

JANUARY 2005 FINAL MINUTES OREGON CHAPTER AFS
(Revised and Approved by Oregon Chapter ExCom 03-29-05)

JANUARY 18, 2005 – OREGON CHAPTER AFS EXCOM CONFERENCE CALL

Present on call:

Doug Olson (President), Dave Ward (Past President), Molly Webb (Internal Director), Tom Friesen (External Director), Barry McPherson (President-Elect), Peter Ober (Student Representative), and Loretta Brenner (Administrative Assistant)

Loretta Brenner recorded the minutes.

1) November 2004 minutes were revised and approved by ExCom. December 2004 minutes were tabled until next ExCom conference call.

2) Treasurer's Report: Balances: Checking Account \$13,500 / Money Market \$60,000

- Mike is working on switching our current bank account from a personal account to a business account.
- The AdHoc Investment Committee (Dave W., Laura Tesler, Mike M.) is looking into Oregon Chapter's investment policies and will have a proposal prepared by the spring ORAFS retreat.
- Mike is opening a checking account for the Coastal Cutthroat Symposium. It will be a short-term account with a limited number of people (decided by the Symposium organizers) who will have check-writing capacities (preferably no more than 3 people).

3) External Director's Report (Tom Friesen)

- Review of Critical Habitat (Tom Stahl): Committee will look into commenting. NOAA Fisheries wants written comments because they have more weight. February 14, 2005 is the written comment deadline.
- Legislative Committee (Mary Buckman): Mary, Jim Hall, Doug Olson, and Barry McPherson met with Jim Myron in December to talk about issues in the upcoming legislature. Education and wolves are bigger than fish this year regarding natural resource issues and hatchery issues not likely to come up this legislative session.
- Website: Discussed if Donna Allard still wanted to continue doing postings on website, and considered maybe finding someone who wanted to mentor with Donna. Donna asked about using the Oregon Chapter website to post an on-line registration form for the upcoming Mussel Symposium.

4) President's Report (Doug Olson): No report. Doug participated in the Western Division conference call today and reported that the Western Division Workplan was approved.

5) Student Sub-Unit Report (Peter Ober): Peter discussed upcoming events including a trip to Knowles Creek with Charles Newberry on January 29th. Students still want to

submit a funding proposal to ExCom. The request would be for \$296 for a trip to Sycan Marsh. Peter invited ExCom to attend the February 9, 2005 Fish and Wildlife Club meeting. Also invited Karen Wegner to recruit more volunteers at the January 26th meeting. One suggestion was made for “Match-the-Hatch” was to have more organized seating.

6) Annual Meeting 2005 (Molly W., Barry M., Loretta B.):

- Molly discussed the problems that occurred from having Corvallis Tourism be the contract officer. The contract was originally set up with Corvallis Tourism as the contract officer, basically a “middleman”, but CT went through 3 contract officers from the time Steve Smith originally set up the contract and during that process details in the contract were overlooked or missed. Molly suggested that in the future ORAFS should negotiate meeting contracts directly and avoid the middleman confusion. She said that everything did get worked out between CT, the CH2M Hill Alumni Center, and Valley Catering, and that everyone has been great to work with.
- Rooms are filling up and if we don’t meet numbers we will have to pay extra.
- Loretta will keep facilitators and Molly posted on Workshop numbers.
- Molly reported that at this point 15 kegs will be available. Jim Eisner (Hi-Tor Ranch) and Mike M. are donating kegs. Dan Edge will purchase another keg for the OSU Alumni Social and pay bartending fees. Kegs cost \$52 each (we are getting a two-for-one deal from Full Sail Brewing Company).
- ExCom approved additional expenditures for lapel mikes (\$80).
- Winners of 2004 Best Student Poster and Paper competitions (in addition to the scholarship winners) will be announced at the Business Lunch. 2005 Student winners will be announced at the Thursday night banquet (in addition to the other awardees). Need to update this in the annual meeting handbook.
- Need 5 laser pointers, Loretta B. will check and let Barry know.
- Announcing end of breaks: Discussed that we need a louder way to announce the end of breaks and get folks back into session rooms. Boat horn, ringing a bell, duck whistles, etc. were some of the ideas.

7) Doug Olson will set up a time for the next meeting and the spring retreat after the 2005 Annual Meeting. No conference call will be held in February.

8) Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Loretta Brenner, Administrative Assistant