:45 Reproductive behavior of Western North America crayfish - John Mason  
9:45 - 10:15 Distribution and growth of juvenile fall chinook salmon with extended fresh water residence in tributaries of the Lower Columbia River - Paul Reimers  
10:15 - 10:30 A method for making fish scale impressions with polyvinyl chloride - Robert Courtright  
10:30 - 10:40 Discussion  
10:40 - 10:50 Break - OSU student chapter  
10:50 - 11:15 Seasonal changes in the water chemistry of Humboldt Bay, California - Delbert Skoelch  
11:15 - 11:35 Aeration for the prevention of winter kill in high mountain lakes - Harry Lora  
11:35 - 11:55 Equipment and methods used to enumerate and sample juvenile sockeye salmon - Richard Wallace  
11:55 - 12:00 Discussion

**Saturday, January 25, 1964 - P.M.**

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - OSU Memorial Union Terrace Room  
1:00 - 1:45 Age determination and stock of steelhead in steelhead by otoliths - Victor Koski  
1:45 - 1:55 Reproductive potential and egg deposition of pink salmon in Rummy Creek, Alaska - Donald Stewart  
1:55 - 2:00 Discussion  
2:00 - 3:00 Business session  
3:00 Adjourn

**Steering Committee Members**

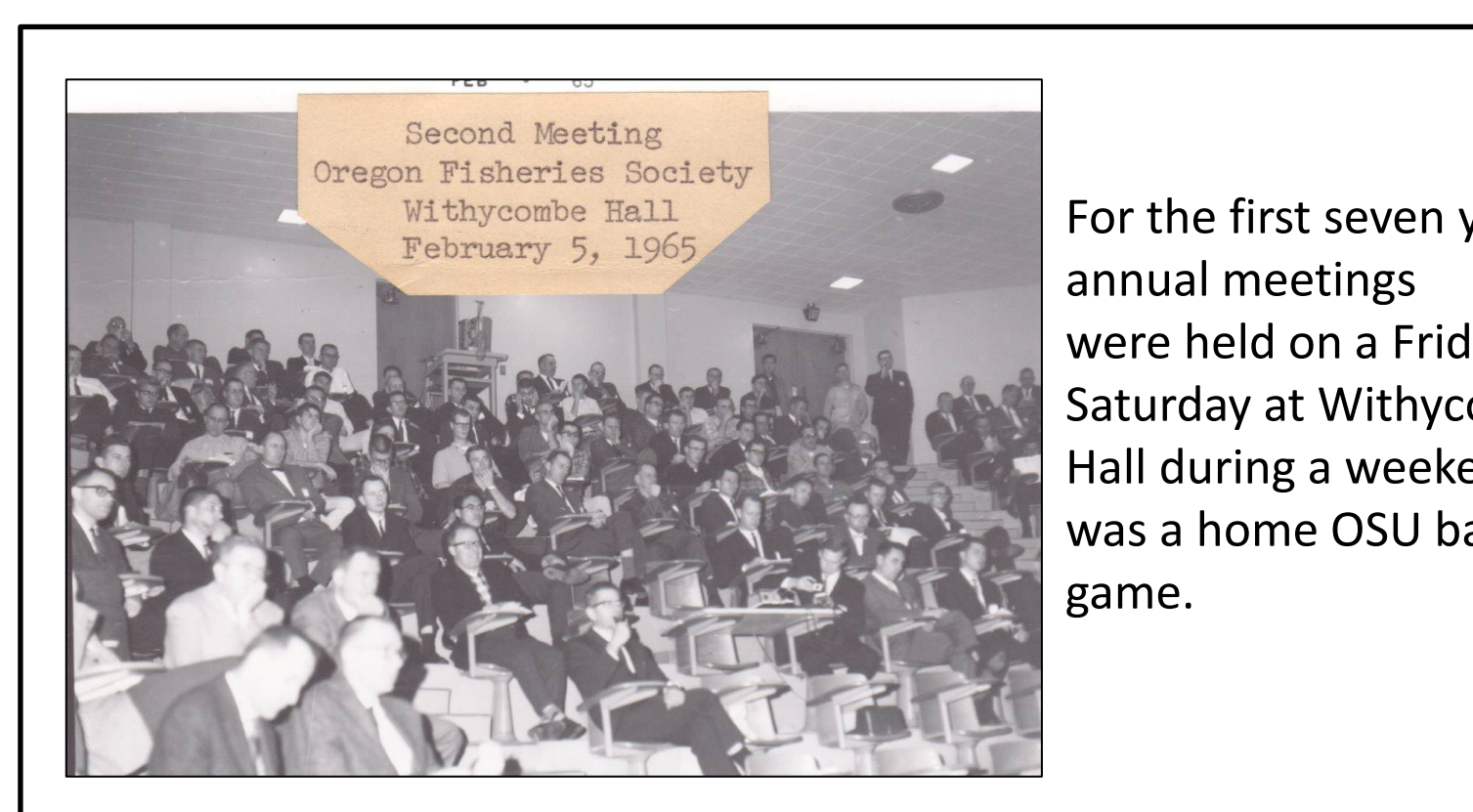
Chairman - Howard Horton  
Secretary - Mark Horton  
Program - Howard Horton and Homer Campbell

Time and Place - Richard Wallace  
Business Session - Dean Marriage  
Publicity - Robert Halloway  
Students - Harry Lora

Assisting: George Eicher, Ed Mitsel, Jack Remington and John Fortune



Founding Fathers: Attendees registered for \$1 for the first meeting of ORAFS on January 24, 1964

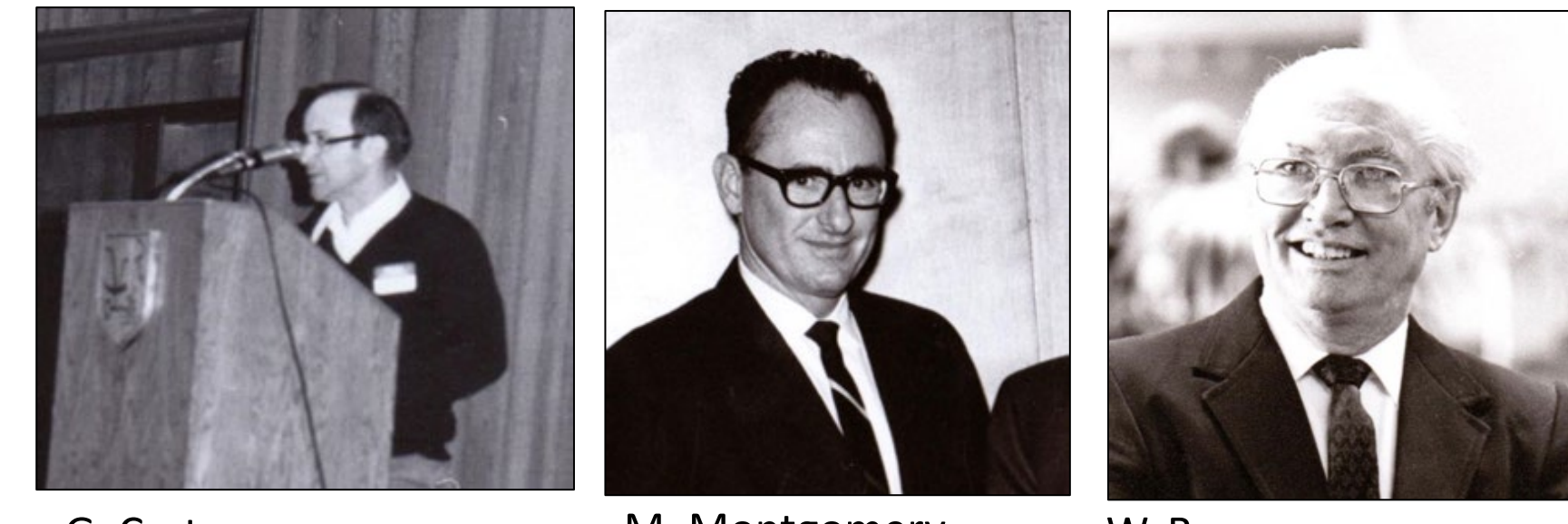
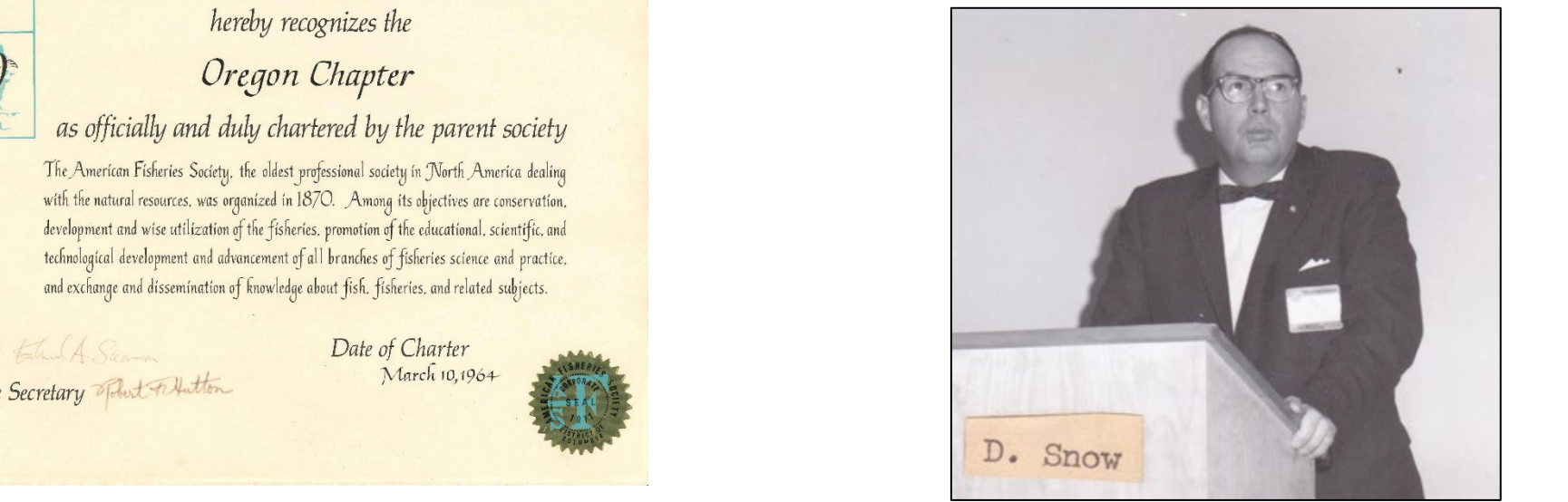


For the first seven years, the annual meetings were held on a Friday and Saturday at Withycombe Hall during a weekend there was a home OSU basketball game.

