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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"OREGON CHAPTER OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INVOLVEMENT"

First I want to thank those of you that responded to my last column regarding getting the Chapter more involved in environmental education. It's great to get feedback (and to know someone actually reads this thing). Rest assured that I plan to move forward on this matter.

Second, I want to congratulate everyone involved, but especially Doug Olson and Molly Webb, for putting together an exceptional Annual Meeting. The program and arrangements were outstanding. President-elect Doug Olson recaps the meeting in this issue.

While I'm on the subject of the annual meeting, I must express my pleasure at having the honor of hosting the Past-President's Luncheon. We had about 25 Past Presidents and Fishery Workers of the Year attend, as well as a number of folks that were happy to share a meal with them. It was great to hear the honorees describe the issues that kept them busy or interested during their terms. We had guests from the recent and relatively distant past, with Rollie Rousseau being our earliest President (1972), and Jim Hutchison our earliest Fishery Worker of the Year (1974). We need to keep these people as active in the Chapter as possible, so I hope we can make these celebrations a regular activity.

Although attendance at the meeting met expectations (475 or so), I am highly discouraged about the policies of some

agencies that employ a good number of potential attendees. It is my firm belief that agencies and companies should highly encourage attendance at AFS meetings, especially at the Chapter level. This is your professional society—your chance to attend technical talks, network with fellow scientists, and exchange ideas in both formal and informal settings. Agencies and companies benefit from attendance by their staffs. I realize that in some cases attendance is precluded by budget constraints; however, a policy of limited attendance when this is not the case is senseless. It is very easy to make the case that attendance is time well spent and good for the individual and the employer. Okay, enough ranting about that!

Speaking of attending meetings, I had the good fortune to attend the Western Division Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City the week after the Chapter Meeting. Again, the program and arrangements were first-rate. Of course, attendance from Oregon folks was a little light because of the aforementioned policies. Okay, now I'll really stop.

One of the great, although "quiet" things that happened at the Chapter's Annual Meeting was a tremendous "answer to the call" to sign up for committees. Committee membership and activity was already beginning to inch up from relatively low levels that had plagued us for a while (thanks mostly to Jen Stone—the increasing activity, not the

plague), and now has received a big boost. We are also forming a new Ad-Hoc committee to help seek out potential committee members (thank you, Don Ratliff), so I look for our committee structure to continue gaining strength. After the Ad-Hoc committee has made significant progress with committee involvement, they will be turned loose on helping the Past President find officer

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President's Corner continued

candidates. My goal next year is to have multiple candidates running for each elective office (haven't seen that in a while).

Well, a little ranting, a bit of a summary, a few odds and ends about goals, and another President's Corner is complete. As usual, I would love to hear from you: David.L.Ward@state.or.us; 503-657-2000 x402. It is still my honor to serve as President of the Oregon Chapter AFS.

Submitted by Dave Ward, President



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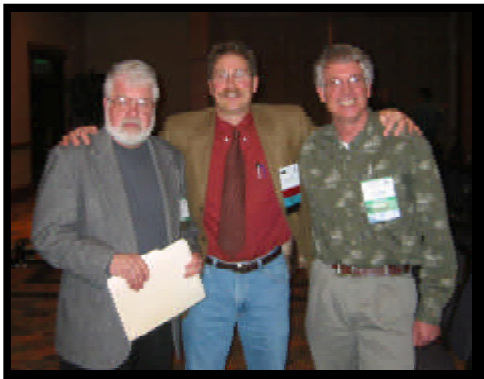
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Elizabeth Furse, Director of the Institute for Tribal Government, addresses the Oregon Chapter audience at the 2004 Annual Meeting at Sunriver.

"THE 40TH ANNUAL OREGON CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - ONE OF THE BEST EVER!"

The 40th Oregon Chapter meeting was another lively success! Sunriver continues to be regarded as an excellent location and drew nearly 500 participants, February 18-20, 2004. The annual meeting theme was "Our History, the Current State of Affairs, and Our Future." The pre-meeting workshops were also well-attended and well-received (see article on page 6).



Doug Olson, Oregon Chapter President-elect (center), greets Plenary speakers Russell Sadler and Don Ratliff.

