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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

How has the year has flown by? Last year around this time, we had just wrapped up a hectic final push to the 2025 annual meeting in Bend. There were last-minute cancellations, travel restrictions, and remote AV presentations to plan for. We pulled it off with tremendous success and I'm incredibly proud of the team we assembled for their problem solving and adaptability not to mention all the presenters, attendees, vendors, and sponsors that made our meeting successful.

Writing down my parting thoughts as my last Presidents Corner, I wanted to say how continually impressed I am by the members of this chapter. We have such an active membership, whether it's our internal or external committees, our annual meeting planning team, or our student subunits, everyone always seems to step up and elevate the Chapter as a whole.

One of our mainstay initiatives that we were able to continue has been our educational grants program administered through our ORAFS Education and Outreach Committee. This year, they reviewed and approved nearly \$20,000 in grants that went toward K-12 outdoor education programs across the state. These grants help fund programs that engage our future generation of fisheries professionals from support for Salmon Watch programs, conducting stream surveys and assessments, water quality sampling, or field gear that will allow groups to experience our amazing Pacific Northwest ecology.

Several of our other committees have transitioned to new leadership as former chairs stepped down and I anticipate great things from their new leadership. If you're not already signed up to help out on a committee, I'm sure they would appreciate a new influx of energy. Reach out to the committee chairs or myself at president@orafs.org and we'll help put you in touch with a committee to participate in. Whether you are an early career professional or a seasoned career biologist, you all have a unique skill set and perspective to lend to our committees.

I wanted to extend a huge thanks to Michele Weaver, our current Past President, who will be fulfilling her 3-year term soon and departing from

our Executive Committee. Michele has been a great mentor for me as I tackled my first annual meeting and term as Chapter President. She was always available with advice and assistance and willing to jump on a quick call to discuss an emerging issue. Not to mention she chaired the planning committee that held our first post-Covid Bend meeting in 2024 which was a huge success and one of our highest turnout meetings ever.

Kelcee Smith, our President Elect, is actively involved as co-chair of the Western Division AFS meeting in Portland. Together with her team, she is collaborating with a complex planning committee that includes representatives from all Western Division chapters. That, along with planning for a new venue at the Holiday Inn – Columbia Riverfront, she's taking on a huge task and doing a tremendous job. You can find more details about this year's annual meeting further down this issue.

I also want to thank our ExCom members who are stepping down this year. Amy Unthank (External Director), Gina Maag-Klobas (Internal Director), Karah Roof (Vice President), and Jordan Smith (Treasurer). Their contributions to the Chapter over the last couple of years have been immeasurable and they will be missed. New incoming ExCom members will be announced at the Oregon Chapter business meeting, to be held at the Western Division meeting at 11:00 on Thursday, May 7th.

So, as I transition into my next role as Past President, I'm hopeful to continue to support our incoming ExCom and take on some new Chapter initiatives that will further our benefits to members.

Signing off for now,



Cory Sipher, President
President@orafs.org

EXTERNAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is almost time for the joint meeting with Western Division and I look forward to reconnecting with External Committee leaders and members in person. The baton will also pass on to a new External Director, which will open up new opportunities for fulfilling the duties of this position. I will be working to coordinate meeting spaces for the committees so the good in-person work can occur.

Amy Unthank, External Director
 externaldirector@orafs.org



Also – for those who will be in Portland on the last day of the meeting (May 7th) and not leaving town until the 8th, I am organizing a visit to the World Forestry Center followed by Steeplejack Brewery.

Cost will be \$65.00 for a tour bus (leaving the hotel at 4:00 and return at 8:00) to take 50 lucky people up to World Forestry Center, where we will have the museum space to ourselves! Peak Tours out of Portland is organizing the tour. I'll be dealing with sign-up as the week progresses in Portland. From Peak Tours:

Enjoy a relaxed Portland outing with convenient pick-up at your hotel and the company of a friendly, knowledgeable local guide who brings the region's stories, culture, and character to life along the way.

Your first stop is the World Forestry Center in Washington Park. This engaging museum explores the global story of forests and the important role they play in our environment, economy, and daily lives. As you explore the exhibits, you will learn insights about the Pacific Northwest's deep connection to forests and the history of forestry in Oregon.

