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- **ORAFS TO HOST 2008 WESTERN DIVISION AFS MEETING IN PORTLAND (MAY 4-9, 2008)**
- **NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR ORAFS:**
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER "CONTINUING THE TRADITION"

Author James Michner was once invited by President Eisenhower to a dinner at the White House. He wrote a letter to Eisenhower explaining why he couldn't accept: "I received our invitation three days after I had agreed to speak a few words at a dinner honoring the wonderful high school teacher who taught me how to write. I know you will not miss me at your dinner, but she might at hers. In this lifetime, a man lives under fifteen or sixteen presidents, but a really fine teacher comes into his life but rarely." Eisenhower wrote back to say that he understood.

There are many messages that I hear in this story. The one that I prefer is the recognition that one person's direct involvement in another's life can have profound consequences and meaning for them. Even when compared to the influence of a President.

How many of you can speak to a similar influence in your lives with a teacher, boss or mentor? Do you stop to think how much you are an influence in other people's lives? Know that any time you put energies to an activity that is for the purposes of service to others, you are increasing the opportunities that someone will be positively affected.

I look at the volunteers that assist the Oregon Chapter as a service to others. This means the executive

committee officers, external committee, internal committee, arrangement committee, auction and raffle committee, poster session and social committee, program editing and layout committee, sponsorship and trade show committee, annual meeting session conveners, and students that stepped forward to assist with the annual meeting. By all accounts, I even look at the speakers themselves as volunteers that have taken the time and energy to ensure that the meetings are as popular as they are.

Since the first organizational meeting in 1964, countless volunteers have

Lastly, for those of you that may or may not know, a part of our



Volunteers assisting with the auction and raffle during the 2007 Oregon Chapter AFS Meeting.

history made a grand reappearance at this year's annual meeting. The remarkably well preserved and newly mounted wolf eel was used to open and close the 2007 business meeting as it once did in the 1960s and 70s. Thanks to Jim Hall, OSU professor, Chapter Vice President in 1964 and Fishery Worker of the Year award winner in 1994, for bringing this part of history back to us.

I'm reminded of the remark Johnny Carson made at an award ceremony in his honor. When asked by a reporter, "What would you like to have inscribed on your tombstone?" Carson quipped, "I'll be right back!"

Please take the time to thank those that have volunteered for the Chapter. If you have an interest in being a volunteer, please contact me.



Members of the Oregon AFS ExCom display the wolf eel and its new display case.

been willing to step forward and do what needs to be done. Our Chapter's success is built on the shoulders of forty-three years of dedication to service to others. This is an important part of our tradition.

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2007 OREGON AFS: ANNUAL MEETING

The Oregon Chapter's 43rd Annual Meeting was held February 28-March 2, 2007, in Eugene, Oregon. Almost 550 fisheries aficionados joined together for a great mix of professional interactions and fun, celebrating the theme "Big Fish over Big Dams". The Oregon Chapter Executive Committee tried out a number of new strategies in 2007: we instituted electronic registration, we separated the traditional Business Lunch into a Business Breakfast and an Awards Luncheon, we reorganized the Student-Mentor session to better serve students, we streamlined the Raffle and Auction to be fun but speedy, and we undertook a very aggressive hazing program to migrate folks from coffee breaks into the concurrent sessions. We apologize for the post-coffee break hazing, but the sessions stayed on time! We maintained other Chapter traditions, such as supporting student volunteers with free registration and lodging, and providing for lots of social time. We also welcomed our new Administrative Assistant, Danielle Warner,

hosted by Jason Dunham, USGS, was held immediately prior to the main Annual Meeting events. Due to lack of registrants, two promising workshops, the "Spring Chinook Angling and Conservation Workshop" and the "Finding Funds for Fish: Grant Writing Techniques Workshop", were cancelled.

Colonel Thomas O'Donovan, Portland District Commander, Corps of Engineers, welcomed meeting participants with an overview of the challenges and opportunities associated with management of large dams. We welcomed Virgil Moore, a long-time active AFS member and new Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, as our first plenary speaker. Virgil reminisced about his previous career in Idaho, and discussed the challenges of turning fish biology into fish policy. It was great having Virgil fully involved in all activities at our 2007 Annual Meeting, and we look forward to many

more years of his leadership and participation in the Oregon Chapter. Our second speaker, Phil Pister, Executive Secretary of the Desert Fishes Council, spoke of the challenges of human population growth, and encouraged each of us to think carefully and act responsibly towards our water and fisheries resources. Phil holds a special place in many of our hearts, and

has been a philosophical influence to many of us. Phil even stopped by Corvallis on his way to the Eugene meeting and made a special presentation to the Fish and Wildlife Club at OSU.

