

# **OREGON CHAPTER AFS 2006-2007 EXCOM OFFICER CANDIDATES**

Once again we have excellent officer candidates for the Oregon Chapter AFS ExCom.

Barry McPherson has been so good as President that many officers have volunteered to serve another term, if so elected at the 2006 Oregon AFS Annual Meeting. Barry McPherson will move to Past-President, and Mike Reed, will move to President for 2006-2007, in their 3-year Presidential rotation.

Nominations will be accepted up to and during the Business Meeting Luncheon on March 2nd.

Current Oregon Chapter members may vote during the Business Lunch or by Proxy (see the ORAFS web site for "Vote by Proxy" form).

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## **Nominee for President-Elect: Doug Young**

Greetings. It is an honor to be nominated for President-Elect. I have been involved with Oregon Chapter activities since I moved to Oregon in 1995. I am a Lifetime AFS member. I have previously served as the Oregon Chapter Vice President, as well as on various External Committees. I was recently one of the prime organizers of the highly successful Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium, co-hosted by the Oregon Chapter and three other western AFS chapters. For many years, I have provided your imbibements for Oregon Chapter annual meetings. If I have a chance to be your President-Elect, perhaps you will remember me for something other than the "Beer Boy." If elected, I would become Chapter President during the year Oregon hosts the 2008 Western Division AFS annual meeting in Portland. What an overwhelming opportunity for our Chapter to highlight Oregon fish issues, and to generate interest and hopefully income for future beneficial Chapter activities! If elected to this 3-year position, my priorities would be to organize and host an excellent Chapter Meeting in 2007, ensure the Oregon Chapter is actively involved in planning and hosting the 2008 Western Division meeting, and, if there is any other time left, to re-visit the Oregon Chapter's use of a paid "advisor" to track emerging and active political and environmental issues throughout the State. In these times of lean budgets, I would also like to investigate methods to secure donations and offer Annual Meeting travel grants for those without travel funds.

I am the Aquatic Resources Coordinator for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I have worked for Fish and Wildlife Service offices in Klamath Falls, Bend, and now in Portland. I am currently serving a 60 day detail in my Regional Office as the acting Delisting Coordinator. I have broad experience in many of Oregon's fishery issues, especially with our less well known species. I will bring a wealth of experience, organization, and energy to aquatic issues that are of importance to Chapter membership. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Nominee for Vice President: Tom Friesen**

After successful (I think) terms as External Director and Raffle and Auction Co-chair, I'm running for Oregon AFS Vice-President this time around. A native Oregonian, I caught my first fish when I was three years old, and things snowballed from there. I graduated from Oregon State University in 1991 with a degree in Biological Science and began my career with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife the same year. At ODFW I have worked on salmonid predation issues, fish community and habitat assessments in urban areas, and a suite of smaller studies and side projects. In the late 1990s I took a two-year hiatus from ODFW to work on Oregon Plan monitoring with the Department of Environmental Quality. I currently manage three studies for ODFW that focus on salmon recovery in the Columbia basin. My primary goals as Vice President would be to continue to promote Oregon AFS and (especially) encourage member involvement. After that, I'd pretty much do whatever President-Elect Mike Reed asks, within reason. Mike and I have worked together on some complex fisheries issues in the past, which I think will greatly enhance our service to the Oregon Chapter.

### **Nominee for Secretary-Treasurer: Ian Reid (Incumbent)**

I am running for my second term as Oregon Chapter Secretary-Treasurer. A lifelong Oregonian, I received Bachelor's and Master's of Science in Biology from Southern Oregon University and a Bachelor's in Fisheries Science from Oregon State University. My thesis examined the ecological effects of stocking brook trout on native fauna found in Siskiyou Mountain wilderness lakes. I have worked in Oregon's freshwater fisheries for eight years and am currently the District Fisheries Biologist for the Illinois Valley and Galice Ranger Districts on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. I am responsible for designing, implementing, and monitoring stream restoration projects for salmon and steelhead and for assessing and mitigating the impacts of management activities to fishery resources, in addition to budget and administrative responsibilities. I have been an ORAFS member since 2000 and have presented at chapter meetings about a variety of fisheries issues in southwestern Oregon. I am an American Fisheries Society Certified Fisheries Associate and was a 2005 American Fisheries Society Hutton Scholar Mentor—a thoroughly rewarding experience. I had a positive experience in my first term as Secretary-Treasurer and hope to contribute what I have learned by serving the Oregon Chapter with enthusiasm and integrity for another year.

### **Nominee for Internal Director: Neil Ward (Incumbent)**

With almost a year invested in the planning of the Oregon AFS 2006 Annual Meeting, as well as the 2007 Annual Meeting and 2008 Western Division (to be convened in Portland) meetings, I have a desire to continue to implement the knowledge that I have acquired to fulfill the duties of Internal Director for an additional year. The Oregon Chapter's Annual Meeting has a well-deserved reputation for excellence, and maintaining that status has been a top priority of mine during the past year. The Chapter's Annual Meeting provides natural resource professionals and students an opportunity for self-improvement as well as an opportunity for outreach. I am presently, the Fish and Wildlife Project Coordinator for the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority (CBFWA) and have been an AFS member for 16 years. The CBFWA is a non-profit organization that assists the federal, state, and tribal fish and wildlife management entities throughout the Columbia River Basin. We provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of information among fish and wildlife managers. My familiarity with fisheries issues in the Pacific Northwest and experience developing, coordinating, and facilitating fisheries-oriented meetings/conferences have aided me in performing the duties of Internal Director. I am excited about the opportunity to serve another term, if so elected.

### **Nominee for External Director: Karen Wegner (Incumbent)**

Currently I am working for Oregon Trout as the Regional Education Coordinator. One of my tasks is coordinating Salmon Watch field trips for over 2,000 students (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) from Salem to Eugene during the fall spawning season. Also I am working with the Philomath School District and the Mary's River Watershed Council to help develop a cohesive and comprehensive K-12 Natural Resource Education Curriculum, with the goal of getting students out the classroom and into the field. I have worked for ODFW, USGS, and EPA, and also with the USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center as a Wildlife Biologist conducting wetland surveys in the Willamette Valley and the Portland Metro area. In 1999, while at U.C. Davis, I participated in the review of recovery plans conducted by the Society for Conservation Biology, and I have a keen interest in policy and the science that guides it. I believe strongly in public outreach and education, I've taught Aquatic Ecology and Salmon Life History for the Corvallis Outdoor School, and I'm training to be a Wildlife Steward through Oregon's 4-H Program. I am currently coordinating student volunteers for the 2006 ORAFS meeting, and I think the relationship between working professionals and students is invaluable and needs to be well-cultivated. I have enjoyed working with the various committees as Oregon Chapter's External Director, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve a second term if re-elected. This experience, combined with my diverse background and interests, my dedication to public outreach and education, and my skills at organizing and coordinating projects and events, will help me continue to work effectively with the committees as the Oregon Chapter's External Director.