

2024 NATIVE FISH WORKSHOP FEATURING STARRY FLOUNDER

OREGON CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2024

September 4, 2024

MEETING LOCATION: BLM Coos Bay District Office, Large Meeting Room, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon

- 1:00 Introductions and Introductory Remarks (All and Native Fish Committee Chair James Capurso)
- 1:30 Biology of Starry Flounder, James Capurso (OCAFS Native Fish Committee Chair and USDA Forest Service Regional Fisheries Biologist)
- 2:00 Change in fish communities over time (1987-2016/17) in South Slough and the starry flounder population abundance, Shon Schooler (Research Coordinator, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Oregon Department of State Lands),
- 2:30 Changes in eelgrass habitats (potential nursery habitat for starry flounder) in South Slough, Alicia Helms (Estuarine Monitoring Coordinator, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Oregon Department of State Lands),
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 A Cross-Decadal Change in the Fish and Crustacean Community of Lower Yaquina Bay, Scott Heppell (Associate Professor, Oregon State University)
- 4:00 Accounting for the differences in Starry Flounder Collections in the lower Columbia River in 2022 and 2023. Amy Hansen (Fish Biologist, Western Fisheries Research Center, US Geological Survey)
- 4:30 Starry Flounder's Wandering Eye, James Capurso (OCAFS Native Fish Committee Chair and USDA Forest Service Regional Fisheries Biologist)
- 6:00 Dinner at Vinny's Smokin' Good Burgers & Sandwiches, 3385 Broadway Ave, North Bend, Courtesy of Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society

AFTER DINNER SOCIAL AND CAMPING at Bluebill Campground courtesy of Siuslaw National Forest, Horsefall Beach Road, North Bend, Oregon

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Hosted by Gary Vonderohe, ODFW

- 8:00 Sample for Starry Flounder in the field and observe habitat
- 12:00 End of Workshop