We had a very full Technical Program, with 25 technical sessions and 165 oral papers and panels scheduled within five daily concurrent sessions. You can find all the annual meeting oral and poster abstracts posted on the Oregon Chapter website. Many technical sessions were organized around the annual meeting theme, with sessions exploring fish translocations above dams, use of hatchery fish to reestablish fish above dams, modeling methods to predict



Jim Hall thanks Loretta Brenner for her 10 years of service as the Chapter's Administrative Assistant.

fish productivity above dams, and review of large fish passage projects. We also had almost 20 student presenters. Our Poster/Social attracted more than 30 poster presenters, and the large facility allowed plenty of room to view posters, talk with presenters, and enjoy the company of old friends and colleagues. And find the numerous beer and hors d'oeuvre stations.

"many called the 2007 meeting the best Oregon Chapter annual meeting they had ever attended"

What a great meeting! Huge crowd, great facility, excellent papers and posters. We certainly have an AFS Chapter to be proud of. Please continue supporting your Oregon Chapter, and we look forward to seeing you in 2008, for the joint Oregon Chapter/Western Division AFS Annual Meeting in Portland.

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Doug Young (Left) with 2007 Oregon Chapter AFS Meeting Plenary Speakers Virgil Moore, Colonel Thomas O'Donovan, and Phil Pister (L to R).

and presented a special award to Loretta Brenner, the Oregon Chapter's Administrative Assistant for more than 10 years. All in all, the new strategies worked well, folks worked hard, things worked smoothly, technical and poster sessions were great, the facilities and services were outstanding, and many called the 2007 meeting the best Oregon Chapter annual meeting they had ever attended!

A very successful workshop titled "Assessment and Evaluation of Reintroducing Native Fishes", organized and

ANNUAL MEETING WAS SMASHING, SAY 8 OF 10

The 2007 ORAFS annual meeting in Eugene was by far one of the most successful, judging by the attendance and responses we received from the evaluation forms.

Eighty participants returned evaluations. Though rating categories such as “fair” and “excellent” are admittedly subjective, the survey still seemed to capture a representative assessment of the ORAFS “population”. I will post the complete results on our website (www.orafs.org).

I used the sum of the “good” and “excellent” ratings as an index of approval (even though “fair” doesn’t imply disapproval...does it?). The overall approval rating for the annual meeting was >82%. Electronic registration, meeting location, room quality, meeting rooms, plenary sessions, technical sessions, the poster session, the raffle and auction, social events, and Texas Hold ‘em all ex-



2007 Oregon AFS Annual Meeting participants previewing raffle awards during the annual Silent Auction and Raffle.

ceeded 90% approval. There was only one area with zero “excellent” scores – I’ll get to that in a minute - but seven had zero “poor” scores.

Particularly impressive were the ratings for the technical sessions (98.5% approval), electronic registration (95.9%) and poster session and social (95.9%). In addition, half of the respondents rated the plenary sessions “excellent”. The raffle and auction likely won the “most improved” category (90.5% approval), with many comments such as “the best in years” and “the new auctioneer was terrific; he was worth whatever you paid him” (it was 100 bucks).

You can’t win ‘em all, though. No one really liked the DJ very much (27.2% approval), but

several people said he seemed like a nice guy, and he tried real hard. The food served by the Hilton was another area that could have been better, though I just have to say – you try cooking for 500 people. I admit the sauce on the pork loin was pretty weird. Even so, more than half (62.0%) of those surveyed approved of their fare. Many people (44.3% approval) were disappointed with the food prices. I’m guessing the two people who said the food prices were excellent probably aren’t fisheries biologists, or somehow confused the terms “poor” and “excellent”.

The business meeting, held early on Friday morning for the first time, was still rated as good or excellent by almost 70% of the 31 attendees that responded. Funny, though, it didn’t seem like there were that many of you there. Well, at least we had a quorum. Personally, I liked this

arrangement because it was efficient and encouraged participation by members who were serious about Chapter business.