Afterward, we travel to Steeplejack Brewing Company for food and drink. This craft brewery is a favorite among locals, built in a 1909 church. It features locally sourced pub fare and great craft beer. It's the perfect place to unwind, grab a bite, and experience Portland's food and beer culture.

Throughout the outing, your guide will share local stories, recommendations, and hidden details that help bring Portland to life.

Fish Culture Committee – submitted by Committee

Chair Jen Krajcik (CTUIR)

The committee will determine their field trip for 2026 at the May meeting. The field trip is likely to occur in late June. There will be an in-person meeting in Portland. Room and time TBD.

Freshwater Habitat Committee – Committee Chair Rebecca Schwartz (TU)

This committee is looking for member support. Stay tuned for opportunities to gather in Portland at the joint ORAFS-WD meeting.

Native Fish Committee – Committee Chair Brian Bangs (USFWS)

The Native Fish Committee will be meeting in Portland, as well as getting word out about their 2026 field trip.

DEI Committee – Committee Chairs Dr. Guillermo Giannico and Nilanjana Das (OSU)

This committee has been holding calls every month or so to share information and recently to select awardees from the proceeds of the Albert G Lassuy scholarship Memorial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Fund. Denny Lassuy (retired USFWS) reminded the committee that the proceeds from fund shall be used for the specific purpose of promoting, enabling or maintaining racial and ethnic diversity, equity and inclusion in fish and fisheries conservation and related professions through whatever means the ORAFS ExCom believes will specifically support this purpose. The proceeds are currently supporting two \$2,000.00 scholarship recipients, who will be honored at the meeting in Portland.

The committee is planning to have an area at the meeting to share information and encourage more participants. An update from the Social Scientist, Ana Lucia Fonseca Tapia, will be given on the number of ORAFS members who have taken the three part workforce development and inclusivity training and the value of the training in our daily work and life. The winter edition of the Piscatorial Press has directions on how to access the course. The DEI committee will also gather at the meeting in Portland.

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Climate Adaptation Committee – Committee Chair VACANT

ORAFS is seeking a person (or more) to lead this important committee!!

Education Committee – Committee Chair Marty Olson (ODFW)

This committee has been busy identifying and awarding numerous small grants to support schools, NGO's and agencies who are involved in educational activities. There was a total of 37 grant applications turned in for the AFS Educator's Grant this year. Thanks to the tremendous support from Rose, Karen, Sara, and Lizz, we were able to get these projects ranked, and we have narrowed it down to the top 15. The total amount of ask for those 15 projects is \$19,971.59. There were some wonderful projects submitted this year, and unfortunately there just isn't enough money to fund them all. Another \$5,000 in requests that were above the \$20,000 available, and also looked to be good projects, is unawarded at this time.

In looking over the list Marty put together of projects to be awarded, it is an amazing array of schools, SWCD's, groups such as NW Steelheaders, Council of Governments, and many others. We will sample the list and projects at the business meeting in Portland.

The previous chair, Karen Hans, also submitted this report:

While we are reviewing this year's applications, I thought you might appreciate an article about the Marys River Watershed Council's work on Shotpouch Creek. The waders the students are wearing were purchased with funds from an Oregon Chapter AFS Educators grant.

[Youth Watershed Council packs a one-two punch, helping both Oregon students and the local environment - OPB](#)

Human Dimensions Committee – Committee Chair Jason Dunham (USGS)

Greetings Everyone!

Camilla Kennedy has agreed to take the lead of this group. We've not been very active in the past year due

to a variety of factors. I've had challenges just trying to keep my internal research program on track, so not a lot of time for this regrettably. That said, many of you have written back expressing the value of this effort and fortunately we have a new lead to see it continue into the future. Thank you Camilla!

Camilla has our group's charter and notes, etc., from our past meetings. We will have a "reorg" meeting on **June 17th** - this is after ORAFS/WDAFS and is your opportunity to share ideas for where you would like to see this effort go in the future.

To date, we have used our meetings as a general forum to discuss specific issues, projects, share and discuss relevant publications, job announcements... anything and everything HD and fisheries. Please send your ideas to us for what you would like to see.