Speaking from a historical and legal perspective, former Oregon Congresswoman **Elizabeth Furse** led off the plenary session. Ms. Furse, now Director of the Institute for Tribal Government, spoke on the topic of "Treaties, the supreme law of the land." Ms. Furse addressed the importance of treaties between Nations, specifically referring to our government's tribal trust responsibilities. **Russell Sadler**, well-known professor (retired), columnist and commentator on Oregon's politics and civic affairs, followed Ms. Furse. Mr. Sadler spoke on the origin of Oregon's much-discussed environmental ethic and why it is in jeopardy. During these times of changing demographics and economy, Sadler noted that Oregonians need to continue to connect to Oregon's natural landscape in order to protect it, as well as speak out to as an advocate of sound natural resource management. **Don Ratliff** wrapped up the plenary session, inviting participants to his technical session on protecting Oregon's

fisheries—past activism by the Oregon Chapter that really made a difference. This concluded the shortened plenary session which, similar to last year, allowed for more technical presentations by professionals and students.

Technical sessions were convened Wednesday afternoon through Friday morning and included 16 sessions and 120 individual papers! Again, continuing last years lead, all presentations were made using computer-based projection. Participant response was highly favorable using this type of audio-visual equipment (92% survey respondents rated as good or excellent, based on 80 evaluation forms returned). Thanks again to all conveners, presenters, student volunteers, and AV Specialist **Kevin Leader** for making this work so smoothly.

The technical sessions received a 94% good to excellent rating. Praise was made on the quality, diversity, and organization of topics. Sessions included: past activism that really made a difference, marine species, range and agriculture, trout, salmon and char, habitat, estuaries, freshwater ecology, fisheries techniques, fire and aquatic ecosystems, Columbia River (lamprey, shad, sturgeon, salmon and steelhead), hatchery conservation tools, urban fisheries, things without backbones, cutthroat trout, suckers, and parasites.

Student papers in the technical sessions were organized this year to have all presentations completed by noon on Thursday in order to announce the best student paper award Thursday night's banquet night. Thank you to all student judges and particularly **Tim Whitesel, David Hand, Tom Hoffman, and Jen Stone** in computing scores from all judges. Thanks, too, to all students presenting papers; the quality and participation continues to rise. **The 2004 Best Student Paper was awarded to Sarah Lupes** for her

paper: "Capture-related stressors impair sablefish immune system function: implications for discard mortality," co-authored by Michael Davis, Bori Olla, and Carl Schreck. Congratulations to Sarah and to all 18 students presenting!

The poster session and social continues to be a popular event and receives high praise. The poster session and social received a 97% good to excellent rating by attendees. Even the food at the poster social was rated highly. In all, 27 posters were displayed, including 11 students. **The 2004 Best Student Poster was awarded to Jens Lovtang and Jeremy Romer** for their co-authored poster "Evaluation of visible implant elastomer (VIE) tags used to batch mark juvenile chinook salmon: retention rates and effects on growth and condition." Congratulations to Jens, Jeremy, and to all students participating! Thank you also goes to **Troy Baker** for organizing the poster session. This was also Troy's

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2004 Best Student Poster winners, Jeremy Romer (left) and Jens Lovtang at the Annual Meeting.

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last year as Chair of the Poster Session, and we thank him for his years of service; word has it he's looking into other areas of Oregon AFS where he can offer his talents.

Several other professional awards were presented this year, including **Fishery Worker of the Year** going to **Carl Schreck**; and **The Bill Wingfield Memorial Fish Culture Award** to **Rich Holt**. The Oregon Chapter also congratulates **Award of Merit winners: Kay Brown, Wayne Stilts, and Wendy Walsh**. (Read about all the award winners on page 7). Thanks to **Peter Lofy** and his committee members for their excellent efforts.

The student-professional interaction at the meeting was fantastic, and the Student-Mentor Social was rated as mostly good. However, there's still room for improvement with only 70% of participants rating the Student-Mentor Social as good to excellent. We will be working more with the students over the year, and looking for opportunities for improvement. Doug Markle has summarized student comments on the Social on page 8. Thanks to **Ryan Bellmore**, Student Subunit Representative, for helping with the Student-Mentor Social. Contact Barry McPherson, 2005 Annual Meeting Chair, if you have suggestions on improving the Student-Mentor Social: bdmcperson@coho.net.