**Second Meeting Oregon Fisheries Society Withycombe Hall February 5, 1965**

H. Horton  
B. Borovica  
R. Gunsolus  
G. Eicher

G. Eicher



**1966: Formation of the Save our Bays Committee (The SOBs)**  
Charter Members included **Bob Borovica** - Chairman (BLM), **Bob Corthell** (Soil Conservation Service), **Dale Snow** (Oregon Fish Commission), **Willie Breese** (OSU), **Bill Clothier** (US Fed. Water Poll. Control Adm.), **Dean Marriage** (Soil Conservation Service), **Glen Carter** (Ore. Sanitary Auth.), **Monty Montgomery** (Oregon Game Commission), and **Bill Wick** (OSU Coop. Ext. Serv.)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**THIRD ANNUAL MEETING**  
OREGON CHAPTER  
WESTERN DIVISION  
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
January 14-15, 1966

**1966: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**President:** Bob Borovica  
**Vice President:** Carl Bond  
**Secretary-Treasurer:** Bob Corthell  
**Student Chapter President:** Al Beardsley

**PROGRAM COMMITTEES:**  
Carl Bond, Chairman  
Jack Remington  
Ralph Corvallis, Oregon State Game Commission  
Homer Campbell

**TIME, PLACE, AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE:**  
Richard Wallace, Chairman  
Ed Mitsel, Secretary

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:**  
Bob Halloway, Chairman

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES:**  
Ray West, Chairman  
Bob Loeffel  
Eugene Horton

**REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE:**  
Gene Kruse, Chairman  
Chuck Campbell  
Howard Horton

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**  
Bob Borovica  
Carl Bond  
Bob Gunsolus  
Howard Horton

**PROGRAM - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1966**

**Morning - Chairman, Carl Bond**

8:15 - REGISTRATION  
Withycombe Hall

8:40 - PRESIDENT'S WELCOME  
Bob Borovica, President,  
Oregon Chapter

9:00 - WELCOME TO OSU  
Dr. Thomas Scott, Oregon State  
University

9:30 - VICE IN CHARGE'S WELCOME  
Robert W. Stubb, State Treasurer

9:45 - COFFEE BREAK

10:10 - THE BAY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
IN POTENTIAL WATER POLLUTION  
COURTNEY  
Charles N. Deets, Director,  
EUREK, Pacific Northwest Water  
Laboratory

10:30 - OREGON'S BAY MANAGEMENT AND  
MANAGEMENT  
Dr. S. M. Castle, Dean of  
Faculty, Oregon State University

11:30 - FILM: THE NORTH AMERICAN WATER  
AND POWER ALLIANCE COMPANY  
The Ralph N. Parsons Co.

12:00 - LUNCHEON - So. East,  
Memorial Union Building

**AFTERNOON - Chairman, Monty Montgomery**

1:30 - LUNCHEON  
Dr. Donald S. Collins, U. S. Bur. of  
Commercial Fisheries, Program  
Director, Fish Passage Research

2:00 - PRESENTATION OF NEW ZEALAND  
K. Hubby Allen, Fisheries  
Research Board of Canada

2:45 - REPORTS OF MEMBERSHIP AND EARLY  
DEVELOPMENT OF SALMONID  
RESEARCH  
Robert W. Stubb, State Treasurer  
Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife

3:00 - Round-Table Presentation: FISH  
HATCHERY MANAGEMENT  
George T. Barry, Jr., Bureau of  
Commercial Fisheries, Alaska

3:30 - Progress Report on "BAY"  
George T. Barry, Jr., Bureau of  
Commercial Fisheries, Alaska

3:40 - Tour of OSU facilities for those  
interested in (1) Salmonids lab.,  
(2) Agricultural Chemistry Dept.,  
Pesticides

4:30 - SOCIAL HOUR - So. East,  
Power House Hotel, Corvallis,  
Ore.

8:00 - BASKETBALL GAME  
Oregon State University vs.  
Washington State University,  
Bill Collins

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1966**

**Morning - Chairman, Jack Remington**

9:00 - SALMON SALMON IN THE LOWER  
WILLAMETTE  
Brian Johnson, Oregon State  
Sanitary Authority

9:20 - STATUS OF OREGON STEELHEAD STOCK  
M. J. Campbell, Oregon State  
Game Commission

9:30 - JUVENILE SOCKEYE RESIDENT IN  
CHERIE RIVER  
Bob Ingersoll, Student, OSU,  
Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife

9:50 - MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE  
C. J. Snow, Fish Commission of  
Oregon

10:10 - COFFEE BREAK

10:30 - STATUS OF COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON  
STOCKS  
Robert Loeffel, Fish Commission  
of Oregon

10:40 - SALMONID HATCHERY AND BAY  
MANAGEMENT CAN WE USE THEM?  
C. J. Snow, OSU, Dept. of  
Fisheries and Wildlife

11:00 - INFRARED MOVEMENTS OF SPAWNING  
SOCKEY  
Setawa Tamoda, Student, OSU,  
Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife



# Oregon American Fisheries Society 1970-1979



Leon Murphy  
1970-71



Rollie  
Rousseau  
1971-72



Paul Reed  
1972-73  
Withycombe  
Hall  
Corvallis



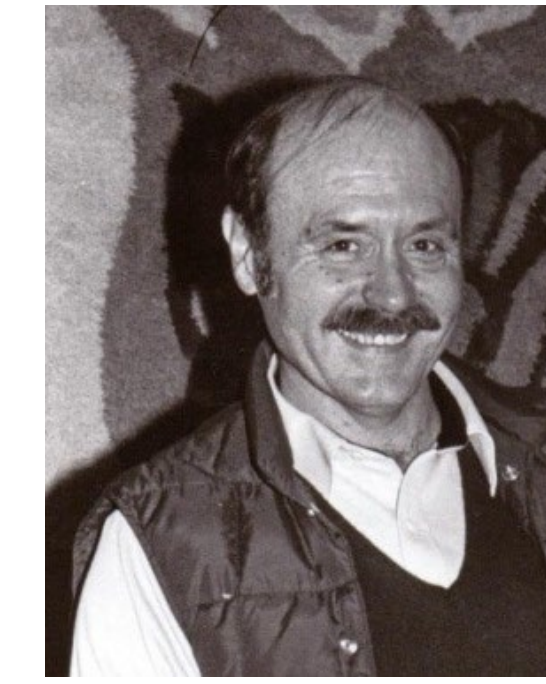
Al Mills  
1973-74  
Salishan  
w/OTWS  
Gleneden  
Beach



Del Skeesick  
1974-75  
Salishan  
Lodge  
Gleneden  
Beach



Bill Saltzman  
1975-76  
Salishan  
Lodge  
Gleneden  
Beach



Chris  
Christianson  
1976-77  
Kahneeta  
Warm Springs



Chuck Walters  
1977-78  
Kahneeta  
Warm Springs



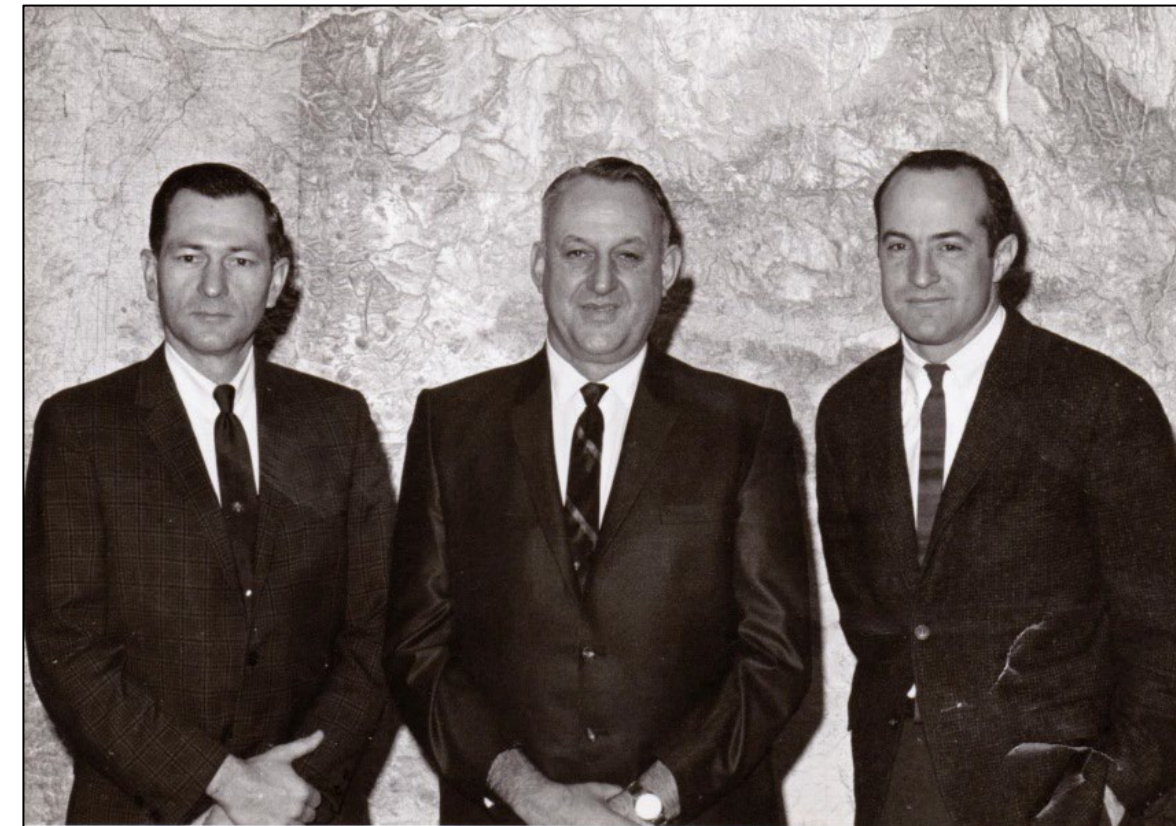
Don Clark  
1978-79



Fred Everest  
1979-80  
Valley River  
Inn  
Eugene



1971: Annual Meeting



1975: Bill Saltzman, Bob Corthell, Jim Hall



1976: Al Mills, Chris Christianson, Don Swartz, Ted Fies, Bill Saltzman, and Del Skeesick

**1971:** ORAFS provided a Neutral Forum for Oregon Game Commission, Oregon Fish Commission, US Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, the US Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and Tribal Fisherman to discuss Fisheries Management Allocations between commercial and sport interests, and to discuss conservation of native fish stocks

**Five Major New Federal Regulatory Mandates Changed the Playing Field in the 1970's:**

1. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA-1970) requiring Environmental Analysis. The requirement for EAs and EIS's took years and law suits to be fully implemented, but eventually led to many Federal agencies hiring fisheries biologists to comply.
2. Clean Water Act (1972, strengthened in 1977 and 1987) regulated toxic discharges. Clean Water Act, Section 404 (1972) regulating fill and removal of materials into and from waterways. Empowered states and tribes to help implement.
3. Oregon Forest Practices Act (1972) regulate forest activities and required buffer strips.
4. Endangered Species Act (1973) – also was slow to implement, but was a major tool to strengthen protection of Oregon fish stocks (see 1990s).
5. Magnuson Act in 1976 created a coastal 200-mile economic (exclusive) fishery zone, mandated US observers on foreign fishing boats, and greatly increased concern for and data on US marine fish stocks.



