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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: EVERYTHING ELSE...

The dust is still settling from our Annual Meeting, but by all accounts it succeeded in our goal of providing a premier venue for professional development, recruitment, networking, and exchange. We had a little fun there too. I'm grateful for the insights gained and contacts made – and their value into the future. Details are recounted throughout the pages of this *Piscatorial Press*, so I'll only add here my hearty **thank you** to everyone who contributed their mind, money, and muscle to this stimulating event!

Of course, we're already incubating ideas for the 2011 Annual Meeting in Bend, and discussing a return to Eugene in 2012. We're also making some time to focus on, well, everything else. Families, friends, and fish – for sure – but also everything else that the chapter is involved in. A few examples follow.

Your ExCom will meet in April to begin transitioning to the "new" ExCom over the summer. We'll wrap up the details surrounding the recent meeting, and consider a few changes for the next year. We'll evaluate the budget (which we expect to be in good condition) and develop funding priorities for the next year, within the framework of our Strategic Plan. If it appears we can maintain our proven program of work with an annually-balanced budget, we'll reconsider strategies for investment of the chapter "nest egg" and potential long-term endowment of our scholarship program.

Workshop anyone? The chapter has a long history of serving a broader swath of professionals with independent workshops, such as the Watershed Restoration series. We're considering hosting a workshop in Fall 2010. The recipe requires a relevant topic, cost-effective venue, and dedicated organizers. The ExCom can assist with the first ingredients, once the last one is located. If you sense a need for "aquatic resource training" that we can and should be providing, and you can help organize it, please let us

know. Topics that seem current and relevant include management of municipal habitats, wave and tidal energy, improving riparian connectivity, and control of aquatic invasives. See the External Director's report on page 8 for details.

We'll also be continuing the chapter's involvement in the upper echelons of the AFS. We've organized a symposium for the Western Division Annual Meeting (April 20-23). We will also be participating in the WDAFS ExCom and business meetings. Several chapter members will arrive in Salt Lake City a day early to partake of the AFS Leadership Training seminar. Our chapter is already known for providing leaders, of course, and currently has two members on the WDAFS ExCom. More recently, our own Bob Hughes has announced his candidacy for the presidential track of national AFS – see the March issue of Fisheries for his statement (also at www.orafs.org) and vote for the candidate who best represents your desires for the Society. At the national level, Oregon members are chairing several committees tasked with supporting the 2011 national Annual Meeting in Seattle – anticipated to be the largest ever. Let me know if you'd like to help out.

In breaking news, congratulations are due our northern neighbors in the WA/BC Chapter for edging us in the competition for Outstanding Chapter of the Western Division. I was a member of that chapter when I first came to the Northwest in the early 90s, and am vicariously proud that they have restored such vitality and relevance in recent years. They studied us to win it, and we'll be studying them to win it back for Oregon next year!

Finally, I wish all of you a wet and slimy Spring, in the most enjoyable sense. Amid everything else that "needs doing" during this busy season, be sure to make some quality time to refresh yourself on the water, in the water, and with the fishes.

Rich Grost, President

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Oregon Chapter's 46th Annual Meeting Recap

SUCCESS THROUGH SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

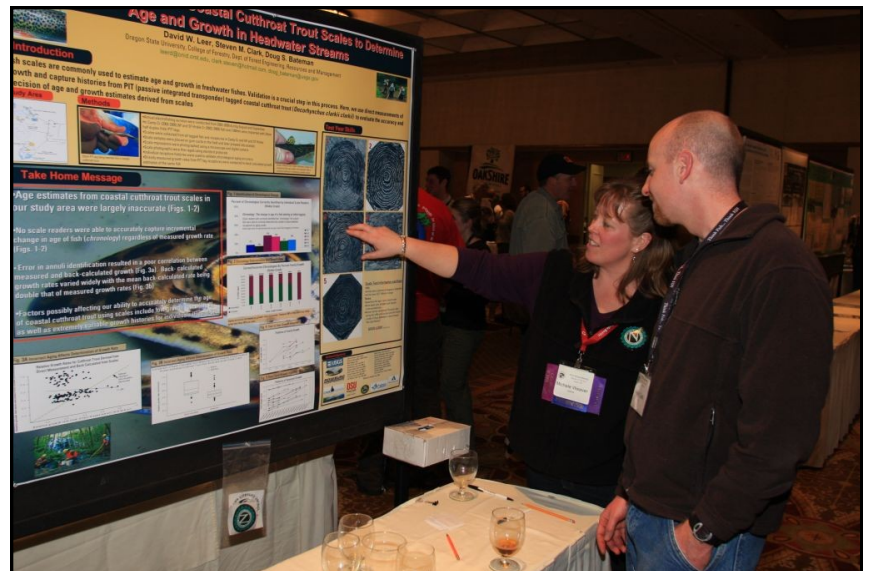
The Oregon Chapter's Annual Meeting in February 2010 drew some 470 professionals, including 60 students, to participate in "Success Through Science and Management". The theme of this meeting reflects the reality that successful management of fisheries and aquatic resources requires translation and integration of detailed, highly technical information into management. Increased understanding of the science underlying natural resource processes usually leads to development of more effective management tools. This year's Annual Meeting challenged participants to think about the application of science and management toward achieving successful outcomes for our fisheries and aquatic resources.