Many thanks go to all of the student and other volunteers who pitched in with enthusiasm and humor. Thanks to **Barry McPherson**, Vice-President, for his excellent job of coordinating student volunteer shifts and room assignments.

The business meeting, rated more highly than the previous two years, was run efficiently thanks to President **Dave Ward**, and received an 86% approval rating. **Western Division President, Tom McMahon**, encouraged participation in Western Division activities and noted that Oregon Chapter member **Bob Hughes** is running for Western Division office. **Ryan Bellmore**, Student Subunit

Rep, reported on student activities and thanked the Oregon Chapter for financial support. Bylaw Amendments were reviewed and passed. **Jen Stone, External Director**, introduced committee chairs, and announced the new Chapter website and soon-to-be-available brochure. A second Coastal Cutthroat Trout Symposium is being planned for 2005. Awards were presented to Scholarship winners: **Jeremy Romer (BS), Julie Henning (MS), and Kathleen O'Malley (PhD)**; and **Jeb Wofford** was awarded the **2003 Best Student Paper**; and **Jina Sagar** received the **2003 Best Student Poster Award**.

Congratulations are in order to newly-elected **Executive Committee (ExCom) officers: Laura Tesler** (Legislative Chair / Incoming Vice President), **Tom Friesen** (Raffle-Auction Co-Chair / Incoming External Director), **Barry McPherson** (Current Vice-President / Incoming President-elect); and returning officers **Molly Webb** (Internal Director), and **Mike Matylewich** (Secretary-Treasurer). **Doug Olson** and **Dave Ward** will move into President and Past President positions, respectively, with all terms beginning September 1, 2004. Combining lunch with the business meeting continues to be a challenge, with noise level high and attention low at times. In addition, some participants would like to see more fisheries issues raised and discussed during the business meeting.

Tim Shibahara and **Tom Friesen** are to be congratulated for running another smooth, successful, and fun auction and raffle! A fine selection of auction and raffle items was offered, and

many happy bidders and raffle winners walked away with some great prizes. This is the last year for "The Tim and Tom Show," and we send them off with a special thanks for their professionalism in stream-lining this event, and for their hard work and humor in coordinating this major fundraiser. The auction and raffle netted over \$6,000 dollars, and the Chapter thanks everyone who donated items to this event. Tom moves into the ExCom this Fall as External Director, and Tim will be looking into other AFS volunteer opportunities.

The Spawning Run attracted a total of 20 hale and hardy early-rising participants, ~~and the winners were:~~ **Ian Tattam, Doug Baus, Alyssa Reischauer, Pete Bisson, and Cynthia Tait**. Thanks to **Molly Webb** for organizing this fun event! (see winning times on page 6).

Meeting evaluations indicated that attendees would like improvements in food quality, refreshments, the business meeting, and the post-banquet music mixer. Dinner, desserts, and salads were actually rated as good, but the Business Lunch received an over all poor to fair rating. Many participants would like lower food and room prices, too. Room quality on the other hand was rated quite high, with a 97% rating as good to



2004 Scholarship Winners: Julie Henning, Jeremy Romer, and Kathleen O'Malley with Scholarship Chair Steve Parker (on right).

excellent. The auctioneer was rated highly but the after-banquet and auction dance mixer received negative comments, although the few couples dancing had a great time!

for their generous donations, and everyone who made voluntary contributions to support student attendance. A special thanks to the BPA for printing all our programs!



2003 Best Student Poster winner Jina Sagar (on left) and 2003 Best Student Paper winner Jeb Woffard (center), with Oregon Chapter President, Dave Ward.