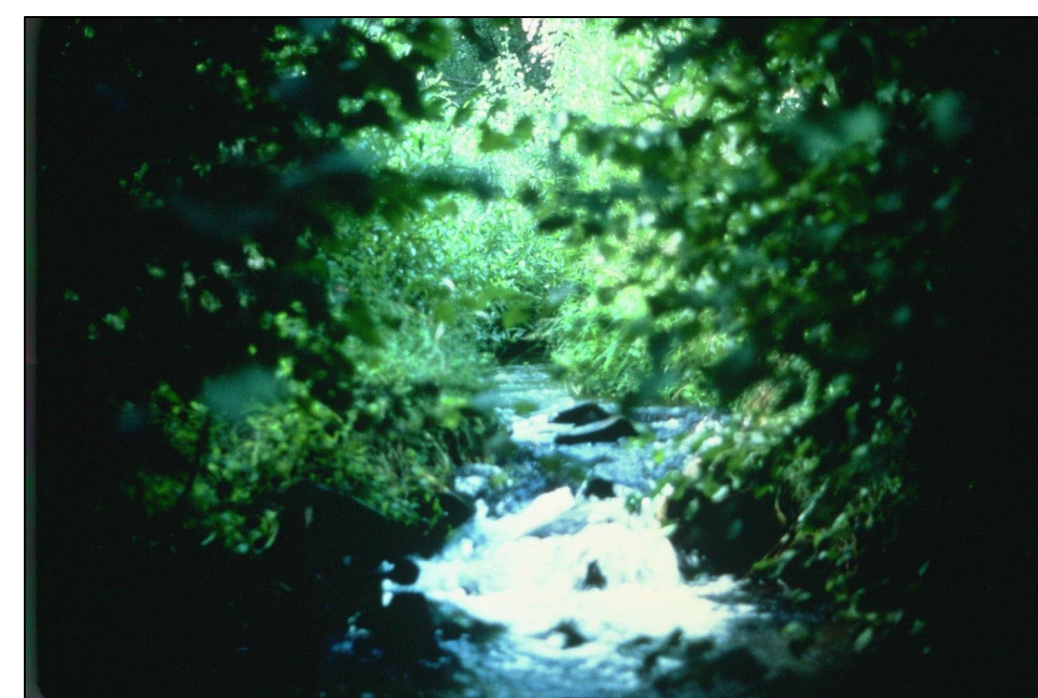
1971: The parent society recognizes the Oregon Chapter as officially and duly chartered, Date of Charter March 1964.

**1972:** First Oregon Chapter newsletter was distributed. Paul Reed was editor through Jan 1978

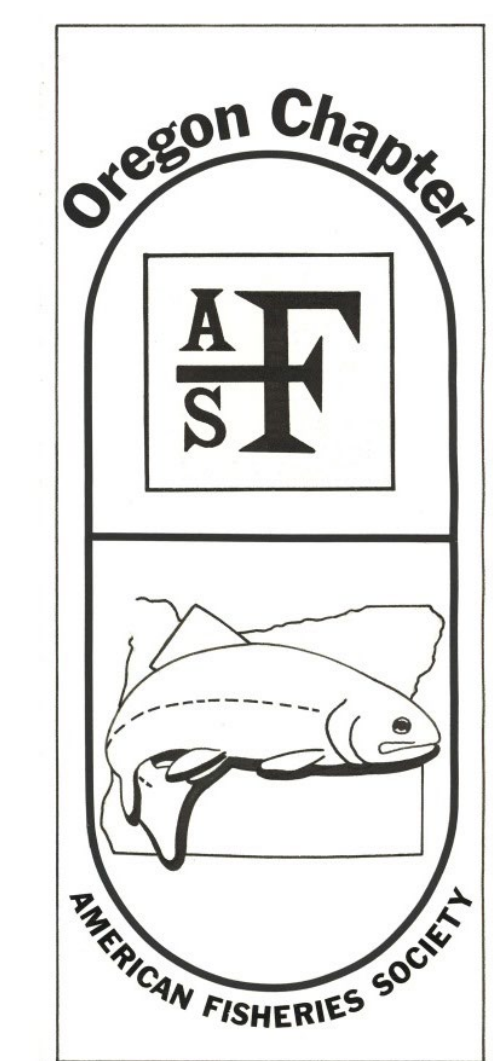
**1975:** Dale Snow volunteered to be the first Chapter Historian John Moring became historian in 1977.



The Stream Habitat Committee became very active in advocating stream-bank protection from excessive grazing. In conjunction with ODFW and BLM, several test areas were fenced and photos taken annually of the riparian zone recovery. *Upper Fifteenmile drainage-Ramsay Creek before riparian fencing in 1974 (left) and after in 1976 (below left) and 1978 (below).*



1976: (back) Brent Forsberg, Dave Heckerroth, Harry Lorz, (front) Chris Christianson, Bill Saltzman, Del Skeesick



The ORAFS logo that was used on much of the correspondence during this decade.



# Oregon American Fisheries Society 1980-1989



**Art Oakley**  
1980-81  
Valley River Inn  
Eugene



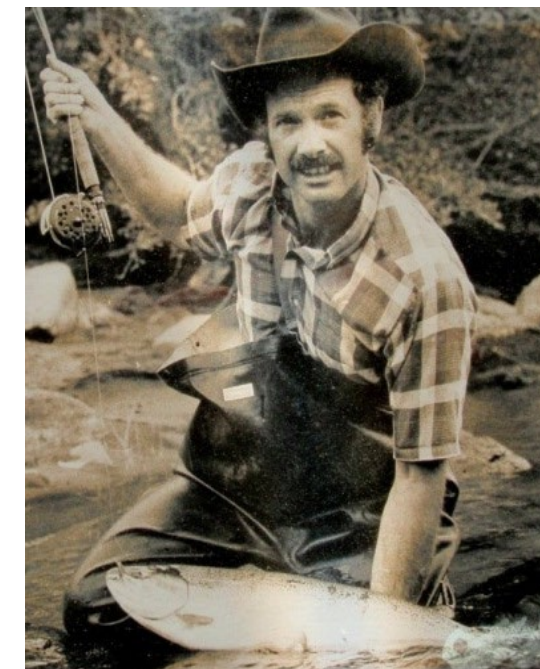
**Jim Fessler**  
1981-82  
Kahneeta  
Warm Springs



**Bill McNeil**  
1982-83  
OSU  
Foundation,  
Corvallis



**Jim Newton**  
1983-84  
Kahneeta  
Warm Springs



**Don Ratliff**  
1984-85  
Salishan  
Lodge  
Gleneden  
Beach



**Nancy MacHugh**  
1985-86  
Kahneeta  
Warm Springs



**John Anderson**  
1986-87  
Rippling  
River  
Welches



**Steve Smith**  
1987-88  
Ashland Hills  
Resort  
Ashland



**Krystyna Wolniakowski**  
1988-89  
Inn of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mt.  
Bend



**Gordon Reeves**  
1989-90  
Rippling River  
Welches



1980: First Spawning run:  
Reese Bender and Brent Forsberg



1981: M. Golden, D. Cramer, B. Hooton, and J. Fessler

Through the mid to late 1980s, ORAFS commented extensively on draft National Forest Plans for the Siskiyou, Umpqua, Siuslaw, and Mt. Hood National Forests, and was granted intervener status on appeals. Most of the review work including the writing and justifying comments/proposed changes was done by Rich Nawa and Chris Frissell, both with OSU at the time. Dan Bottom and Steve Smith as Presidents of the Chapter signed comments.



1983: At the computer



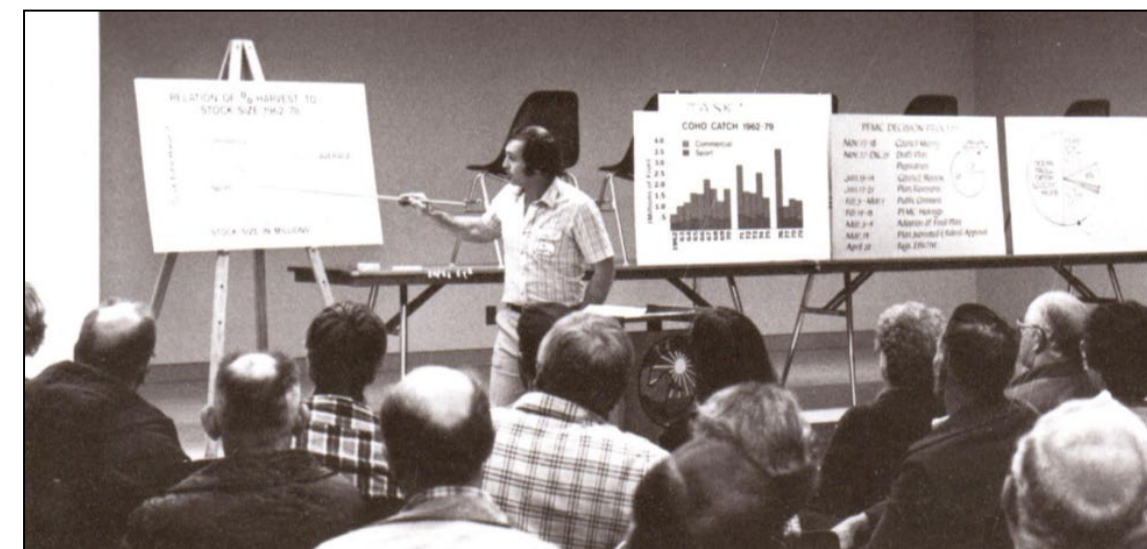
1985: Gertie Wingfield presents the 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture to Gene Morton

**1989-95:** Chapter Code of Ethics - After the 1989 Plenary Session on ethics, an ad hoc committee was formed to develop a revised Chapter Code of Ethics. A tremendous effort, our present "Code of Ethics" (available on the Chapter web site) was adopted by Chapter vote in 1995.

**1982:** Dave Buchanan and Dan Bottom question the use of the insecticide Sevin to kill burrowing mud shrimp in Tillamook Estuary at the request of oyster growers due to immediate and delayed mortality and harm to a wide variety of non-target estuarine organisms. Peer reviews of their controversial stance by ORAFS Water Resources Committee elevated the discussion. The courts ruled in April 1984 that a state land use regulation protecting estuaries was violated, and that there was a lack of data on the impacts to non-target organisms. Today it remains illegal to spray insecticides onto Oregon estuaries.