Some of the written comments were entertaining. One attendee thought the auction went “too fast”, though he admitted last year he thought it was “too slow”. Someone complained that there should have been desserts served at the poster session,

because “it was held in the evening”. There were the ever-present comments about the coffee running out, though I think these would be tempered if everyone was aware that coffee served at this meeting cost \$32 per gallon! Then there’s beer. Too much beer, not enough beer, wrong kind of beer. One anonymous person, who I will call The Outlier, offering nothing constructive, rated nearly every category poor or fair. I figure one out of 80 isn’t too bad.

The positive comments far outweighed negative ones, some of which read “this was one of the best (meetings) in recent years”, “I can’t really think of any negatives”, and “great job everyone!” Which brings me to acknowledging the people that worked the hardest to put this meeting together: Neil

Ward (meeting arrangements), Mike Reed (plenary speakers), Doug Young (technical sessions), Martyne Reesman and Michele Weaver (raffle and auction), Christy Fellas (poster session), Ian Reid (Secretary-

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Treasurer extraordinaire), Barry McPherson (sage advisor), Brad Houslet (volunteers) and Danielle Warner (registration and administration). Except for our Administrative Assistant (Danielle) and Barry (retired), these are all unpaid volunteers that hold full time jobs, and their dedication and commitment were the primary reason this meeting was so successful.

That considered, there was one final question on the evaluation form: “Would you be interested in running for an Executive Committee Office, or serving as a Committee Chair or on a Committee?”

Three of the 80 members who responded answered “yes”, and 13 answered “no”. Eighty percent didn’t respond at all, which I (optimistically) interpret as “I like Oregon AFS, but I can’t commit to becoming more involved”. We talk about this in Ex-Com meetings, and it is evident in the status of our external committees – everybody is a lot busier these days, and few have the time to devote to another activity. Some very persuasive people – I won’t say who, but their initials are Mary Buckman and Doug Olson – talked me into getting involved. And it did make me a lot busier, but probably a more effective person, and certainly a better fisheries professional.

Consider taking on a position with Oregon AFS (contact President-Elect Doug Young, his phone number is 503-231-6179) to help ensure future meetings are as successful as this year’s, and that we continue to be one of the best, largest, and most involved AFS chapters!

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AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The 2007 Oregon AFS Annual Meeting was a great forum for sharing information, ideas, research, and camaraderie, but also a time to recognize the achievements of some outstanding individuals. Congratulations to the award winners and thanks to all of the nominators.

Fishery Worker of the Year

- **Allan Smith**, Pacific Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup

Award of Merit Winners

- **Mary Moser**, NOAA
- **Steve Smith**
- **Phil Larsen**, USEPA
- **John Merwin**, Manager of the JSpear Ranch and President of Bagley Ditch Company

Broken Oar Award

The 2007 Broken Oar Award was bestowed upon **Martyne Reesman** for her boat navigation skills while collecting northern pikeminnow on the Columbia River. Hey Martyne, you will have better luck if you try sampling in the water instead of on land.

Student Award Winners

The Oregon ExCom thanks all of the student participants at the 2007 Annual Meeting that presented papers and posters, and congratulations to the winners:

2007 Best Student Paper

Alena Pribyl, Steve P. Parker, and Carl. B. Schreck

Extreme Expansion: Rockfish Who Take it to the Edge

2007 Best Student Paper—Runner-up

Scott W. Miller, David Wooster, and Judith Li

A Comparison of Macroinvertebrate Responses to Irrigation Water Withdrawals Across Montane, Foothill, and Lowland River Systems

2007 Best Student Poster

Christina Murphy, Beth Sanderson, Mark Scheuerell, and Chau Tran

*Changes in Isotopic Signature of Juvenile Chinook Salmon (*Onchorhynchus tshawytscha*) with Respect to Size and Stream*

Best Student Poster—Runner-up

Marisa N.C. Litz and Robert L. Emmett

*Ecological Considerations for Northern Anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*) Abundance and Distribution in the Northeastern Pacific*

2007 Scholarship Winners

- **Alena Pribyl, Ph.D**
- **Heidi Vogel, M.S.**
- **Christina Murphy, B.S.**
- **Donald Martin, A.A.**



Allan Smith, 2007 OR AFS Fishery Worker of the Year.



2007 OR AFS Award of Merit winners, John Merwin, Mary Moser, and Phil Larsen (L to R)..



Martyne Reesman receives the 2007 OR AFS Broken Oar Award.