Plenary: Dr. Carl Schreck, professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, leader of the Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, and AFS Award of Excellence recipient, began the meeting with an inspirational and thought-provoking keynote presentation titled, "Needles in Haystacks, Haruspication, and Much Harder than Rocket Science: Perspectives on Science for Fisheries." Dr. Schreck offered his insights on the state of fisheries science and the challenges to thinking creatively and broadly when funding and peer review processes both tend to narrow our approaches. He predicted that the science of the future will emphasize understanding how whole systems work -- the connections among all levels from the microscopic to the macro-landscape. He urged us toward this goal through research in specialized areas such as pheromones, and also through improving our performance providing the most basic information such as fish abundance. Throughout the meeting, many speakers referenced Dr. Schreck's address in their own talks, which is a testament to Dr. Schreck's ability to encourage broader thinking among the membership.

Sessions: The volume and diversity of material presented was impressive. Twenty technical sessions accommodated 164 oral presentations and 34 posters on topics ranging from genetics, morphology, statistics, and modeling to the application of science in the fields of policy, education, aquaculture, and fisheries management.



Rich Grost (left) and Demian Ebert (right) visit with plenary speaker Dr. Carl Schreck (middle) at the Annual Meeting.



Michele Weaver discusses scale ages with David Leer at the highly successful poster session Wednesday evening.

Special sessions included "Salmon in the City" and "Environmental Legacies". The least conventional session highlighted inspiring images of fish, including tips on underwater photography and video presented by member fish photographers.

Workshops: Three workshops preceded the meeting and educated some 80 members. The largest, "PIT Tag Techniques and Technologies", was organized by Dave Marvin and included presentations from members with ODFW, NMFS, USGS, and the Yakama Nation.

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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP: CONTINUED

participating in the workshop included OregonRFID and Bio-Mark. This workshop covered the principles and techniques for a successful PIT tag experiment, the pros and cons of half-duplex vs. full-duplex tags, antenna theory, field detector design and testing, data management and QA/QC techniques, and live antennae demonstrations. This was the most well-attended pre-meeting workshop in recent memory. Vemco provided a free workshop on acoustic telemetry, including how the technology works, how to use Vemco equipment, and how to effectively analyze data offloaded from Vemco receivers. The "Media Madness" workshop was presented by Oregon State University's News and Communication Services, and Extension and Experiment Station Communications staff. This interactive workshop helped members learn how to solicit and respond to the attention of the news media. Participants reviewed new releases, video interviews, and then got their own "face time" in front of the camera for a taped and critiqued interview. There were insights on how to anticipate controversy and objectively defuse pointed questions, and in general how to translate science to help the public better understand resource and management issues.

Business Meeting: At the business meeting, President Rich Grost summarized the state of the chapter as being on course to meet the goals established in the annual work plan, and within budget. He discussed the chapter's role in continuing review of the Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion and indicated that the issue was elevated to the Western Division, where a review of the Adaptive Management Implementation Plan (AMIP) was just completed and appears timely in providing constructive comment toward improved management of the Columbia and Snake rivers. Mary Buckman (Secretary/Treasurer for the Western Division) provided an update on the upcoming Western Division meeting, and Bob Hughes announced his candidacy for the 2nd VP position of national AFS. Internal Director Jason Kent announced the three education and outreach grant awardees for 2010. External Director Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey updated members on committee activities and Legislative Liaison David Moskowitz (Confluence Consulting NW) summarized opportunities to work with the state legislature. Standing committees and the student subunit convened for strategy sessions.

Tour: Finally, after the meeting the City of Eugene sponsored a tour of the nearby Delta Ponds Habitat Restoration Project -- a collaborative effort with state and federal partners to restore this side-channel habitat. Once degraded and separated from the Willamette River and supporting only invasive plants,



Warren Leach (OR RFID) and Vince Tranquilli (ODFW) demonstrating various half-duplex antennae designs at the PIT tag workshop.