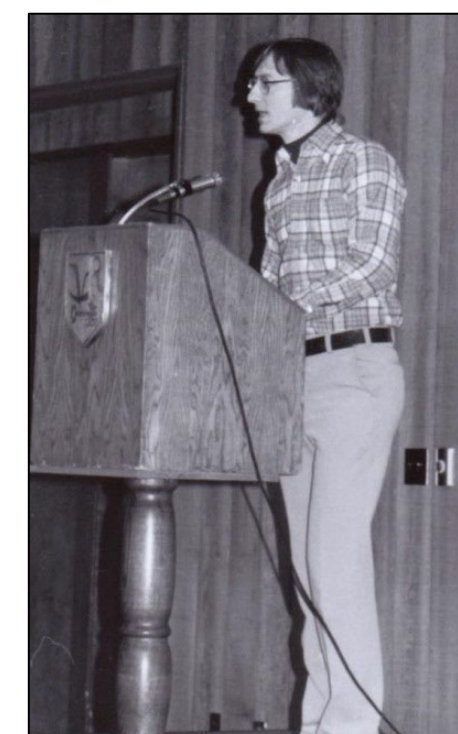
1980: ExCom; Pat Keeley S/T, Jim Graybill ED, Kay Brown VP, Gary Chapman ID, Art Oakley President, Jim Fessler President elect, Fred Everest past President.



1983: Coho harvest presentation

**1984-85:** ORAFS supported the adoption of new minimum stream flows on about 40 streams in Oregon, with ORAFS attending and testifying at each local hearing.

**1981:** The Stream Habitat Committee and Legislative Committees team up to with Nancy Nuhnkrack of the Oregon Wilderness Coalition to draft and support the passage of Senate Bill 397 through multiple committees of the Oregon Senate and House. This was the nation's first riparian zone tax incentive.



1980: Stan Gregory

**1988:** The Chapter's first technical training session in conjunction with the Annual Meeting was held in Ashland when John Anderson (BLM) and Bob House (BLM) taught "Stream Habitat Enhancement." Training sessions have been held each year since. These have resulted in a new purpose for the Chapter, increased its value to professionals that need training, and resulted in healthier and more stable Chapter finances.



**1989:** The Chapter hosted the Gearhart Mt. Bull Trout Workshop in August. Papers presented and then published in proceedings greatly increased knowledge about the status of bull trout in Oregon, and stimulated numerous distribution surveys by agencies. Beginning of *Salvelinus confluentus* Curiosity Society.....



1988: ORAFS has the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting. **Left:** highlights from the meeting, **Above:** Wayne Bowers (in the stocks at the Shakespearean Feast) and Krystyna Wolniakowski

**Highlights from the 25th Anniversary Meeting and Symposium**

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its twenty-fifth anniversary meeting at the Ashland Hills Conference Center in Ashland, Oregon, from February 10-12, 1989. The meeting was attended by approximately 300 fisheries professionals and representing academia, industry and government throughout Oregon, and including many guests from the Legislature and the agricultural community.

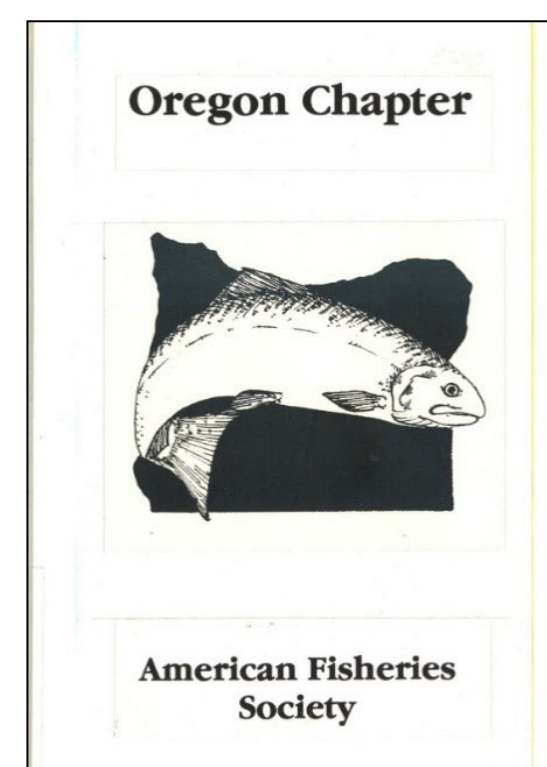
The 1989 conference provided an opportunity to learn more about many aspects of the proper management and utilization of the State's fishery resources and potential future fisheries issues in the State of Oregon. The highlights included a panel of Soil and Water Conservation District staff, ranchers and foresters that provided insight on how they view fisheries management on private lands. A lively discussion followed.

The symposium concluded with a thought-provoking summary session by Nancy Peterson, State Game Warden, entitled "Symposium Systems and Systems." The highlights included a panel of Soil and Water Conservation District staff, ranchers and foresters that provided insight on how they view fisheries management on private lands. A lively discussion followed.

The keynote speech was presented by Senate President John Kitshaber who addressed the general theme by discussing the history of water resources in the State of Oregon, the establishment of minimum stream flows, and the development of the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board. Senator Kitshaber's leadership in fisheries issues, dedication to developing progressive water policies for Oregon, and success in forging coalitions of diverse interest groups, have established a new direction for fisheries of the future.

The "Meet 'Taker About Event" was the Shakespearean Feast. Since Ashland is the home of the Shakespearean Feast, a restaurant feast provided a taste of history and an opportunity to restore, unassuming colleagues to the stocks. King John Anderson and Queen Krystyna Wolniakowski presided over music and dance provided by members and accompanied by AFS members. Festivities included dance performances by the Oregon Chapter, a presentation by Nancy Peterson, Gordon House, and the Oregon Chapter, and a presentation by Wayne Bowers. President Steve Smith presided over the feast and presented awards to the top award of the AFS Art Oakley received the top award of the Fisheries House of the Year!

Krystyna Wolniakowski

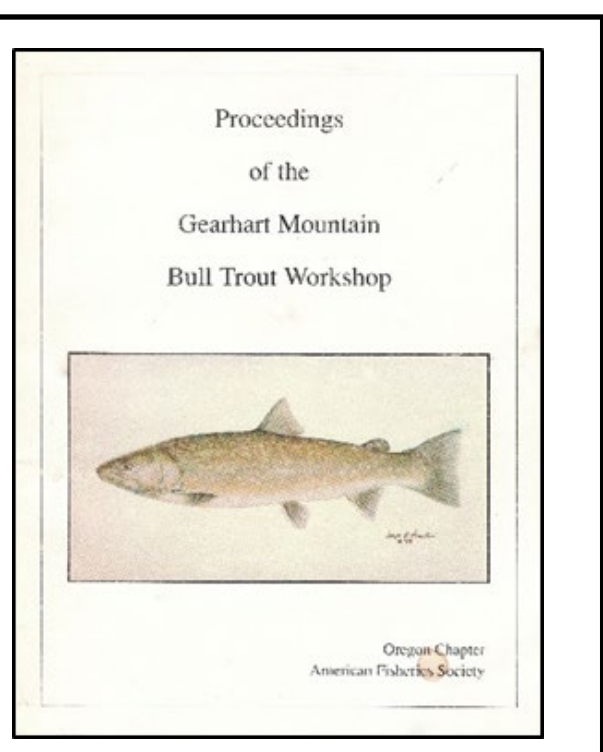


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**1989:** The Chapter strongly opposed the construction of the Salt Caves Hydro Project on the Klamath River due to its potential impact on fisheries resources.

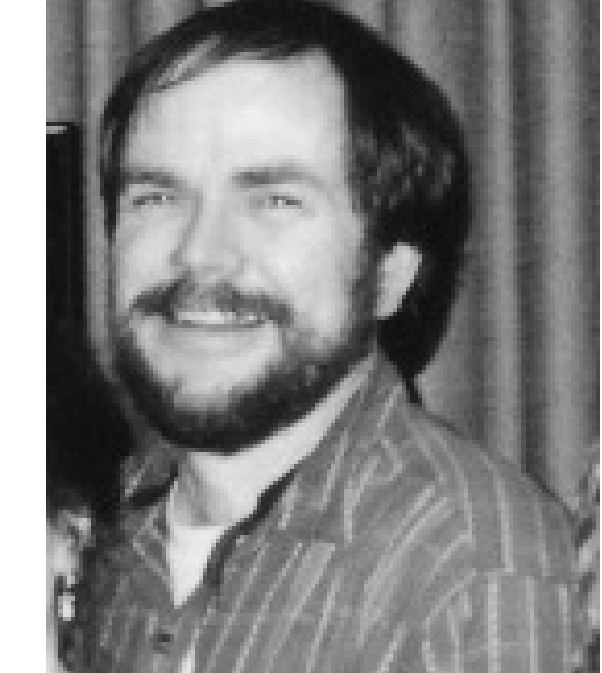
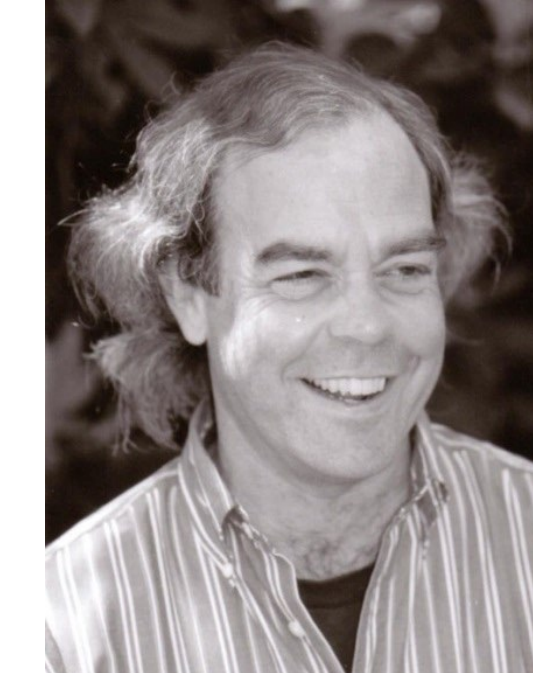
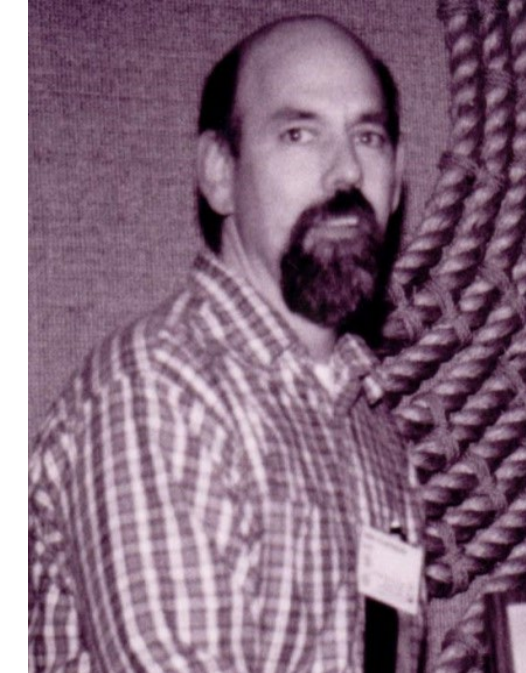


1984: Gary James and Steve Williams check in Dan Barrett





# Oregon American Fisheries Society 1990-1999



Dan Bottom  
1990-91  
Salishan Lodge  
Gleneden  
Beach

Alec Maule  
1991-92  
Inn of the 7<sup>th</sup> Mt.  
Bend

Phil Howell  
1992-93  
Red Lion  
w/National  
Jantzen  
Beach

Rich  
Carmichael  
1993-94  
Sunriver  
Resort  
Sunriver

Bob Hughes  
1994-95  
Windmill  
Inn  
Ashland

Kirk  
Schroeder  
1995-96  
Sunriver  
Resort  
Sunriver

Tom Backman  
1996-97  
Salishan  
Lodge  
Gleneden  
Beach

Hal Weeks  
1997-98  
Sunriver  
Resort  
Sunriver

Tim Hardin  
1998-99  
Sunriver  
Resort  
Sunriver

Dave Hohler  
1999-00  
Hilton  
Eugene

**1990:** Following the Annual Meeting, ExCom members voted to join OR Trout et al. as co-petitioners to list Snake River Chinook under the ESA. Snake River Chinook were listed as "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act April 22, 1992.