The more we engage, the more this becomes the future of fisheries.

This is the only group I know of focused on that in AFS, and if there are others more power to them as well. All the best.

Cheers, jd

Natural Production Committee – Committee Chair Ian Tattam (ODFW)

Look for Ian's updates at the meeting in Portland.

Legislative Committee – Committee Chair Karen Hans (retired)

Karen recently took over the Legislative Committee and for the "short session" held in Salem she submitted comment letters for two proposed bills that are resubmittals from last (long) session.

One is Senate Bill 1584 ([SB1584 2026 Regular Session - Oregon Legislative Information System](#)), the Salmon Credit proposal from Senator DB Smith and Representative Boice. The bill is pretty much the same as the one ORAFS commented on last session.

The other is House Bill 4134 ([HB4134 2026 Regular Session - Oregon Legislative Information System](#)), a

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proposal to raise the lodging tax to support ODFW programs (SWAP, anti-poaching, invasive species, etc.). This is an important milestone for raising funds for ODFW and other conservation purposes in the State of Oregon, including the State Wildlife Action Plan, anti-poaching efforts, support to the State Police for wildlife work, invasive species, and more!. The Governor signed the bill on March 6, 2026.

Marine Committee – Natalie Danoto (OSU) and Eric Anderson (ODFW)

Natalie is working with the OSU student sub-chapter (Adel Bordas leader) to hold a workshop on April 22nd that allows participants to work on presentations. The goal is to allow people to show up with their presentations in whatever stage they want to, and that way could either just listen for general advice or get specific feedback.

Natalie will also be leading a workshop at the joint meeting in Portland titled “Meet (And Paint!) Oregon's Marine Habitats and Fishes”

Organizer: Natalie Donato (Natalie.h.donato@gmail.com)

Date & Time: Monday (May 4, 2026), 1 – 5pm

Cost: \$40 for Professionals or \$20 for Students

Room: Weyerhaeuser

Observations are the foundation of scientific inquiries. Looking closer at organisms and their habitat can spark new questions and collaborations, helping ideas and stakeholders connect across ecosystems. Exploring the vibrant marine ecosystems of the coastline of the state hosting the conference, participants will dive into the details of what makes these salty ecosystems so special through art. The training will introduce Oregon's coasts through a guided watercolor painting for all art skill levels, featuring information from rocky reefs and the associated marine fishes, and help build creative skills with sketching and painting techniques. From illustrating flora to fauna, participants can connect with the coastal ecosystems and people across the conference, and enjoy a relaxing, creative break!

OSU STUDENT SUBUNIT UPDATE

Spring term is off to a strong start for the OSU subunit, with a full schedule of biweekly events aimed at keeping members engaged and connected. We kicked things off with a leadership team social and are continuing the term with a variety of events, including a movie night, cyanotyping workshop, grad student mixer, and our upcoming Fish & Wildlife Field Day. These biweeklies have been a great way to build community, provide low-pressure opportunities for involvement, and keep momentum going as the term progresses.

Alongside these social and community-building events, we are placing a strong emphasis on professional development this term. In preparation for the upcoming ORAFS/WDAFS conference, we are organizing a pre-conference meeting to help students understand what to expect, navigate the event, and make the most of networking opportunities. This is in conjunction with a poster presentation workshop to support students in developing and confidently presenting their research, with the goal of increasing student participation and reducing some of the intimidation that can come with attending a professional conference for the first time.

We are also excited to be coordinating a visit to the Alsea Hatchery in mid-May. This trip will give students the opportunity to gain hands-on exposure to hatchery operations and connect students to real-world fisheries management practices.

Conference planning is well underway, and we are actively working through logistics, including transportation to and from the conference, to ensure

that as many students as possible are able to attend. It's been exciting to see the level of interest this year, and we are looking forward to representing OSU and connecting with other students and professionals across the state.

Best fishes,
Adel Bordas
OSU Fish and Wildlife Club AFS Liaison

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OSU fisheries &
wildlife club

AFS & TWS STUDENT CHAPTERS

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



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LinkedIn – <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4833367/>

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American Fisheries Society Western Division Annual Meeting

Hosted by ORAFS & WDAFS



The Power of Perspective

May 4-7th 2026, Portland OR

Featuring 40+ Symposia: Tribal Salmon Fisheries Science & Management, Technology Meets Ecology, Adaptive Management for Fish Passage, Habitat Modeling, ESA De-Listings, Genetics in Fisheries, Pacific Lamprey, Native Fishes, and more!