Todd Simmons (left), Mark Floyd (middle), and Larry Pribyl (right) all of OSU facilitated the Media Madness workshop.

the hydrologic connection has been restored, and it is now a thriving habitat with over 40,000 native plants and on-site use by Chinook and cutthroat trout. Thanks to Eric Wold for the tour.

Thanks: Overall, the 2010 meeting fulfilled expectations as the Oregon Chapter's largest and most important technical and professional networking event. Thanks are due to all who attended, assisted, presented, moderated, donated, and especially the ExCom for a year of behind-the-scenes planning. Every one of you is appreciated and recognized for your contribution!

Allison Evans, Newsletter Editor

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Raffle/Auction

The raffle and auction, organized by Christy Fellas and Kristle Volin, was successful in both fun and fundraising. Amazing artwork and photographs were donated by Joe Tomelleri, Rich Grost, Mary Edwards, Ray Troll and many others. Handmade items were donated by Laura Tesler, Michele Weaver, Paul Sheerer, and Tucker Jones's dad demonstrating the talent and creativity of some of our members. Fishing trips offered by Scott & Selina Heppell, Ian Reid and Neil Ward were very popular. Together, over 50 individuals and businesses donated trips, items, and services to the raffle and auction. I would like to give a special thanks to Christy, Kristle, all of the donors and to the student volunteers who helped - we couldn't have done it without all of you. If you would like to volunteer or donate for next year's Raffle and Auction please contact me directly.



Christy Fellas (left) and Kristle Volin (right) prepare tickets for the Annual Meeting Raffle

Student Volunteers

What a banner year for student participation at the ORAFS annual meeting! With the help of Brett Anderson, over 50 students volunteered at the meeting, both graduate and undergraduate students from around the state. We couldn't have run the sales desk, raffle/auction or registration desk without the help of student volunteers. A special thanks to Justin Huff, an OSU undergraduate student, for agreeing to organize and oversee the sales table this year. With so many volunteers we were able to give students shorter work shifts and allow them to attend more technical sessions. Hope to see some familiar and new student faces in Bend next year!

Mentor Speed Dating

Thanks to Christy Fellas for developing the mentor speed dating design in 2009 that has proved to be an effective mentoring format. This year, 60 students attended the mentor session and many found potential employers. Thanks to the 40 mentors who showed up to impart their knowledge and experience to the students. Mentors were grouped by occupation and students spent 5-8 minutes at each table talking with mentors. It seemed that mentors and students alike had a great time this year and gave positive feedback. If you have never participated in this session, consider being a mentor at next year's meeting. Several matches (employer/employee) came out of this session. Students graduating next year or mentors looking to hire, please consider attending the mentoring session next year.



Small groups of students meet with representatives of potential employers during the Student-Mentor Mixer

Looking Ahead to Bend in 2011

If you would like to step-up your participation at the annual meeting, please contact me directly to discuss opportunities to get involved.

Shivonne Nesbit, Vice President

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The 2010 Annual Meeting was a place to share ideas, learn about new research, visit with old friends, and meet new friends. It was also a place to recognize the achievements of our colleagues. Professional awards were expertly managed by Mindy Simmons and the Awards Committee. Congratulations to the award winners, and thanks to all of the nominators.

Award of Merit Winners

- Kara Anlauf (ODFW) for her outstanding dedication to rapid and effective communications for the Oregon Chapter as the Chapter's webmaster
- Neil Ward (CBFWA) for his exceptional service to the Chapter, including serving on the Chapter's ExCom for 6 years and as the Program Chair for the Western Division Annual Meeting in May 2008
- Dan Diggs (USFWS) for his vision for a science-based approach to hatchery management, his insistence on high scientific standards and excellence, and his emphasis on collaboration with state, tribal and federal agencies
- Brian Bangs, Paul Scheerer, and Steve Jacobs (all of ODFW) for their creative and tireless 20-year effort to restore Oregon chub

Broken Oar

Don Ratliff and Jim Bartlett (both of PGE) for enduring the collapse of portions of a gigantic selective water withdrawal tower at Round Butte Dam, keeping their sanity, and persevering until the project was completed and began passing fish within the same year.

Student Scholarship Winners

The 2010 OR AFS scholarships were awarded to:

- Kevin Fox, A.A., Mount Hood Community College
- Justin Huff, B.S., OSU
- Ralph Lampman, M.S., OSU
- Brooke Penaluna, Ph.D., OSU

The uniquely prestigious Carl Bond Scholarship was awarded to:

- Brooke Penaluna, Ph.D., OSU, in support of her work on biotic interactions among native reticulate sculpin, juvenile coho, and coastal cutthroat trout in Oregon coast headwater streams.