**1990:** ORAFS members organized a 14 member Watershed Classification and Aquatic Biodiversity Subcommittee to develop criteria for identifying critical watersheds (known as "aquatic diversity areas"). Their criteria, data bases, and maps of key watersheds were distributed to 85 professionals, then were incorporated (anonymously) into regional conservation plans including the President's Northwest Forest Plan.

**1991:** "Pacific Salmon at the Crossroads: Stocks at Risk from CA, OR, ID, and WA by Nehlsen, Williams, and Lichatowich was published in Fisheries highlighting the poor condition of 214 native, naturally spawning stocks of salmon and steelhead. This stimulated a host of ESA petitions.

**1992:** Filed a federal ESA petition to list bull trout in Klamath Basin. Bull trout were listed as "Threatened" throughout the west in 1998 and Klamath bull trout were recognized as a distinct population segment.

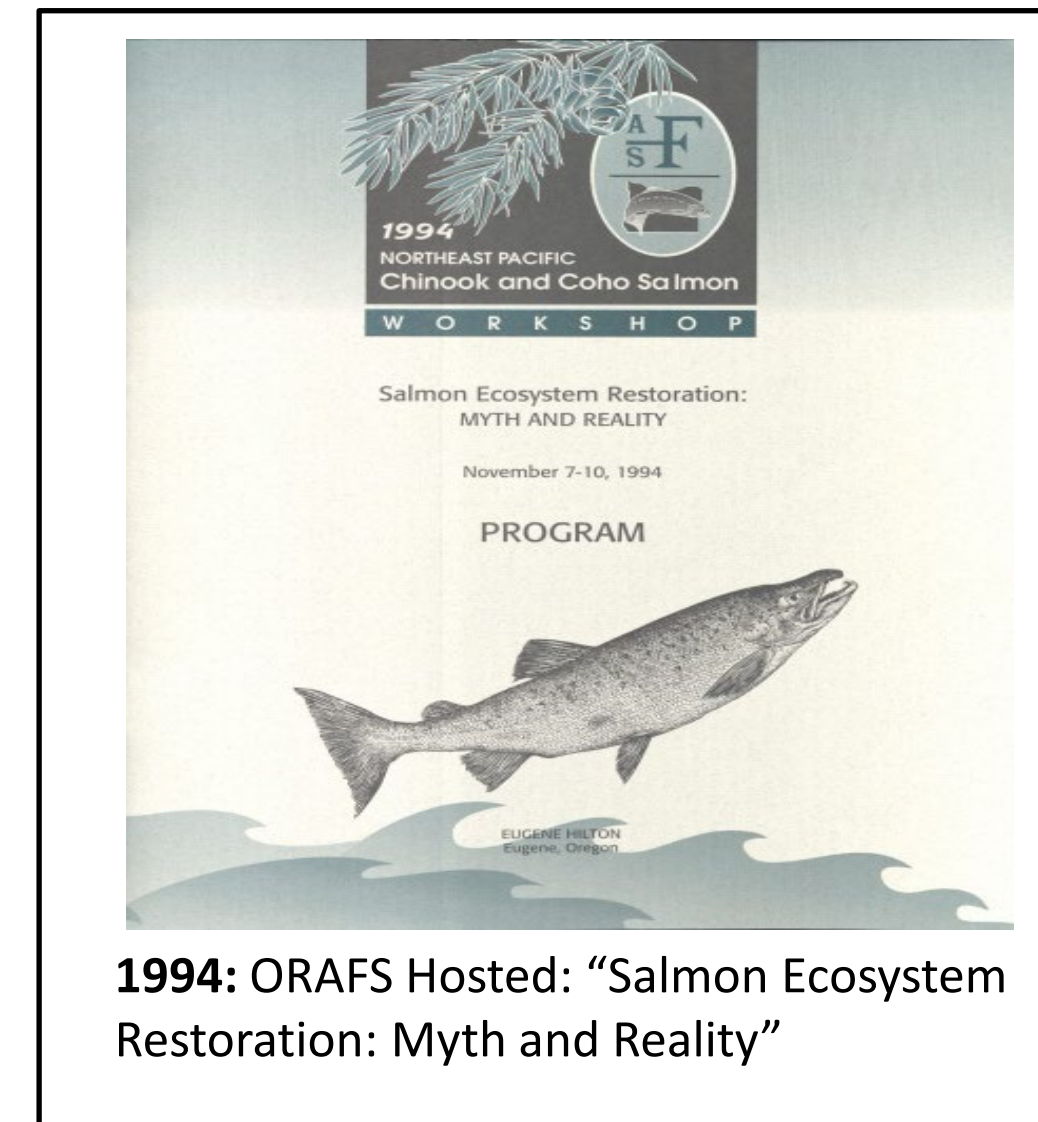
**1998-99**

- Attempted to tie fisheries into the big picture. We had a program where plenary and other sessions took up fisheries in the context of population growth and the economic system.
- Legislative action. Many ORAFS members testified in Salem, and white papers were also produced.
- Both Tim and Rich wore something other than tee shirts.
- OSU started having open bar alumni receptions

**1999:** Instructions for annual meeting presenters- "As in the past, we will not be providing computer projection systems and we highly discourage using them. Not only does the image resolution tend to be inferior, they are expensive for us to rent. We ask that you stick with a 35mm slide format. Overhead projectors will be available upon request. If your presentation depends on a computer projection system you are welcome to bring your own."



1998: Socializing in Sunriver




**1994:** ORAFS Hosted: "Salmon Ecosystem Restoration: Myth and Reality"




1992: Quentin Smith, Del Skeesick, Rolie White and Carl and Lenora Bond

**SEA-RUN CUTTHROAT TROUT**  
Biology, Management, and Future Conservation



**1995:** ORAFS Hosted: Sea-run Cutthroat Trout, Biology, Management, and Future Conservation- Symposium Oct 12-14 in Reedsport; Proceedings Published in 1997; Jim Hall, Peter Bisson, and Bob Gresswell, Editors.

**REDBAND TROUT**  
RESILIENCE AND CHALLENGE  
IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE



**1996:** ORAFS Hosted: Redband Trout; Resilience and Challenge in a Changing Landscape- Workshop held at Malheur Field Station Sept 23-25, Proceedings published in 2007; Kirk Schroeder and Jim Hall, Editors.



1997: Dancing to the band

**1997-98:** We wrote over 18 letters and documents providing comments on a variety of issues - just a couple of examples include:

- 13 May 1997 to Elaine Zielinski, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland - Recommended Versions of Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management
- 30 May 1997 to Paul McNutt, EIS Team Leader, BLM - Reno Scoping Comments on Proposal to Revise Mining Regulations
- 14 July 1997 to Jim Watson, President, Steamboaters, Glide, OR -Stocking of Williamson River Rainbow Trout into Diamond Lake
- 5 November 1997 to Mark Chilcote, ODFW, Portland - re: "Conservation Status of Steelhead in Oregon"
- 17 November 1997 to Steve Stevens, USACoE, Portland - re: Removal of Elk Creek Dam, Jackson City, OR
- 20 May 1998 to Glenn Davis, Oregonian, Portland, OR - Opinion Piece on Scientific Uncertainty, Burden of Proof, Salmon Restoration

**Oregon AFS Wins Multiple Honors as Chapter of the Year**

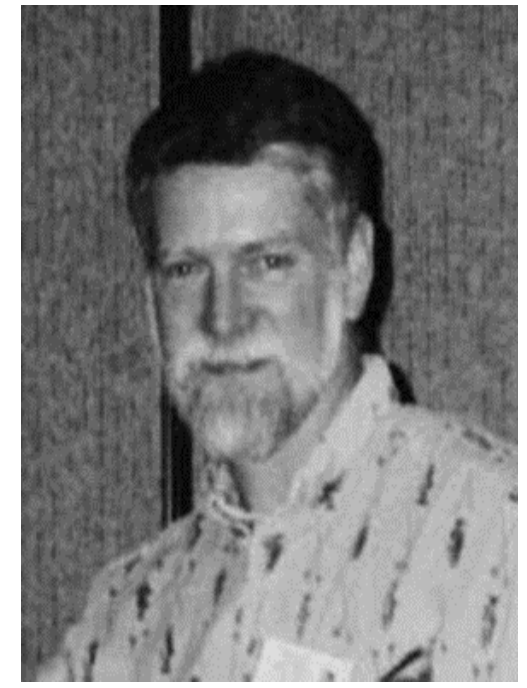
Each year from 1994-1998 Oregon Chapter AFS has been named Chapter of the Year by either national or Western Division AFS . Being named the outstanding chapter in our division or the nation is an honor, and being named so many times in the last several years is remarkable. Congratulations! Thank you for your contribution to making Oregon AFS truly outstanding.



