



Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

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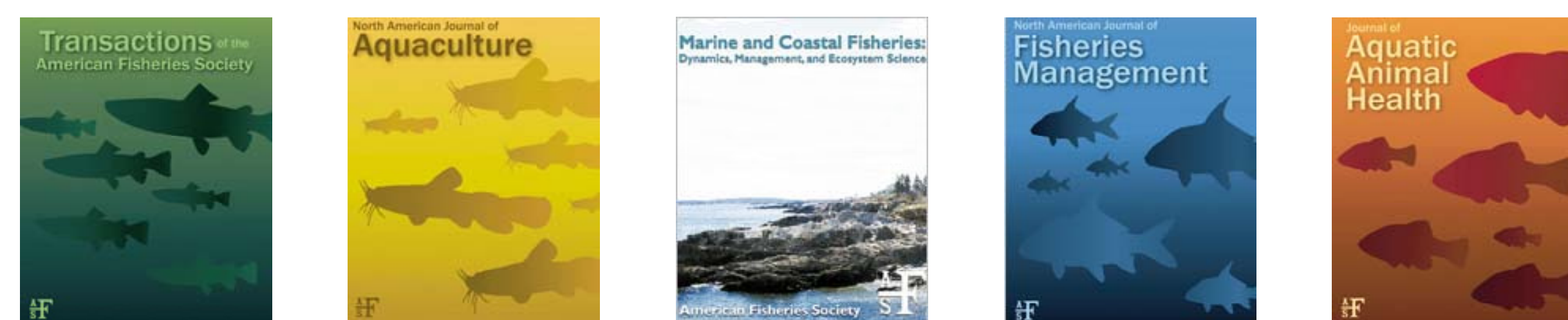
Mission

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.

Membership

Anyone at any career level can become a Chapter member. Oregon is among the largest AFS chapters in the country with about 500 members. Members typically include fisheries and aquatic science professionals from federal, state, and tribal agencies, colleges and universities, and private employers. To join, first apply to AFS (www.fisheries.org) and select "Oregon Chapter" as your affiliation.

Membership benefits include subscriptions to the monthly *Fisheries* magazine, the quarterly *Piscatorial Press*, technical journals, and discounts on AFS books, workshops, and conferences.



Outreach and Chapter Activities

- Large annual meeting
- Quarterly newsletter, *The Piscatorial Press*
- Sponsorship of numerous conferences and symposia
- Stream Continuum Poster distributed to educators
- Numerous Chapter publications and symposia proceedings
- Education and Outreach grants to support special projects
- Social networking via website, Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- Standalone workshops on specific topics

Accomplishments

- National Outstanding AFS Chapter Award Winner 9 times
- Multiple Western Division Outstanding AFS Chapter Awards
- Active role in the State and Federal legislatures
- Active student subunit



Annual Scholarships for Fishery-Related Students

- Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and PhD levels
- Carl Bond Memorial Scholarship to support research on native fishes