2007 OR AFS Scholarship winners, Christina Murphy, Heidi Vogel, and Alena Pribyl (L to R)..

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEXAS HOLD'EM WINNERS

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Texas Hold'em event. A total of 40 players each donated \$20 to participate in the 2nd Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament. For those that did not do well or did not participate in Eugene, you will have another chance during the 2008 Western Division AFS Meeting in Portland. A special thanks is extended to Tom Iverson and Dave Ward for coordinating the event.

2007 Winner—Gerrish Willis



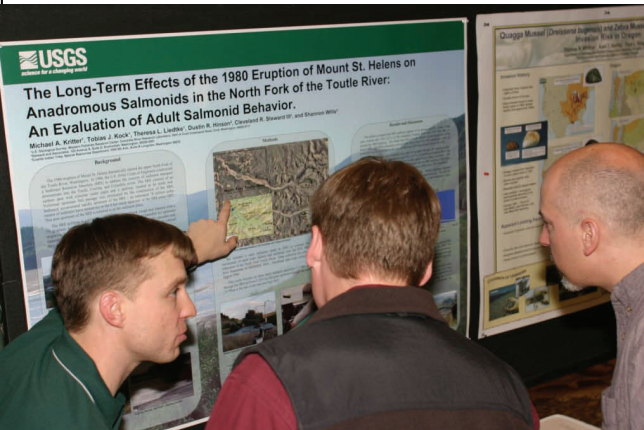
Texas Hold'em participants testing their skills during the 2007 Oregon Chapter AFS Meeting.

POSTER SESSION IS A SMASH

Thanks to wonderful and spacious facilities, the Poster Session was a huge success. Twenty-nine posters were presented with 10 of those being presented by students. Thank you to the poster presenters for being prompt and professional with your posters—we appreciate the hard work that goes into preparing your posters. This session could not have been completed without the help of volunteers to set-up and take-down the posters. A special thanks to David Hand (USFWS) for transporting the poster boards to Eugene. It was great meeting all of you and I look forward to seeing more posters at the 2008 Western AFS Meeting.

Submitted by

Christy Fellas, Poster Session Chair



Meeting attendees discuss one of the 29 posters presented during the Poster Social at the 2007 Oregon Chapter AFS Meeting.

THANKS TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORS AND TRADE SHOW VENDORS

Two of the reasons our 43rd Annual Meeting was a success were our sponsors and Trade Show vendors. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following sponsors who helped promote our common interests in constructively addressing natural resource issues and professional development through direct or in-kind contributions: We also would like to thank every meeting registrant who made a special contribution to help support student registration and lodging. We had a small, but enthusiastic group of eight vendors in our Trade Show who helped support the meeting through Trade Show fees. They helped attendees learn more about important products and services available for addressing fish resource issues. We thank the following Trade Show vendors for their time, effort, and financial contribution.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2007 SPAWNING RUN WINNERS

Despite the damp, chilly conditions, a total of 12 runners participated in this year's Spawning Run. Our winners this year in their respective groups were:

Group 1—Toby Kock, Ian Tatum (*Best Time*), Sasha Fertig

Group 2—John Serl and Alyssa Reischauer

Group 3—Hank Lavigne and Liz Crozier

Group 5—Joe Kelly

Thanks to everyone that participated in the run and to Brad Houslet for assisting with the coordination of the event. See you next year in Portland.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW EXCOM OFFICERS

Extend a warm welcome to newly-elected and returning officers of the Oregon Chapter AFS Executive Committee (ExCom). Please congratulate them and thank them when you have an opportunity, for the Oregon Chapter AFS could not function without these dedicated individuals. Although you elected them at the Annual Meeting in March, the new officers' terms do not start until September 1, 2007. The new officers are:

President-Elect / 2007 Annual Meeting Chair

Neil Ward, Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority

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Mike Reed, City of Portland

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Doug Young, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

External Director

Brad Houslet, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs



2008 Oregon Chapter AFS ExCom members (from left): Mike Reed, Ian Reid, Neil Ward, Brad Houslet, and Martyne Reesman.

RAFFLE AND AUCTION SUCCESSFUL

We raised over \$7,000 this year! Many, many thanks... First, thank you to the donors, your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated and we couldn't do it without you. Second, thank you to our members who continue to purchase items and raffle tickets (way to go members!). Third, thanks to all the volunteers, you guys are outstanding. Lastly, I would like to thank Michele Weaver for being an excellent co-chair and all around good person. Speaking of Michele, she will be taking over as the Raffle and Auction Chair, so if you would like to help out or have any suggestions contact Michele at Michele.H.Weaver@state.or.us.