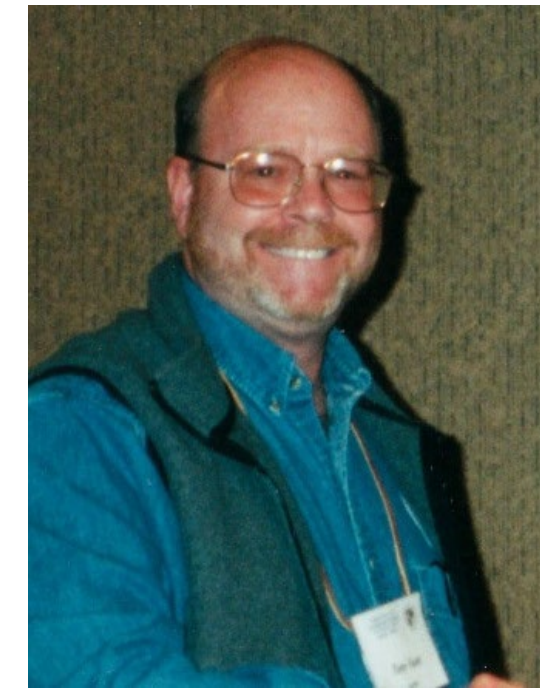
We updated, or created our own chapter logo in the 1990's - prior to this we either used AFS's or used random clip art of fish



# Oregon American Fisheries Society 2000-2009



Denny Lassuy  
2000-01  
Red Lion  
w/OTWS  
Portland



Tony Faast  
2001-02  
Sunriver  
Resort  
Sunriver



Mary Buckman  
2002-03  
Hilton,  
Eugene



Dave Ward  
2003-04  
Sunriver  
Resort  
Sunriver



Doug Olsen  
2004-05  
OSU Alumni  
Center  
Corvallis



Barry McPherson  
2005-06  
Sunriver Resort  
Sunriver



Mike Reed  
2006-07  
Hilton  
Eugene



Doug Young  
2007-08  
Hilton  
w/West AFS  
Portland



Neil Ward  
2008-09  
The Riverhouse  
Bend



Rich Grost  
2009-10  
Hilton  
Eugene

2000: ExCom approved a white paper titled "Managing Wild and Hatchery fish in Oregon"

2000-01: Hosted a combined ORAFS and TWS Oregon Chapter annual meeting with over 900 participants



The Texas Hold 'em Tournament and Jam Sessions started during this decade

2000: On February 17<sup>th</sup> ORAFS adopted a resolution on Snake river salmon and steelhead recovery resolving that based on the best scientific information available:

1. The four lower Snake River dams are a significant threat to the continued existence of remaining Snake River salmon and steelhead stocks;
2. If society-at-large wishes to restore these salmonids to sustainable, fishable levels, a significant portion of the lower Snake River must be returned to a free-flowing condition by breaching the four lower Snake River dams, and that this action must happen soon;
3. Substantive actions to address detrimental impacts associated with harvest management, hatchery practices, and habitat alteration will be required of all concerned people, including us as responsible professionals, to further increase the likelihood of recovering Snake River salmon and steelhead stocks; and
4. The Oregon Chapter of the AFS will continue to assist agencies and the public

2003: ORAFS provided comments on the proposed critical habitat designations for west coast salmon and steelhead including :  
"We applaud NOAA Fisheries' efforts to undertake such an extensive and comprehensive task in a short timeframe, but we do not support some of the methodology and the outcome of greatly reduced critical habitat."

2004-05

- The Piscatorial Press evolved from a paper only distribution to electronic distribution
- Student scholarships were expanded to include undergraduates at the Community College level
- Karaoke was introduced at the Annual Meeting social

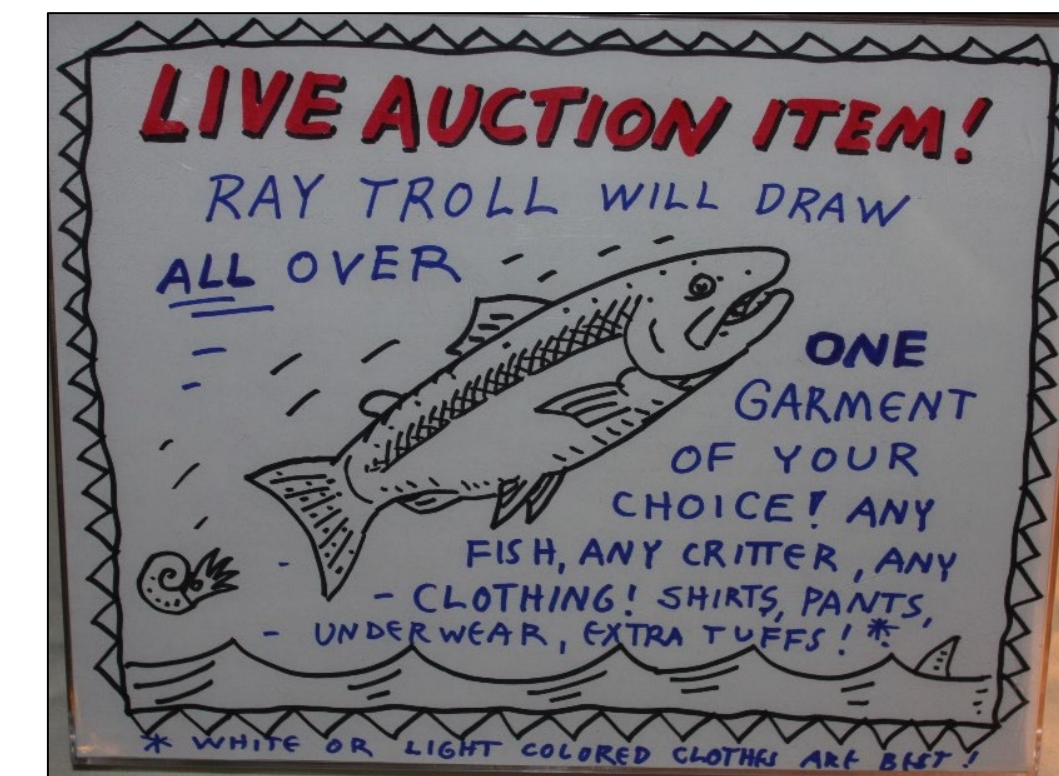


2008-09

- ORAFS gets a Facebook page and Twitter account
- Increased the financial value of student scholarships
- Reinstated the legislative liaison position and provided comments during legal and legislative hearings

2009-10

- Initiation of the "Fish-out-of-Water Waiver" program to assist financially-challenged non-students in attending meetings and workshops.
- Awarded the first several Carl Bond Memorial Scholarships.
- Karaoke was killed for annual meeting socials.



2009: Rich Grost and Ray Troll, 'Sharing Our Passion' was the annual meeting theme.



2009: We learned that baby blue is not a desirable shirt color.



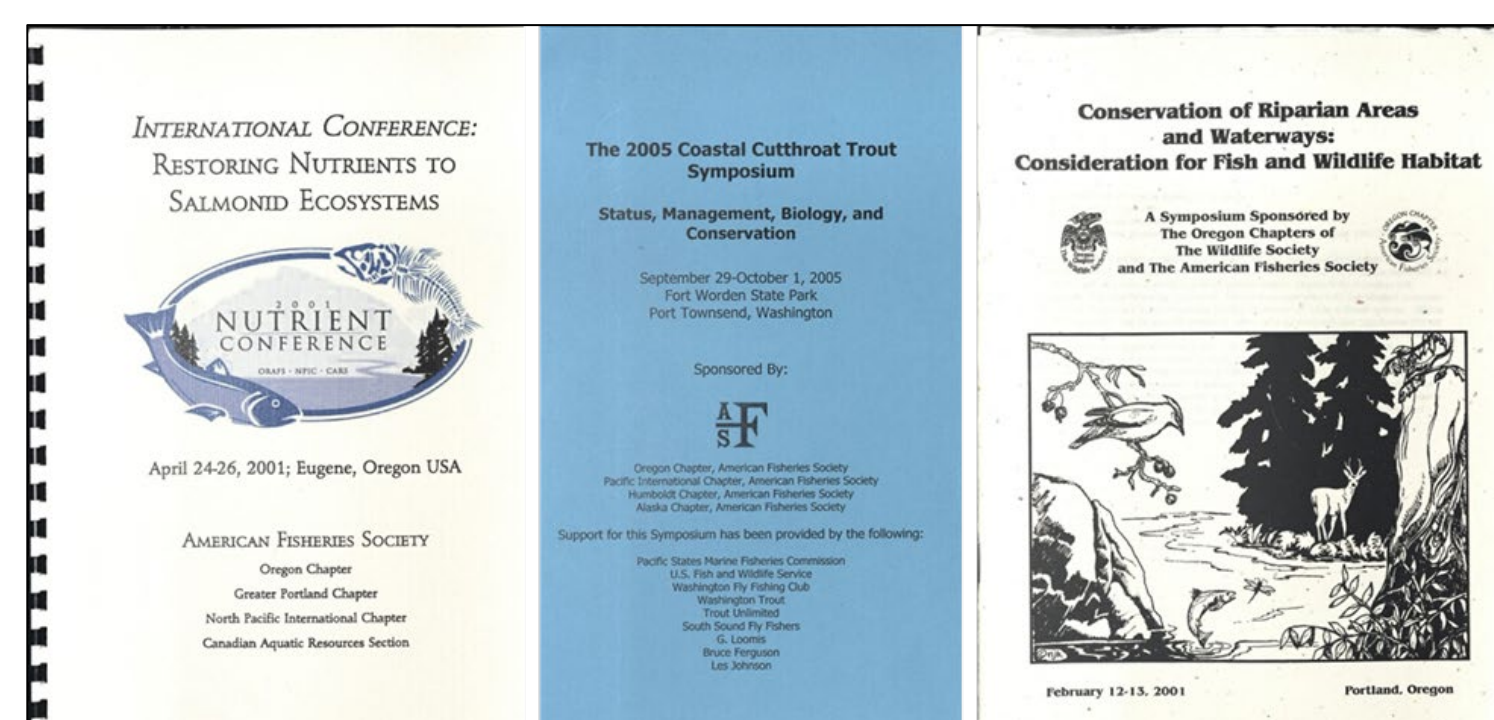
2010: Don Ratliff and Colleen Fagan cutting a rug.



2008: Oregon Chapter hosted the Western Division annual meeting in Portland, OR



2007 ExCom (left to right): Neil Ward ID, Barry McPherson Past Pres., Ian Reid S/T, Mike Reed Pres., Tom Friesen VP, Brad Houslet ED





