

Oregon AFS ExCom July 2008 Conference Call:

Present: Doug Young (President), Martyne Reesman (Internal Director), Christy Fellas (incoming Vice President), Brad Houslet (External Director), Kristal Warren (OSU Subunit Liaison), Rich Grost (incoming President-Elect), Neil Ward (President-Elect), Ian Reid (Vice President), Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey (incoming External Director), Shaun Clements (incoming Secretary/Treasurer)

### **Old business**

**Neil:** Close out on Western Division AFS: The conference is likely to net ~\$98,000 profit. There are still some unpaid expenses and incoming monies from 123 signups but this is a reasonable overall estimate of profit. The wrap-up Western AFS summary articles for AFS publication are nearly ready to send out, and will be submitted to The Tributary (WDAFS newsletter), Piscatorial Press, and Fisheries.

**Julie:** Treasurers report: Julie wasn't able to participate.

Doug mentioned that a consultant has been hired to facilitate editing, document lay-out, and publishing the proceedings of the 2005 Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium. The CCT account has ~\$13-14,000 available to cover this expense, and a publication is planned for fall 2008.

**Jeremiah** -Legislative. Doug, Neil, and Jeremiah attempted to meet with Hiram to discuss issues relevant to ORAFS and the Legislative Committee. Hiram was unable to attend so the meeting is **hopefully being rescheduled for August**. Jeremiah was contacted by Paul Angermeier (Governor's Policy Advisor with the Ocean Advisory Commission). Paul was interested in whether ORAFS would be interested in providing input on the wave energy proposals. Discussions will be ongoing. There has also been a lot of Western Division AFS activity regarding mining reform. WDAFS is in the process of completing a letter to comment on mining reform. At this stage it is not clear whether the letter will only update the current WDAFS whitepaper or will also be used in testimony to legislature.

**Kristal:** Student subunit. Relatively quiet at the moment due to summer vacation. Kristal would like to put together a letter for students/instructors at Mt Hood Community College to highlight ORAFS and the upcoming meeting. After discussion by ExCom it was agreed that the focus of Kristal's letter should include a wider audience (all colleges in Oregon with fish programs). The letter will also include links to the Piscatorial Press site and relevant scholarships. A shorter version of the letter will also be published in the summer edition of PP.

- **Kristal will prepare a letter for Community Colleges and send summary version to Neil by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July for publication.**

**Doug:** ODFW, OSU meetings. A “student issues” meeting with Rebecca Goggins, Kristal, Doug, Neil and Scott Heppell was cancelled - **needs rescheduling**. A meeting with ODFW’s Charlie Corrarino and Bruce MacIntosh, as well as Doug, Neil, and Jeremiah was planned to discuss how ORAFS and ODFS could best help each other. Unfortunately this meeting was also canceled and **needs to be rescheduled**.

**Neil:** Webmaster: Kara will continue acting as webmaster for the coming year.

### **New Business:**

**Rich Grost- 2009 Bend Annual Meeting update:** Rich is currently working on the “schedule at a glance” for planning the 09 annual meeting. As part of the process Rich has talked with Doug and Neil, and is incorporating their suggestions and previous versions of “schedule at a glance” into the 09 plan.

**Theme:** Rich has taken ExCom input from the Summer Retreat meeting and developed a theme geared towards identifying why we do what we do. Rich proposed that the 2009 Bend annual meeting theme be: **Sharing our Passion for our Profession**

Rich pointed out that the theme could be worked into all the sessions, beginning with the Plenary speakers. It was brought up that we could ask folks to include a small discussion of what motivates them within the fisheries field. The ExCom was supportive of the theme.

**Workshops:** We still do not have a Continuing Education chair. Tom Rumriech was proposed by Kristle. Brad will also check into some names.

Four for-fee workshops and two free workshops were proposed.