Featuring 7+ Workshops: Hands On Fish Printing, Mastering Your Professional Portfolio, Persuasive Communication for Fisheries Professionals, Acoustic Telemetry, and more!

Logo Designed by Elizabeth Wilson of Mt Hood Community College

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Click <https://whova.com/portal/registration/UsouUAcGXwmXD2DHBAYZ0/> for registration.

AFS members* save \$110 off the general registration fees (\$50 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:

- **\$500** (\$570) for AFS members*,
- **\$600** (\$680) for non-members,
- **\$110** (\$155) for student AFS members*,
- **\$155** (\$205) for student non-members,
- **\$275** (\$370) for retired professionals, and
- **\$210** Live-Stream viewing of presentations only.

The General Registration fee includes access to all technical sessions and social events including the Poster Session and Trade Show Social, the ORAFS awards lunch, banquet dinner, raffle/auction, and more. The 5K Spawning Run/Carcass Crawl can be purchased for an additional \$35. Please note that all attendees, including oral and poster presenters, are required to register for the conference. Reduced cost registration waivers are available; see next page for more information.

Please check orafs.org 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 at treasurer@orafs.org.

Registration Fee Assistance Waiver

With this waiver, the Chapter offers an opportunity for reduced registration (\$100) 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.



SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

| Sunday, May 3rd | | |
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| 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Registration/ Information | Grand Ballroom Hallway |
| Monday, May 4th | | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Registration/ Information | Grand Ballroom Hallway |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Poster Display Setup | Grand Pre-Function |
| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Trade Show Display Setup | Grand Ballroom |
| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Workshops | Multiple Rooms |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Coffee & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Service Project Tyron Creek | Off Site; Meet in Lobby |
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Workshops | Multiple Rooms |
| 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Poster & Trade Show Viewing | Grand Ballroom |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Coffee & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | First Timers Networking Event | Overton |
| 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Welcome Social | Grand Ballroom |
| Tuesday, May 5th | | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Registration / Information / SalesDesk Open | Grand Ballroom Hallway |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Poster & Trade Show Viewing | Grand Ballroom |
| 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Plenary Session (2 speakers) | Grand Ballroom |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions | See Sessions at a Glance |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Early Career Professionals Luncheon | Off Site |
| 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions | See Sessions at a Glance |
| 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | All Group Networking | Grand Ballroom |
| 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Student – Mentor Mixer | Columbia Event Center A |
| 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Indigenous Networking | Columbia Event Center B |
| 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Poster Session and Trade Show | Grand Ballroom |
| 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Cornhole Tournament - Round 1 | Grand Ballroom |
| Wednesday, May 6th | | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Registration / Information / SalesDesk Open | Grand Ballroom Hallway |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Spawning Run & Carcass Crawl | Meet in Lobby |
| 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Poster & Trade Show Viewing | Grand Ballroom |
| 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Plenary Session (1 speaker) | Grand Ballroom |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Film Festival | Grand Ballroom |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions | See Sessions at a Glance |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Early Career Prof. Resume/CV Event | Grand Ballroom |
| 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions | See Sessions at a Glance |
| 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | All Group Networking | Grand Ballroom |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Western Division Business Meeting & Happy Hour | Columbia Event Center B |
| 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Happy Hour and Silent Auction Preview | Grand Ballroom |
| 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Banquet Dinner (Meal Ticket Required) | Grand Ballroom |
| 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Auction/Raffle/Entertainment (All are welcome to attend) | Grand Ballroom |
| 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Cornhole Tournament - Round 2 | Grand Ballroom |
| Thursday, May 7th | | |
| 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Registration / Information / SalesDesk Open | Grand Ballroom Hallway |