Suggestions for the post-banquet mixer included: hiring a DJ, renting a juke box, setting up a karaoke bar, or hosting a casino night. Definitely more refreshments are needed to continue social stimulation. In the morning, participants would like to see more coffee and some snacks available, and an announcement that breaks are over so people can resume with the technical sessions on time. Both coffee and beer were rated as high quality but participants wanted more! We will be considering all your comments as we move towards organizing our 2005 annual meeting in Corvallis. **If you have ideas about how to encourage participation in the the post-banquet mixer, or other annual meeting suggestions, contact Molly Webb, 2005 Annual Meeting Arrangements Chair, at: molly.webb@oregonstate.edu.**

Sponsorships help considerably in defraying the costs of the annual meeting. The Chapter thanks all of our sponsors

Overall the meeting and socials were an overwhelming success. A special thanks to both **Loretta Brenner** and **Molly Webb** for all the administrative help and internal arrangements, and to the **Sunriver staff** for all their help as well. Thanks also to **Dave Hand** and Loretta Brenner for taking photos. Friendships were made and renewed, helping us all be better stewards of the fisheries resource.
Submitted by Doug Olson, President-Elect and 2004 Annual

Meeting Chair; Molly Webb, Internal Director; and Loretta Brenner, Administrative Assistant.

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2004 BEST STUDENT PAPER

Sarah Lupes

Oregon State University

"Capture-related stressors impair sablefish immune system function: implications for discard mortality"
(Co-authored with Michael Davis, Bori Olla, and Carl Schreck)

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Oregon State University

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CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD RECIPIENTS

2004

2004 OREGON CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kathleen O'Malley, OSU, PhD

Julie Henning, OSU, MS

Jeremy Romer, OSU, BS

2004 PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Mary Buckman

2004 FISHERY WORKER OF THE YEAR

Carl Schreck

Oregon State University

2004 BILL WINGFIELD MEMORIAL AWARD IN FISH CULTURE

Richard Allen Holt

2004 AWARD OF MERIT

Kay Brown

ODFW (retired)

2004 AWARD OF MERIT

Wayne Shilts

2004 AWARD OF MERIT

Wendy Walsh

2004 BROKEN OAR AWARD

Jen Stone, USFWS

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOPS A BIG HIT!

The annual meeting was preceded by three workshops held February 17-18, 2004 at Sunriver Resort. **“Effective Writing for Technical Papers: Get Published, Get Read!”** was taught by **Martha Brookes**. The workshop focused on techniques for writing scientific papers for professional reports and publications, editing skills, and identifying the common mistakes of writing. Participants learned of available resources for writing improvement as well as professional



Participants get a “hands on” look at radio telemetry techniques in this pre-meeting workshop.

ethics for scientific writers. **“Radio & Acoustic Telemetry: Tags, Tagging, and Reception,”** led by **Carl Schreck, Shaun Clements, and Mark Karnowski**, took participants through telemetry from start to finish. Fish from Fall Creek Hatchery were brought into the Great Hall at Sunriver for a hands-on tag implantation and attachment demonstration. The physics of telemetry and characteristics of telemetry receivers and antennas were discussed as well as validation of methods and results. Representatives from Lotek, Vemco, and Grant Systems were present to give demonstrations and discuss their latest technology. **“The Most Common Technical Presentation Mistakes and How to Avoid Them,”** was led by **Dave Ward and Ray Beamesderfer**. This workshop was informative and the “positive reinforcement” method worked wonders! We will expect to see exceptional PowerPoint presentations from every attendee at next year’s meeting. A total of over 75 people attended the three workshops, which included a reception on Tuesday night. A huge thank you to all of our workshop facilitators, your time and experience was appreciated by all those who attended!



2004 Spawning Run winners with their cool t-shirt prizes!

The Oregon ExCom is considering workshop topics for the 2005 Annual Meeting in Corvallis; if you have ideas on workshops you would like to *attend or facilitate* please contact Barry McPherson, 2005 Annual Meeting Chair, at bdmcperson@coho.net, or 541-574-6111.

Submitted by Molly Webb, Internal Director and Annual Meeting Arrangements Chair

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2004 SPAWNING RUN WINNERS!

We had 20 dedicated runners participate in this year’s “Adventure” Spawning Run during the 2004 Oregon Chapter annual meeting. It was a beautiful morning in Sunriver...but icy. Our winners were **Ian Tattam (17:51)** and **Doug Baus (17:52)** for the men’s non-masters team, who came in neck and neck; **Alyssa Reischauer (18:42)** for the women’s non-masters team; **Pete Bisson (19:31)** for the men’s masters team; and **Cynthia Tait (26:07)** for the women’s masters team. Cynthia also won an award for finishing the course closest to her predicted time. She was off by 00:07! Thanks to everyone who participated in the run.