# Oregon American Fisheries Society 2010-2019



**Demian Ebert**  
2010-11  
The Riverhouse  
Bend

**Colleen Fagan**  
2011-12  
Hilton  
Eugene

**Jeff Yanke**  
2012-13  
The Riverhouse  
Bend

**Todd Buchholz**  
2013-14  
Hilton  
Eugene

**Mike Gauvin**  
2014-15  
Portland  
(Hatchery Wild Symposium)

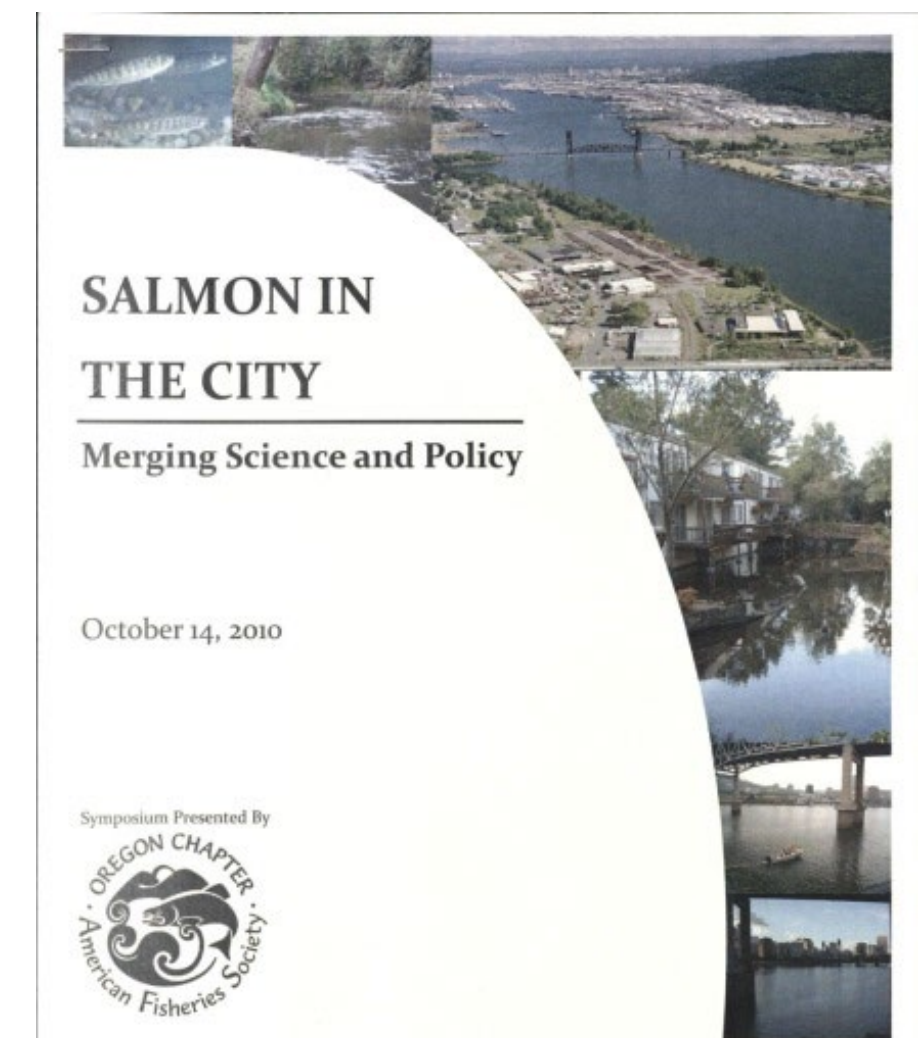
**Troy Brandt**  
2015-16  
Portland (National)  
& Seaside

**Ben Clemens**  
2016-17  
The Riverhouse  
Bend

**Shivonne Nesbit**  
2017-18  
Hilton  
Eugene

**Kris Homel**  
2018-19  
The Riverhouse  
Bend

**Rebecca Flitcroft**  
2019-20  
Hilton  
Eugene



**2010:** Hosted a professional workshop targeting an audience of municipal managers and member of local and regional government and scientists.

- 2010-11:**
- Oregonian Op-Ed on Columbia and Snake River fish conservation and recovery in response to an Op-Ed article published by Dr. Jane Lubchenko.
  - Actively participated in the Western Division's "Snake River Committee" including work on the revisions of the 1999-2000 era Oregon Chapter and Western Division resolutions regarding Snake River dam removal.
  - Successfully won bid to host 2015 annual meeting



**2011:** Colleen Fagan with Plenary Speakers Dr. Don Chapman and Tony Faast



**2012:** Jeff Yanke with Plenary Speakers Ken Bierly, Bill Bradbury, and Eric Quaepts



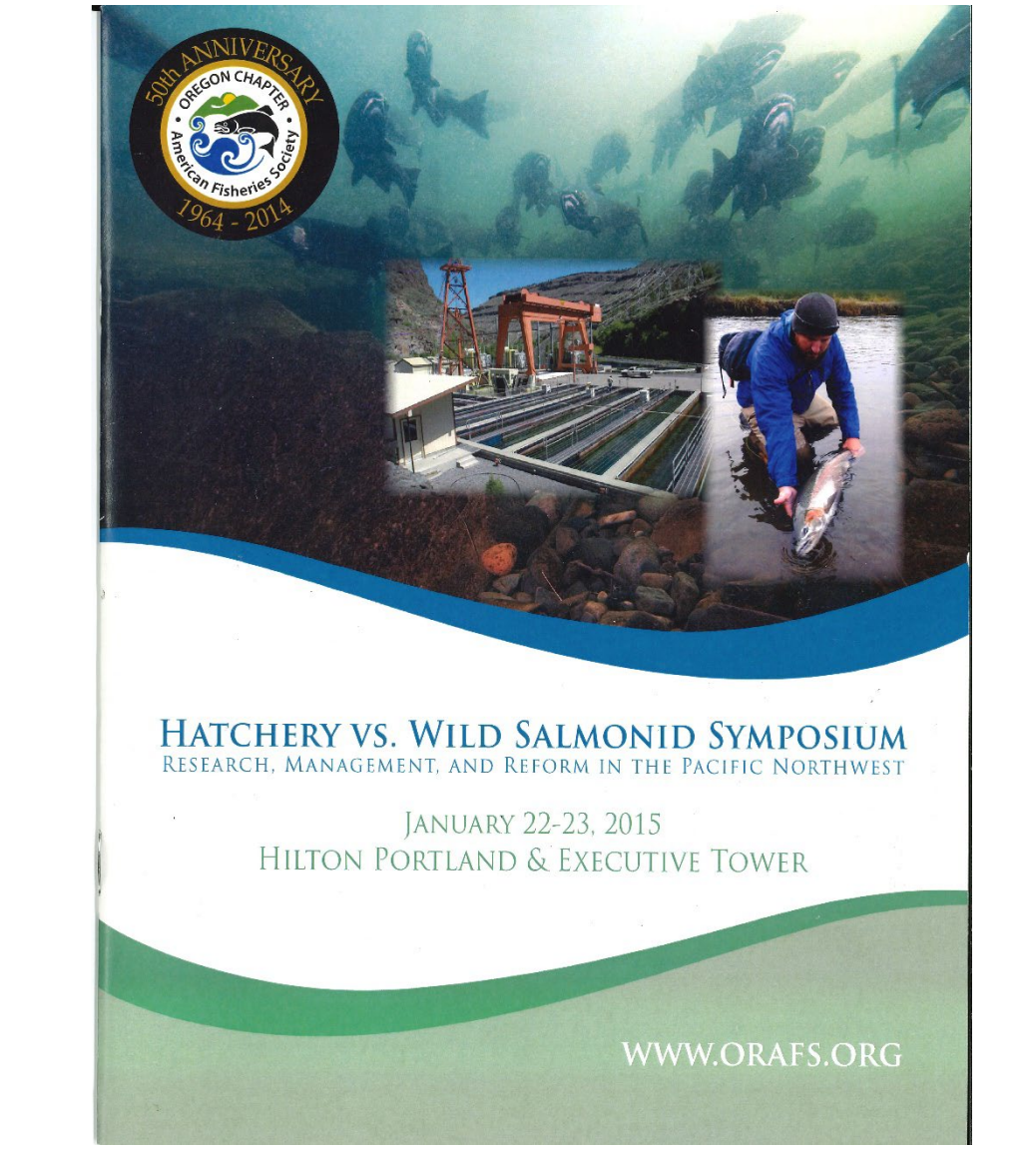
**2014:** Mike Gauvin with Plenary Speakers, Howard Horton, Kat Brigham, and Jim Martin at the 50th Anniversary Meeting



- 2014 -15:**
- Celebrated the 50th anniversary annual meeting
  - Provided comments on Bull Trout Recovery plan
  - Retained a legislative liaison, providing testimony on important issues.
  - Analyzed and developed of strategies for long term fiscal sustainability.
  - Actively participated in the planning, coordination, and promotion of the 2015 National meeting.



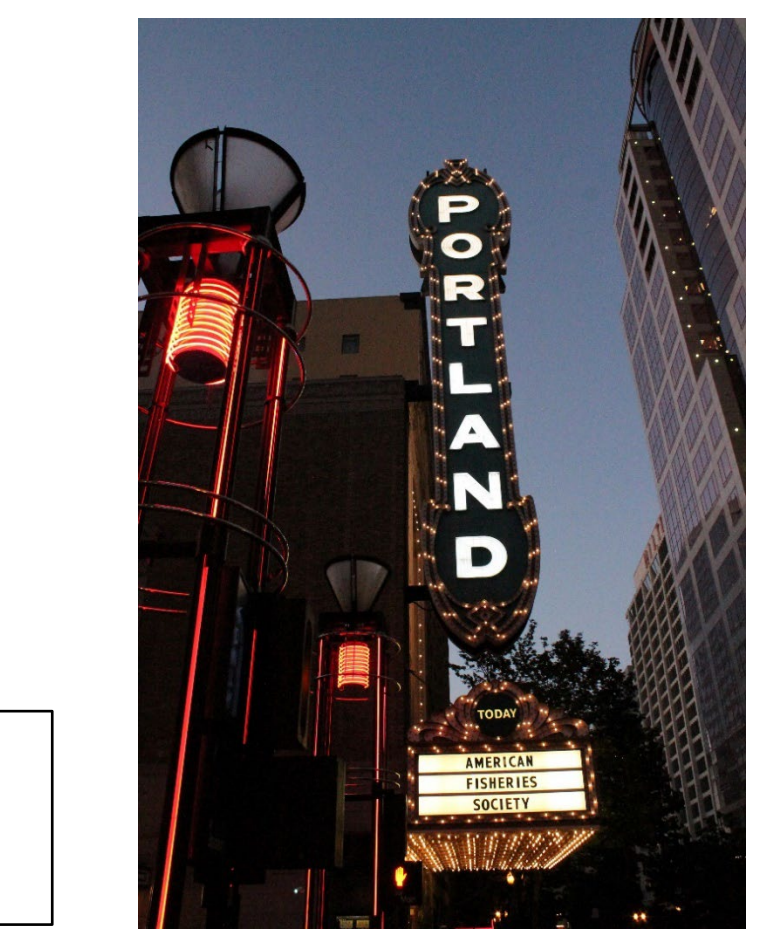
**2014:** Michele Weaver leads the Spawning Run tradition which restarted with addition of the Carcass Crawl.



**2015:** Hosted a two-day symposium with over 280 attendees representing federal, state, tribal, NGO's, private sector and academia presenting and discussing the latest research and management of wild and hatchery salmonids in the Pacific Northwest.



**2013:** Don Ratliff was awarded the first ORAFS Lifetime Achievement award.



**2015:** Hosted the American Fisheries Society and Western Division for one of the most successful and well attended annual meetings in the history of AFS with 3,310 attendees and over 2,000 contributed papers. For those who were there we will never forget the epic grand social in the heart of downtown Portland.

- 2016:**
- Fiscal Sustainability Plan and Investment Policy adopted.
  - Financial Sustainability Committee established.
  - Prepared guidance document for financial assistance and fee waivers.
  - Passed a bylaw amendment that separated the Secretary-Treasurer position into two positions.
  - Established a new annual meeting budget format.

- 2017:**
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee established.
  - Largest chapter meeting held to date
  - Finalized white paper on managing hatchery and wild salmonids in Oregon.
  - Provided testimony and updated Suction Dredge Mining whitepaper.
  - Developed Annual Meeting Planning Handbook.



**2018 ExCom:** Dan Bingham, Rachel Lertora, Katie Pierson, Shannon Richardson, Ben Clemens, Anthony Pedro, Brooke Schlipf, Shivonne Nesbit, Kris Homel, Kevin Stertz, Josie Thompson (not pictured).



