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**DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
Sunriver, Oregon
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The meeting was called to order by President Barry McPherson at 12:40 pm. A quorum was present with more than 50 members in attendance.

Barry briefly reviewed the business lunch agenda, then introduced members of ExCom and representatives from the Western Division American Fisheries Society: Bob Hughes, President-Elect and Dave Ward, Secretary-Treasurer. Barry also introduced Dan Edge, ODFW Commissioner and Chair of Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. Jim Hall was introduced as the parliamentarian.

Barry thanked program sponsors (Bonneville Power Administration, NOAA Fisheries, Northwest Marine Technology, Clearwater Biostudies, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Portland General Electric, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Columbia River Fisheries Program Office, Pacific Region, and Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office), USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region, USDI Bureau of Land Management Oregon State Offices) and directed meeting attendees to the insert in the program recognizing sponsors. Barry also thanked HTI, Lotek, and Vemco for supporting the workshop social, and all tradeshow vendors for attending the Annual Meeting (AM).

Barry thanked several individuals for the assistance with the AM: Program Chair Mike Reed, Arrangements Chair Neil Ward, Volunteer Coordinators Karen Wegner and Aaron Chappell. Barry also acknowledged Administrative Assistant Loretta Brenner for her help on this AM and for a decade of service to the Oregon Chapter.

The 2005 Annual Meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Bob Hughes had a question about the Chapter's Net Income reported in the 2005 minutes and Jim Hall had caught several edits. The minutes will be corrected and posted on the Oregon Chapter website.

Ian Reid, Secretary-Treasurer gave a Financial Statement. Net income for fiscal year 2005 was \$9,928.75. Chapter financial assets as of 1 May 2005 (the beginning of fiscal year 2006) were \$106,678. Dan Edge asked how the chapter financial assets were being invested. The ORAFS investment strategy was briefly described by Ian.

Barry presented Doug Olson the Past-President Award. Among Doug's accomplishments were helping develop an investment strategy, printing the 2006 AM programs, planning the 2004 program agenda, signing position papers on the Oregon Forest Practices Act and other issues concerning Oregon fisheries, hosting an ExCom retreat at his house, revising

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the administrative handbook, and adding a 4th scholarship for community college students.

Steve Parker, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced and congratulated the following students for their \$1500 scholarships: Steve Meck, Mt. Hood Community College; Aaron Chappell, Oregon State University (BS); Joe Feldhaus, Oregon State University (MS); Seth White, Oregon State University (PhD). Steve Parker announced future changes in the scholarship application, such as electronic registration, to make them less intimidating and encourage increased participation.

Neil Ward, Internal Director and Arrangements Chair, announced the winners of the Spawning Run, where 14 runners braved snow and winter temperatures. Winners were: Liz Perkin, Alyssa Reushauer, Ian Tattum, Aaron Maxwell, Rodger Johnson, Steve Juhnke, John Baugher, and Bob Lackey. Winners received a T-shirt.

Barry McPherson introduced new officer candidates: Doug Young (President-Elect), Tom Friesen (Vice-President), Neil Ward (Internal Director, incumbent), Karen Wegner (External Director, incumbent), Ian Reid (Secretary-Treasurer, incumbent). Since all were running unopposed, a motion was made to pass a unanimous ballot to elect all officers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Barry introduced Dan Bottom, former President of the Oregon Chapter for a discussion on the Oregon Chapter ethics policy. Dan touched on the obligation of scientists to inform the public and decision-makers. Dan acknowledged several Oregon Chapter members who were instrumental in developing the ethics policy: Jeff Dambacher, Gordie Reeves, Martha Brookes, Bob Hughes, and others. Dan encouraged members to read the code of the ethics and warned there could be conflicts between personal and membership ethics and may conflict with employers' directions. Dan read an excerpt from the code of ethics.

Barry thanked Dan for his discussion and the information and talked about developing a support group for fish biologists who were under pressure for following the code of ethics. Barry urged members to contact him if they were feeling pressured by employers to compromise ethics.

Dave Ward from the Western Division (WD) AFS gave an update on their organization's developments. The WD Annual Meeting was held in Anchorage in 2005 in conjunction with the national Parent Society meeting. The 2,700 attendees broke the previous record held by Portland. This year's WD AM will be held in Bozeman, Montana from 15 to 19 May. In September 2007 it will be held in San Francisco, and in May 2008 ORAFS will host a joint annual meeting with WD in Portland. A Mexican Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was formed in 2005. The WD will be sending out a survey soon gathering information for bull trout status updates. The WD switched to an electronic newsletter.

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Student Subunit Representative Aaron Chappell briefed members on activities of the Student Chapter. He introduced Jake Godfrey, President of the Oregon State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club. The Fisheries and Wildlife Club has taken trips to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, North Fork Alsea Fish Hatchery, volunteered on redd surveys in the McKenzie River, assisted with the Oregon State University's SMILE Program, attended a field trip on Sycan Marsh bull trout, and visited Monterey Bay Aquarium over Spring Break. Aaron also thanked the Oregon Chapter for giving \$992 to the F & W Club for fiscal year 2006.

Karen Wegner, External Director and co-Student Volunteer Coordinator, thanked student volunteers from Oregon State University and Southern Oregon University for their help. She said she also received inquiries from Portland State University, Humboldt State University, and University of Washington students to help. Karen announced the Oregon Chapter Committee Chairs: Lucy Herron, Education and Outreach Committee; Jim Grimes, Freshwater Habitat Committee; Hiram Li, Legislative Committee; Steve Parker, Marine Ecology and Habitat; Lance Kruzic, Natural Production; Susan Gutenberger, Fish Culture.

Steve Parker gave a report on the newly formed Marine Ecology and Habitat Committee and gave a statement of purpose for the committee.

Karen urged members to get involved with one or more of the 19 Information Sharing Networks (ISNs). She also thanked Donna Allard for her help as Oregon Chapter webmaster and announced the webmaster position needs to get filled.

Barry thanked Doug Young for chairing and organizing the Coastal Cutthroat Conference in 2005. A summary of the conference was provided in the Winter 2005-2006 newsletter. Barry announced the 2007 ORAFS AM would be in Eugene but there was not sufficient time to discuss meeting arrangements for the 2007 and 2008 meetings. Barry invited members to attend the social and banquet tonight to honor ORAFS award winners.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian S. Reid
Secretary-Treasurer