It was suggested that we host an advanced GIS workshop. Jody Whittier received great reviews following her introductory GIS course at 2008 Western Division so would make an ideal candidate for the advanced course. Cost would include airline and lodging. **Doug will investigate her availability for an introductory workshop as well as the advanced course and get some info on the costs. To assess interest Doug will also solicit input using the list serve.** The question was also raised about what space (equipment) is available in Bend to run this workshop? Does Central Oregon Community College have facilities available? Doug will make an initial attempt to find someone in the Bend area to investigate this, assuming Jodi Whittier is available and membership expresses enough interest.

The committee also considered a career development workshop at the retreat. This would be given by Michael Fraidenburg. During discussion it was decided that this was likely to costly.

The committee would like to include a telemetry workshop, run by Shaun and Carl Schreck. **Shaun will discuss this with Carl**

The committee agreed that a workshop would focus on Species ID, including fish, invasive species, etc. The final nature of the workshop will depend on who is willing to participate as an instructor.

In addition, two free workshops were proposed. The first covers the best practice for giving presentations. We would ask Dave Ward if he was interested in instructing. The second, “Are you Certifiable”, would focus on AFS professional certification (similar to the ORAFS Corvallis Annual Meeting).

*Plenary sessions:* Ian suggested a Siuslaw institute-rancher, tied to government and private sector, Johnny Sundstrom. If not as plenary may be useful to introduce a session. Rich is also interested in David James Duncan (author of “The River Why”) and is **checking his availability** –may be expensive, and no-one has heard him speak. The AFS honorarium is typically \$500 plus lodging and airfares.

*Technical sessions.* Bend Riverhouse has room for 6 concurrent sessions – we are currently booked for 5 concurrent rooms.

Currently, Rich has developed the following list of Technical Sessions:

- Deschutes: Pelton-Roundbutte status
- Bull trout-summary of the Salvelinus confluentus Curiosity Society -what are they up to
- Wildland fire
- Non traditional fisheries mgmt and traditional ecological knowledge
- Marine MPAs, other marine issues
- Recreational fisheries –explain process and results of regulation review
- Developing and sharing a passion for the profession

Rich will get an expanded list of technical sessions to Neil for the summer Piscatorial Press. This issue will also include the First Call for Papers, and a request for organizers for these technical sessions as well as other ideas for other sessions **(to be written by Rich by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July)**.

*Raffle Auction chair:* No progress on identifying a raffle/auction chair- 2 folks declined. Still need suggestions for candidates. Brad has volunteered to help the chair. Other ideas: Mike Gauvin, Roger Smith on East side, Chair of grad student association at OSU. **Ian will talk to Bill to see if anyone in that office (USFWS Fisheries Office in Vancouver) would get involved.**

Other: The ORAFS website is missing several .pdf of abstracts from previous annual meetings. **Neil will email Kara and get reposted on the ORAFS website.**

*Neil:* 2009 Draft budget/action plan: **Neil hopes to have the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of 2009 ExCom budget complete by next week for ExCom review.** Would like to finalize budget within

the month. Proposing to set \$80K of 2008 Western Division AFS profits aside for a grant program. Start budgeting 10-15K annually for special workshops. Need to have ExCom comments before next meeting so it can be approved.

**Newsletter:** This will be Doug's last Presidents Corner. Neil will contact Jason Grant for most recent update of OSU student activities. **Articles due July 11.**

**Student Scholarships:** An application for 2008 Student Scholarship, Associate of Arts category, was discovered. Doug motioned that applicant be awarded \$1500. Motion passed unanimously.

**Funding Requests:**

- International Congress on Biology of Fishes has requested funds. Neil motioned that we provide \$750. Motion passed unanimously. **Doug will request that they name ORAFS as a sponsor and print an announcement in their Program Guide for 09 Bend ORAFS annual meeting.** The ExCom discussed having a booth at the conference, but given the audience and the timeline decided against this. Jeremiah questioned whether we have any outreach materials (brochures, poster display) to give to other meetings. It isn't known whether something exists **but this should be discussed further.**
- Martyne was contacted regarding a Salmon Trout Enhancement Program conference being held in Portland at Mt. Hood Community College. They are expecting 500 folks and are requesting cash donation to keep registration costs down (<\$20). **Martyne will ask for a formal letter listing a dollar amount, and ExCom will vote next meeting.**

Adjourned at 5pm.