Submitted by Molly Webb, Internal Director

2004—A BANNER YEAR FOR AWARD WINNERS!

Thank you to all of the nominators who took time out of their busy schedules to provide nominations for the 2004 Annual Meeting. We had an outstanding array of nominations, and for the first time in several years had to choose among extremely qualified nominees for Fishery Worker of the Year. Thank You!

At this year's Annual Meeting, **Rich Holt was presented with the "Bill Winfield Memorial Fish Culture Award."** This is the first time in nearly 10 years that the Oregon Chapter's Fish Culture Committee has presented this prestigious award. Holt has spent a lifetime serving the fish culture community in Oregon, the Region, and around the world. He is renowned for his research and publications in fish health. He has also mentored and collaborated with a large number of fish health personnel, who completed their advanced degrees under his tutelage, and are now working within the State and around the nation. Rich's expertise has been recognized with requests for him to participate in numerous Pacific Northwest technical committees and give presentations in national and international forums. He was instrumental in developing self-directed local Fish Health Diagnostic laboratories across the state, and has made outstanding contributions in the knowledge and understanding of fish health. Rich is well known for his presentations at Oregon AFS and chairing of numerous sessions at Annual Meetings.

Fishery Worker of the Year was presented in 2004 to Carl Schreck for his substantial and numerous contributions to fish research on a statewide, regional, national and international scale. He is well known for both his basic research and application of his research to management issues. He has worked with a broad array of fish species on ground breaking work assessing fish quality including stress, disease resistance and developmental status under various environmental conditions. He has investigated reproductive success, the consequences of endocrine disruption, the physiological effects of capture, adult and juvenile salmonid migration, and genetic variation. As an

educator, Carl has been a major professor for a generation of scientists who are scattered around the nation and the world. He is called upon routinely to present research and perspectives on both a nation-wide and world-wide basis. Carl has authored or co-authored hundreds of papers and numerous books and has made many presentations and chaired numerous sessions at Oregon AFS, including a very successful "Radio Telemetry" workshop at the 2004 annual meeting.

Wayne Shilts received an Award of Merit for volunteer work overseeing a stream habitat renovation project on Ames Creek, Oregon. This restoration project renovated an old mill pond to improve fish passage and stabilize the river course. As a retired U.S. Forest Service Engineer, Wayne volunteered his time and energy to work with the local citizens, students and contractors to ensure project success, including a substantial role in project oversight. The stream habitat and a local park are much improved by his important effort.



2004 Award winners (from left): Wendy Walsh, Rich Holt, Kay Brown, and Carl Schreck (Fishery Worker of the Year).

Kay Brown was presented with an Award of Merit for her extensive and diverse work as a long-time Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employee. Additionally she was commended for her outstanding contributions as a mentor and role model for women around the state in the Fisheries field. She has been a long-term leader and participant in Oregon AFS, contributing as an elected official, committee member and chair, and organizer for Annual meetings and Session chairs.

Wendy Walsh was recognized with an Award of Merit for her long-term commitment as an active private citizen raising the awareness of and protecting freshwater mussels in Washington. She has worked extensively with the Pacific Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup to assure that research, management, and educational activities are coordinated, prioritized and consistent with preservation of this valuable and little understood organism. Congratulations to all of the very deserving award recipients!

*Respectfully submitted by Peter Lofy,
Awards Committee Chair*

STUDENTS RAVE ABOUT 2004 OREGON CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING!

I'd like to share the following information and observations regarding undergraduate student participation in the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Sunriver.

- Twenty-eight undergraduates from OSU attended the meeting for one credit of "internship" for FW 410. Other undergraduates attended "on their own" without getting university credit.
- Overall, the Oregon Chapter again got rave reviews from our students, especially for the very warm welcome that all members seem to give students.
- Some student comments:
 - “Frankly, I am excited to graduate and get myself out there amongst it all!”
 - “A positive effect that this meeting had on me is that it really helped me with my people skills.”

A student who talked to Barry McPherson in the men's room at the social commented: “It was hard for me to believe he was the Vice-President. For some reason I thought that a person of his standing would not be so normal.”

 - “I was also impressed with the professionalism”
 - “I thoroughly enjoyed the [Oregon Chapter] AFS meeting...while more of a mammal person, I go because the [fish] biologists are more friendly.”
 - “The meeting was one of the most beneficial experiences of my college career.” (from a zoology major).