Professional Awards

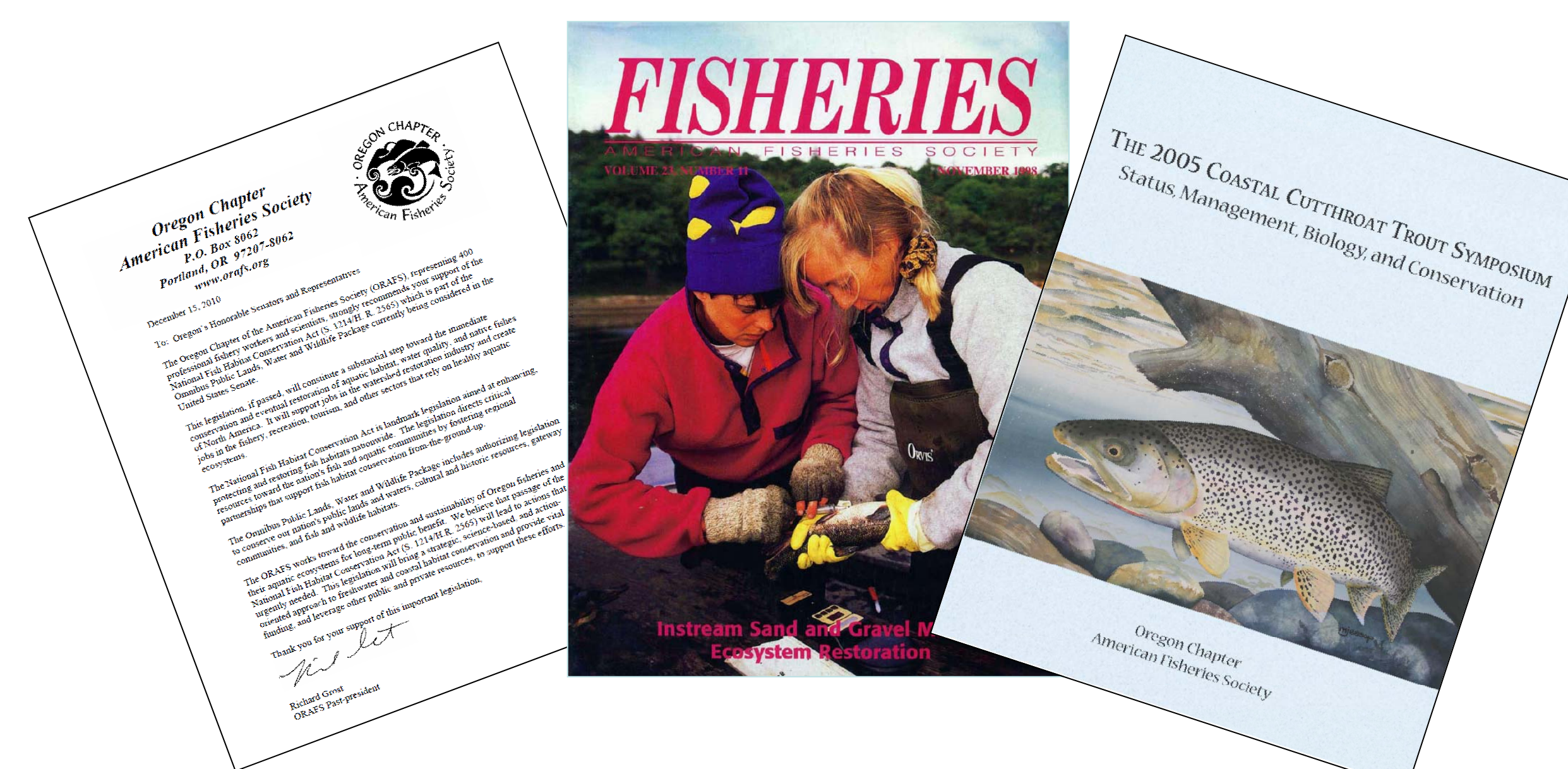
- Fishery Worker of the Year
- Fishery Team of the Year
- Award of Merit
- Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture
- Broken Oar Award



Issues We Regularly Address

The Chapter addresses a wide variety of fisheries and aquatic-related issues including:

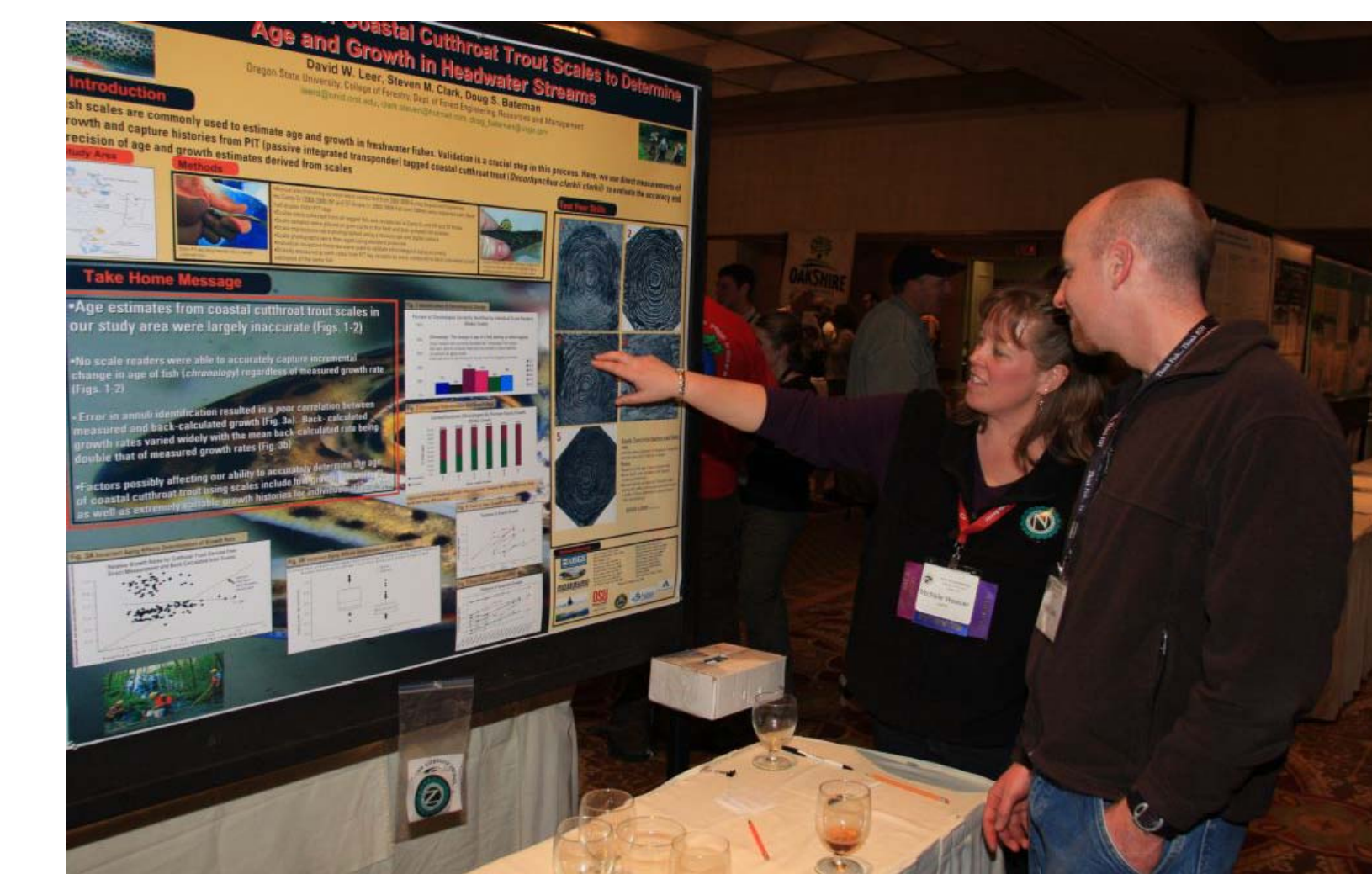
- Status and trends of native fish populations
- Factors limiting growth and reproduction of native fish populations
- Impacts of habitat loss and dams on fish populations
- Coexistence of native and introduced fish populations
- Genetics of native and cultured fish populations
- Use of cultured fish to restore native fish populations
- Water quality and nutrient cycling in aquatic ecosystems
- Impacts of urbanization and land management practices on fishes
- Native American needs and uses for fishes
- Management alternatives for sustainable fish populations
- Legislation that impacts aquatic resources and fisheries



Annual Meeting Highlights

The Chapter's annual meeting is the highlight of the Chapter's year, usually drawing about 500 people from around the Northwest to exchange information for improving fishery management, and to discuss careers and opportunities. A typical meeting includes:

- Technical presentations from 150+ professionals
- Display of 30+ technical posters
- Keynote address by a renowned fishery expert or two
- Exhibits or tradeshows of vendors
- Student-Mentor mixer for introducing career opportunities
- Presentation of awards and scholarships
- Raffle and auction fundraiser features a multitude of items
- Social events each night for informal and fun networking
- Pre-meeting workshops to acquire specialized training



Chapter Committees and Positions

Looking to get more engaged? There are a number of internal and external committees and positions including

- Executive (6 positions)
- Internal (7 committees and multiple seats)
- External Committees (6 committees and multiple seats)
- Additional support positions (4 positions)

To find out how you can be a part of this active fisheries organization:

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