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Meeting attendees discuss an auction item during the Auction and Raffle Social at the 2007 Oregon Chapter AFS Meeting.

EXTERNAL DIRECTOR NOTES

The external committees and executive committee have been diligently trying to engage an informational blog for quicker turnaround on projects that the ORAFS should be taking positions on or providing comment on. Blogging is new for many people so is taking time to educate personnel and engage personnel to monitor the website and to provide responses. We are also working on posting links and ideas for comment and collecting comments on these topics. Current blogosphere input include sea lion hazing and the new ODFW Sensitive Species List.

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OREGON AFS STUDENT SUBUNIT

Many goals have come to fruition for the Oregon State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club over the past few months. We have volunteered and participated at the ORAFS Annual Meeting, taken our spring break trip to the Sonoran Desert, and Phil Pister of the Desert Fishes Council talked with us about his comprehensive career. The issues Phil spoke of concerning endangered pupfish tied in to our spring break trip very nicely. At El Pinacate National Park in Mexico a group of 29 students from the Club helped biologist dig pond habitat for the endangered fish. Winter was a very exciting and busy time for the Club, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Oregon Chapter AFS for their support.

Over the past spring the Club has continued to get involved with community events. We joined the OSU Organic Growers Club for their annual Earth Day celebration. We also set up an interactive booth at Discovery Days, an event where community children came to learn about fisheries and wildlife. As always we have had several presentations from researchers and biologists concerning current issues in fisheries. The Club took a weekend trip in April where we volunteered with Oregon Trout to restore stream bank habitat on the Deschutes River. We also talked with and observed biologists working on sea lion hazing program at Bonneville Dam. The Bonneville trip was a great opportunity to see, first hand, some of the issues discussed at the annual meeting this year.

The Club has elected Jason Grant as our new AFS Liaison. Jason is a senior in Fisheries and Wildlife Science and is very excited to get started with ORAFS. Jason will be taking over as ORAFS Student Sub Unit Representative this June.

Submitted by

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*Oregon State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club assisting with the construction of artificial ponds for endangered desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularis*) at the El Pinacate Biosphere Reserve—Puerto Penasco.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Western Division and Oregon Chapter AFS Present:

Watershed Restoration Workshop

May 8th & 9th, 2008

(In Conjunction with the 2008 Western AFS Annual Meeting in Portland, OR)



This is a training workshop featuring presentations from practitioners and scientists from the western states. We will examine the many current scientific topics of watershed restoration aimed at restoring our native fish assemblages. This will include; geomorphic and biological processes, assessments and monitoring, stream, riparian, floodplain, and tidal restoration techniques, project management, landowner perspectives, and much more! *More details to come!*

Coordinators: Bianca Streif & Janine Castro – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2008 Western Division and Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting

Human Population Growth and Fisheries: The Western Challenge

Hosted by the Oregon Chapter

In 2008, the Oregon Chapter AFS will host the Western Division AFS Annual Meeting. Expectations are high as we are planning to convene 8-10 concurrent sessions per day as well as a poster session, trade show, and continuing education workshops. The meeting will provide an outstanding venue to advance your professional networking and to keep current on emerging ideas in fisheries science and management in Oregon and elsewhere throughout the western United States. Participation by aquatic resource professionals at all levels and backgrounds, especially students, is encouraged.



The meeting program will include the following types of sessions: Symposia (oral sessions organized to focus on a single topic), Contributed Papers, Student Papers, and Posters.

FIRST CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

The Program Committee invites proposals for symposia from individuals or groups. Symposium organizers are responsible for recruiting speakers. Each symposium should last at least a half-day and may span a maximum of two days. *If you are interested in convening a symposium, please contact Neil Ward at neil.ward@cbfwa.org or 503-229-0191.*

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS, STUDENT PAPERS, AND POSTERS

The first call for contributed oral presentations and posters will occur in late-September. General topics for contributed papers and posters could include: Bioengineering, Communities and Ecosystems, Contaminants and Toxicology, Education, Fish Culture, Fish Health, Fish Conservation, Freshwater Fish Ecology, Freshwater Fisheries Management, Genetics, Habitat and Water Quality, Human Dimensions, Marine Fish Ecology, Marine Fisheries Management, Native Fishes, Physiology, Policy, Population Dynamics, Statistics and Modeling, and Species Specific.



Continue to watch the Oregon Chapter AFS website and *Piscatorial Press* for meeting updates. Registration information will be available via the website in late-2007.

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