One student commented on the mentor session, that he would have liked to talk to someone younger, “I just would have liked to talk with someone not so far removed from school.” (perhaps we should encourage this next year).

And a revelation, “I was able to understand why I am taking statistics—they actually use p-values!”

There was a positive effect from learning that the profession is “...full of people who care more about what they are doing than how much they are making.”

 - “They (AFS members) thoroughly enjoyed their jobs and found them extremely fulfilling.”
 - “The most positive experience had to have been a \$330 pair of Patagonia waders for \$175, what a great deal!”

Congratulations to the Oregon Chapter on another fine meeting and thank you for the traditional warm welcome of students!

Submitted by Doug Markle, Student Affairs

...FROM A PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT...

“Barry,

I have enjoyed and learned a great deal each time I have worked at AFS (3 years), I am moving on, but I am sure there are other students at Portland State University that would love the opportunity to participate even though we do not have a student chapter. Please encourage the new coordinator to save some room for other students so that there is a greater diversity of students to learn about projects outside of their own school affiliated departments.

Thanks again,

Channing St. Aubin,

Portland State University”

...AND AN OREGON STATE STUDENT...

“Barry,

I was very pleased with the meeting and it was amazing how much information I learned while attending the event. All in all a fabulous event! I am looking forward to being apart of the event next year if you need people. I will be here in Corvallis still plugging away on my undergraduate degree and seeing familiar faces would be nice again. Take care and have a good day. Patrick”



Oregon State students enjoy the upbeat atmosphere of the combined social and poster session at the 2004 Annual Meeting at Sunriver.

THE GOVERNOR, THE EXCOM, A ROD AND REEL

ExCom members Dave Ward, Doug Olson, Mary Buckman, Barry McPherson, and Jen Stone met with former governor John Kitzhaber recently to express the Chapter's appreciation of the governor's support for fisheries and other natural resources conservation. The Chapter presented Dr. Kitzhaber with gifts that included a fly rod and reel, and flies tied by various Chapter members. Jim Martin and Pure Fishing also contributed to the gifts. During the 30-minute meeting, the former governor expressed his continuing interest in natural resource issues, and is currently focusing on how to develop a management plan for the Tillamook State Forest that recognizes the importance of conservation and sustainability. He is also interested in furthering ways to ensure that policy decisions be informed by thorough and unbiased reviews of available science. Dr. Kitzhaber is a remarkable individual and sincerely appreciated receiving gifts from the Oregon Chapter. He also expressed interest in speaking at our 2005 Annual Meeting!

Submitted by Dave Ward, President



Former Governor Kitzhaber discusses natural resource issues in a recent meeting with Oregon Chapter Executive Committee officers.

EXCOM 2004-2005

Executive Officers for 2004-2005 were elected from an uncontested slate at the 2004 Annual Meeting. We welcome our in-coming and returning officers who will take over the reins September 1, 2004. Feel free to give them a call or drop them an email to lend your support. Here's to a great next year!

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2nd Annual Freshwater Mussels of the Pacific Northwest Symposium

The Pacific Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup is hosting the 2nd Annual Freshwater Mussels of the Pacific Northwest Symposium. Presentations will focus on mussel research conducted within the Pacific Northwest. Mussel researchers, Art Bogan (North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences), Tom Watters (Ohio State University), and Catherine Gatenby (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia) will be presenting along with experts from the Pacific Northwest.

Where: Vancouver, Washington

When: April 20th, 2004

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IN MEMORY OF NEIL ARMANTROUT, LONG-TIME AFS MEMBER

APRIL 22, 1941-
DECEMBER 29, 2003

Former Corvallis resident **Neil Armantrout**, 62, died December 29, 2003 in Eugene, Oregon. He was born in Salt Lake City, moved to Corvallis, and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1959. He graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1963, a master's degree in general science in 1964 and a doctorate in fisheries biology in 1981. His dissertation was on the freshwater fisheries in Iran.

He served in the Peace Corps from 1965 to 1967 in Iran and stayed the following year to work for the Iranian Game and Fish Department. He taught at the University of Tabriz from 1973 to 1974, and a year later began his career with the Bureau of Land Management in Moab, Utah.