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE CONT'D

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| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Poster & Trade Show Viewing | Grand Ballroom |
| 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Vendor Lightning Talks | Grand Ballroom |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Plenary Session(1 speaker) | Grand Ballroom |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions | See Sessions at a Glance |
| 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | ORAFS Business Meeting & Awards Lunch | Grand Ballroom |
| 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions | See Sessions at a Glance |
| 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Break & Refreshment Service | Grand Pre-Function |
| 2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | All Group Networking | Grand Ballroom |
| 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Field Trip to World Forestry Center & Steeplejack Brewery | Off Site; Meet in Lobby |
| 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Vendor and Poster Tear Down | Grand Ballroom |



Registration and Lodging for ORAFS Chapter Early Career Professionals

We are proud to offer annual meeting registration and lodging reimbursements to up to 20 early career professionals! This reimbursement is intended to cover the cost of attendance for early career professionals that are not able to get registration and lodging covered through their employer. The reimbursement will cover both the registration fee and up to \$1,000 in lodging expenses.

To be considered an early career professional, you must have attended school within the last 5 years. Reimbursements will only be granted to Oregon Chapter AFS members. Those selected will be provided a code to register online and will need to provide their hotel booking confirmation for the lodging reimbursement at the meeting.

Reimbursements will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis so get your application in **ASAP!**

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

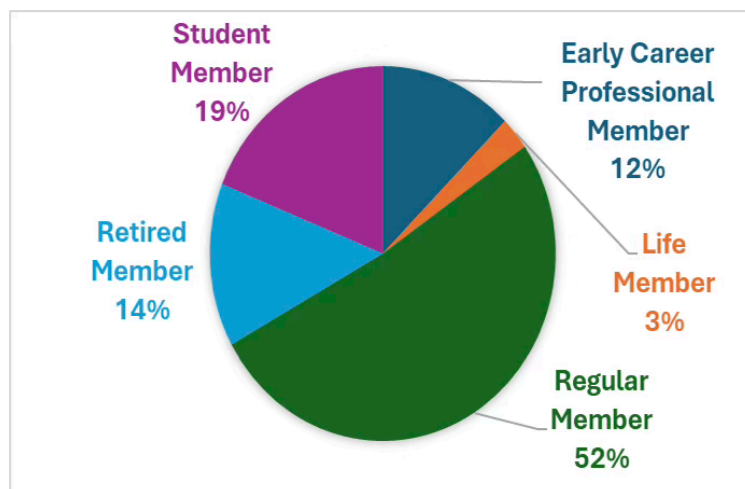
- Contact information;
- AFS membership number;
- Documentation most recent school enrollment;
- A statement of lack of funding or financial support from your employer to attend the Annual Meeting.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Oregon Chapter membership is important for our members' professional development and to ORAFS sustainability. The Chapter receives a 3% rebate from AFS for all "regular" dues paying members. Additionally, 100% of the ORAFS Chapter dues are passed directly from the Society to ORAFS, so please check to make sure you are also registered as an Oregon Chapter member.

In December 2025, ORAFS membership included 333 members. As of March 2026, the number dropped to 250 paid members. Many individuals may be waiting to renew prior to registering for the upcoming meeting in May, but if you haven't renewed or had difficulties renewing, please see the box below for details. Thank you!



Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society membership breakout as of March 2026.



Katie Woodside, Secretary
secretary@orafs.org

AFS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2026

In 2026, AFS launched a new, user-friendly membership system that includes features such as annual auto-renewal and the ability to join Chapters (such as the Oregon Chapter) or Sections at any time. To renew your membership, click here: [American Fisheries Society](https://www.americanfisheriesociety.org). To log in to the new system, try your existing password; if it doesn't work, click the "Reset password" to get a password reset link emailed to you. After choosing your membership option, you will get to the sections page. If you select a section, hit the continue button, if you wish to skip sections, then you can select the AFS Chapters button heading before reviewing and checking out.

If you no longer have access to your email address, contact Kelly Kotche (National AFS Membership Manager) at kkotche@fisheries.org to have her update your account.



Thank you for supporting AFS and joining or reinstating your membership!

**2025-2026 OREGON CHAPTER AFS
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Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Mission

Improve the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources and their aquatic ecosystems for long-term public benefit by advancing science, education, and public discourse concerning fisheries and aquatic science and by promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

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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 get other membership information.