**2016:** Cornhole Tournament began

- 2012:**
- Wrote the Chapters first social media policy
  - Organized and hosted an Anadromous Run Forecasting Workshop
  - Developed the social media chair position
  - Update the ORAFS website
  - Freshwater Habitat Committee and ExCom provided review of Southern Oregon/Northern California coho draft recovery plan
  - Wrote a white paper on effects of heavy metals in aquatic systems to help guide legislation on use of copper in brake pads and mercury in light bulbs
  - Wrote a letter to Ken Salazar, Secretary of the US Dept. of the Interior, regarding the ORAFS position on the proposed Klamath river dam removal.

- 2013:**
- Wrote white paper on the effects of suction dredge mining on Oregon fishes and aquatic habitats, encouraged legislators to take the paper into consideration when making decisions, and provided testimony at a suction dredging hearing.
  - Established the Native Fish Committee (led by Jim Capurso). The committee 1st workshop focused on Modoc and Warner Suckers. A total of 24 biologists gathered in Lakeview, Oregon for this inaugural event. The workshop featured presentations and field trips to sample suckers with a bonus tour of Foskett Spring, home of the Foskett speckled dace.



**2014:** Tony Siniscal, Todd Bucholtz, Jeff Yanke, Mike Gauvin

- 2018:**
- Climate Change Committee established
  - Provided testimony on Carbon Cap and Trade bill to Oregon Legislature
  - Albert G. Lassuy DEI Scholarship awarded for 1st time.
  - Established agreement with the Gerald R. Bouck Memorial Scholarship.
  - First time in Chapter history the ExCom is comprised of more female officers than male.

- 2019:**
- Mt. Hood Community College Student Subunit established, first two-year college subunit in the nation.
  - Provided testimony to support creation of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.



# Oregon American Fisheries Society 2020-2023



Peter Stevens  
2020-21  
Virtual  
Conference



Scott Heppell  
2021-22  
Virtual  
Conference



Christine Hirsch  
2022-23  
Hilton  
Eugene



Gary Vonderohe  
2023-24  
The Riverhouse  
Bend

- 2020:**
- Completed a successful in person meeting March 3-6 in Bend Oregon. The next week the world shut down in response the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Comments and Questions regarding Columbia River System Operations Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
  - Developed and delivered a letter to Oregon Governor Kate Brown on the ecological implications of the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline and Port.
  - Wrote a letter in support of Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA).
  - We hosted the virtual Fish Printing workshop during Covid in 2020 in support of World Fish Migration Day.

- 2021:**
- Excom made the difficult decision to organize a fully virtual meeting.
  - The virtual meeting has all the elements of an in-person meeting with three keynote speakers starting off each day, three days of concurrent sessions, business meeting, raffle and auction, spawning run and carcass crawl, and student mentor, and social events.
  - We had over 320 attendees from almost 100 organizations including five different tribal organizations, multiple state and federal agencies, private companies and NGO's, nine universities, and one high school! We had three outstanding plenary speakers: Chris Free from UC Santa Barbara, Lauren Rodgers from National Marine Fisheries Service, and Brittany King from Oregon State University. The meeting included 90+ oral presentations across eight symposia, and 12 poster presentations.
  - In late 2021 the Albert G. Lassuy Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion endowment was created.

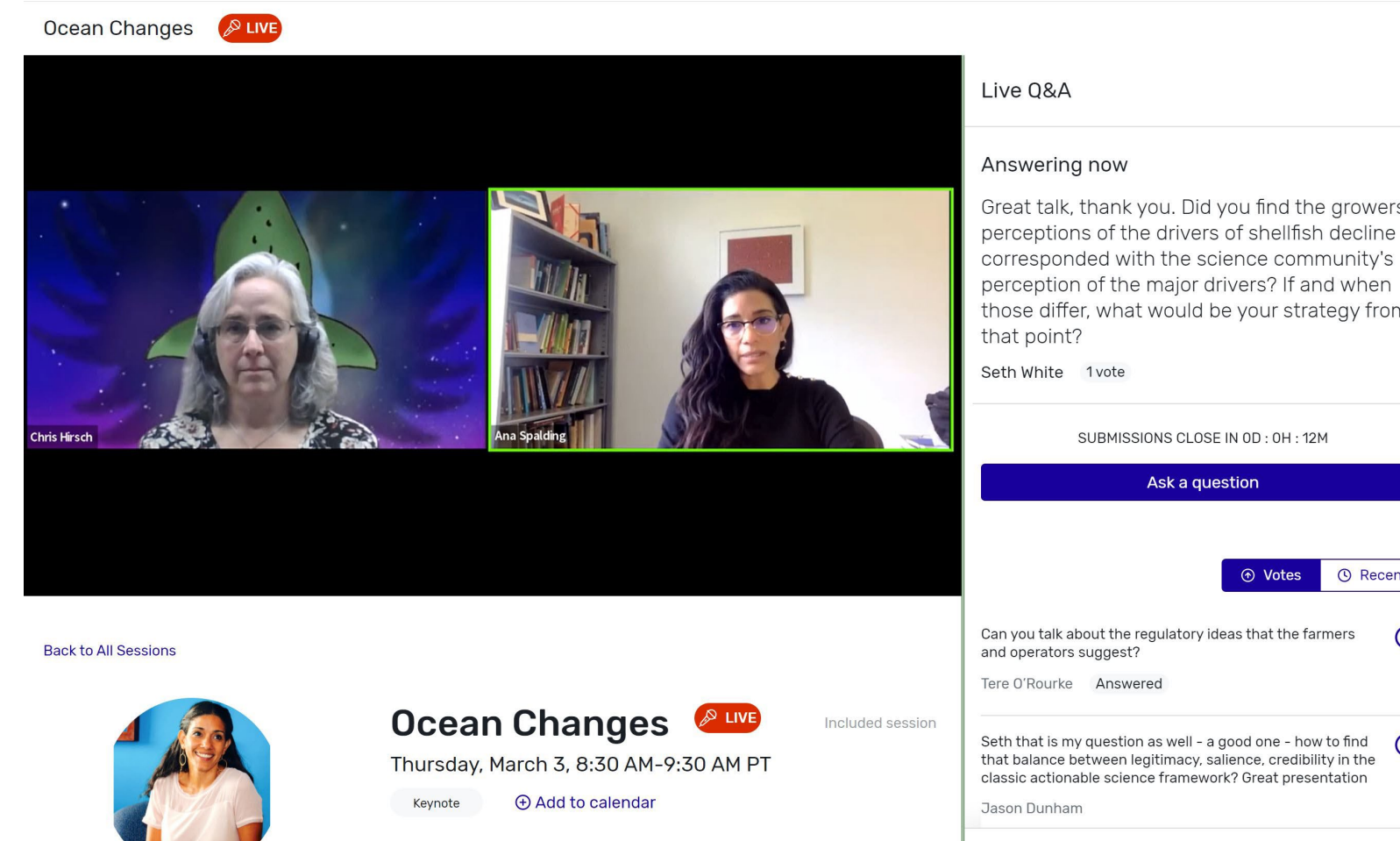
- 2022**
- As the global pandemic raged on the ExCom planned a second virtual meeting, the Excom made the decision to make this annual meeting free to all.
  - This meeting was largest chapter event OR AFS has ever hosted, with over 800 individuals attending the meeting.
  - Provided comments Senator Simpson's (R-Idaho) plan to remove four snake river dams
  - Wrote a letter in support of the state of Oregon's Minam River Wildlife Area Acquisition in Wallowa and Union Counties, Oregon
  - Provided testimony concerning OR HB2610, which concerned changing how fish passage waivers are issued in the state
  - Wrote a Letter of Support for Updating the Essential Salmonid Mapping Process and the Proposed 2021 ESH Map Updates.
  - First year Gerald R. Bouck Memorial Student Scholarship awarded.

- 2023:**
- Resumed in person annual meeting in Eugene.
  - Offered registration waiver for Tribal members and Indigenous Peoples.
  - Native Fish Committee hosted the ninth native fish workshop featuring the Goose Lake Endemic Fishes.
  - Planning begins for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting.

## Oregon AFS a Winning Legacy!

**AFS Chapter of the Year  
Winner 16 times!**  
1994 1995 1996  
1997 2000 2001  
2006 2007 2009  
2011,2013,2015  
2016 2017 2018  
2022

**Western Division  
Chapter of the Year  
Winner 18 times!**  
1981 1993 1994  
1995 1999 2000  
2005 2006 2007  
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2016 2017 2018  
2019 2021 2022

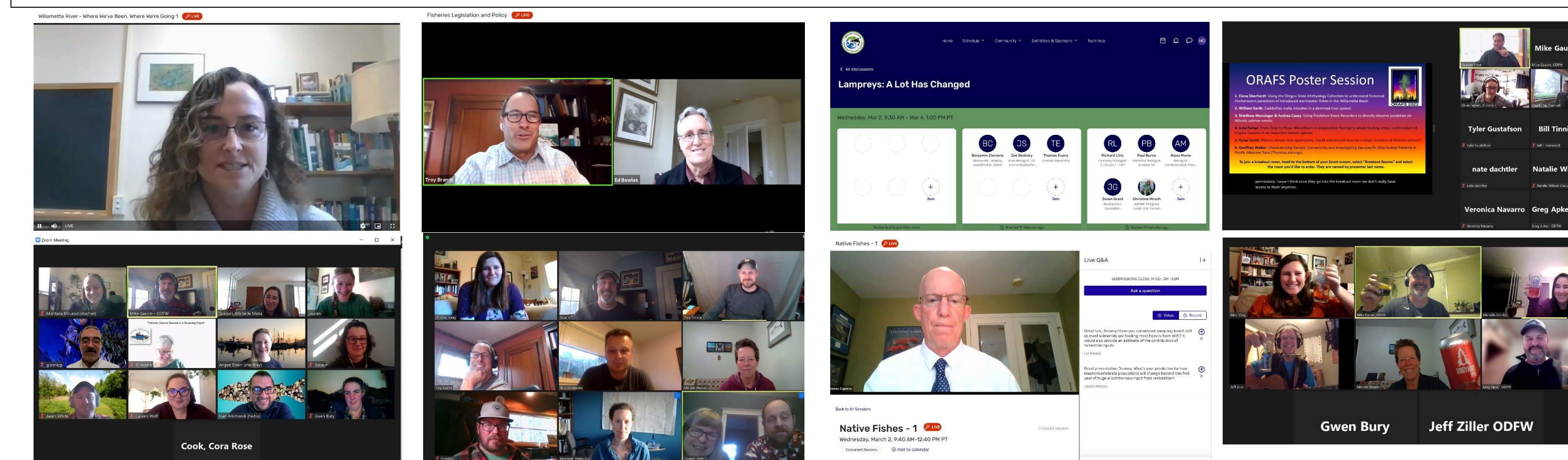


**2023:**Plenary speakers Ed Bowles and Krystyna Wolniakowski with Gary Vonderohe



**2023:** Great to be back together again

## 2021 and 2022: Virtual Meeting Plenary, Papers, Posters, & Socials



**2022:**Jeff Ziller performs a virtual jam session.



Rich Grost has been our meeting photographer for many years. Visit @RichGrost to see his work. Thanks Rich!