In 1978, he moved to Portland to become a BLM state fisheries biologist. In 1982, he transferred to Eugene where he worked in the BLM district

office. He made many trips to India as technical advisor at the Keoladeo National Park.

His recognition includes being named Lane County's first Professional Federal Employee of the Year in 1985 and receiving the Department of Interior Special Service Award in 1986 and the Take Pride in America (1,000 Points of Light) national award in 1988.

He was an active member of many natural resources organizations, including the American Fisheries Society, Desert Fishes Council and the Bombay Natural History Society. He served as president of the American Fisheries Societies, Western Division and was published extensively.

He enjoyed music (he attended the Bach Festival every year), photography, gardening, traveling, genealogy, sports of all kinds and cooking. Donations can be made to The Nature Conservancy.

HUTTON PROGRAM NEEDS MENTORS LOOKING FOR A MENTOR (OR TWO?)

AFS has received an application for the 2004 Hutton Program from a student in Aloha, Oregon. Currently, there is no identified mentor for this student, and he has a very good chance of being chosen to participate. If you would be interested in mentoring a student and have an appropriate summer project with some opportunity for fieldwork that the student could be involved in. There is also the possibility of two mentors collaborating and sharing the student. That has been done in some cases, and has the advantage of giving the students a broader view. Thank you for your help.

**Contact Jan at 301-897-8616, ext. 206
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*Submitted by: Jan E. Lubeck, Development
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Introducing Lance Kruzic - New Natural Production Chair!

I am **Lance Kruzic** and have accepted the invitation to chair the Natural Production Committee for the Chapter.

My interest in fish sprouted as a kid pursuing trout in small streams. A passion developed along the North Umpqua River after I hooked a large chinook while targeting summer steelhead. I still remember fighting this fish and watching it jump completely out of the water. Man was it a dark, beat up male. It was a good thing I lost the fish because it would have been on the BBQ, being the first salmon I ever hooked. The pictures would have come back to haunt me at some point in my career...I started working in fisheries for the Forest Service and Crater Lake NP when I was a "Beaver" doing habitat and fish population assessments. Turned into a "Vandal" (Univ. of Idaho) while studying wild coho salmon in the Umpqua Basin for my master's degree. Since then I've been with National Marine Fisheries Service working on hatchery and recreational fishery issues related to the federal ESA.

Are you interested in groundfish issues? Or how about redband in the high desert? Plenty of things to work on all around the State depending on your interests. This Committee can serve two purposes— provide our expertise on important issues, and provide opportunities to work with other members of the Chapter (many of whom you might not otherwise). **We need some students too!**

Please contact me if you have some ideas or issues relevant to this Committee. Thanks!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 2–6, 2004

FOURTH WORLD FISHERIES CONGRESS

“Reconciling Fisheries with Conservation: The Challenge of Managing Aquatic Ecosystems”

Vancouver, British Columbia

www.worldfisheries2004.org

Contact: fish2004@advance-group.com; 1-800-555-1099

UPDATE CALENDAR

JULY 9-23, 2004

FISHERIES SOCIETY OF THE BRITISH ISLES INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

“Comparative Biology & Interactions of Wild and Farmed Fish”

London, UK

http://fp.paceprojects.f9.co.uk/FSBI2004home.htm

Contact: Tricia Ellis-Evans, tricia@paceprojects.co.uk

AUGUST 1-5, 2004

AFS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE BIOLOGY OF FISHES

Mauaus, Brazil

Contact: http://www.afs2004madison.org

Contact: Chris Kennedy, ckennedy@sfu.ca, 601-291-5640

SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2004

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Excellence in Wildlife Stewardship Through Science and Education”

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

www.wildlife.org

Contact: tws@wildlife.org

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2004

WILD TROUT VIII SYMPOSIUM

“Working Together to Ensure the Future of Wild Trout”

Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful Inn

www.wildtrout8.org

Contact: Robert Carline, 814-865-4511, rcarline@psu.edu

NOVEMBER 15-18, 2004

ALASKA CHAPTER AFS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Harrigan Centennial Hall, Sitka

FMI: www.fisheries.org/afs-ak

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2005

OREGON CHAPTER AFS 41ST ANNUAL MEETING

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