Scott Heppell and the Scholarship committee did an outstanding job managing the scholarship process and evaluating the worthy applicant pool. Special thanks to application reviewers including David Noakes, Joseph Feldhaus, Charlie Corrarino, Tom Worcester and Steve Jacobs.

Best Student Paper and Poster

- Best Student Paper: Jayde Ferguson (OSU) and Alena Pribyl (OSU, runner-up)
- Best Student Poster: Brooke Penaluna (OSU) and Matt Stinson (OSU, runner-up)

Mike Hudson did an excellent job planning for these important awards. Many thanks to Mike and his team of volunteer judges!



Brooke Penaluna (left) and Alena Pribyl (right) received their Student Paper and Poster Awards during the 2010 ORAFS Annual Meeting. Jayde Ferguson and Matt Stinson also won awards but are



Student Scholarship winners (left to right): Justin Huff, Ralph Lampman, and Brooke Penaluna.



Kara Anlauf accepts her Award of Merit for her outstanding job as the Chapter's webmaster.



Neil Ward accepts his Award of Merit for his long-running service on ExCom. He was also awarded the Past-President Award for his



Dan Diggs accepts his Award of Merit for his long service to science-based management and collaboration.



Brian Bangs, Paul Scheerer, and Steve Jacobs receive their Award of Merit for efforts to recover Oregon chub.



Don Ratliff (left) and Jim Bartlett (right) accept the Broken Oar Award for enduring the collapse of part of the selective water withdrawal tower at Round Butte Dam. Nominator Mike Gauvin stands between the recipients.

EXTERNAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

What another fantastic Oregon AFS annual meeting! I just love attending these meetings. And for the second year in a row, several of our External Committee chairs attended and held breakout sessions immediately following the Business Meeting. The purpose of these sessions was to 1) allow the chairs a forum for presenting their committee's goals/priorities for the year and 2) allow membership a forum for bringing forward potential issues that our Chapter may want to address in the coming year(s). This year, we had nearly twice as many people attend the breakout (round-table) discussions as we did last year. With nearly 35 people sitting around the different tables, lively and informative discussions ensued and the enthusiasm and renewed external committee vigor was contagious! Some of the topics discussed included drafting a white paper on hatchboxes and wild fishes, reconnecting with federal legislators about the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act, helping develop a comprehensive statewide riparian management strategy, increasing the Chapter's involvement with the statewide marine reserve process, and helping ODFW re-evaluate hatchery policies as they pertain to native fishes.

You may recall that we hired a Legislative Liaison last year (David Moskowitz of Confluence Consulting NW). The first year of our contract wasn't without its bumps but we learned a great deal about how the Chapter could best serve our State's legislators and we've developed some excellent policies and procedures for interacting with legislative matters. Unfortunately for us, David recently left his practice to join Water Watch of Oregon. David brought a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to the Legislative Committee and we're sad to see him go. So we're again entertaining legislative liaison proposals. If any of you know of someone who might be suited for the job, please send me an email (osbornegowey at hotmail dot com). We hope to have this process buttoned up within the next 5-6 weeks so we can again forge ahead with legislative matters in a timely manner. Nevertheless, over the past year we've

had the opportunity to provide substantive feedback on a variety of natural resource-related policies and bills and we're looking forward to another productive year. First on the legislative agenda: developing working relationships with the various natural resource committee chairs in the State Legislature. Our hope is that by developing these relationships, we might be able to help provide natural resource insights as legislation is being crafted rather than limiting ourselves to providing input after the fact.

Ideas for a Fall 2010 workshop include the following. If you are interested in organizing a workshop, contact me!

- Salmon in the City – managing aquatic resources in urban settings, a workshop relevant for municipal planners and managers;
- New Energy Impacts – exploring potential resource impacts of emerging technologies such as tidal and wave generation, and how to assess them; and the ever popular
- Search and Destroy for Aquatics Invasives – methods for identifying, killing, and controlling their spread.
- Riparian Connectivity – improving habitat and access conditions within the aquatic / terrestrial interface

Our Education and Outreach Committee, formerly chaired by Jason Kent (now our new Internal Director), did an outstanding job of evaluating the grant proposals submitted as part of our Chapter's efforts to make grant monies available again this year. And the Chapter, at the recommendation of the E&O Committee, awarded monies to three deserving recipients, each proposal of which included a strong educational component. For more details, see E&O Grant feature in this issue (pg 10). Please also welcome Karen Hans (ODFW) as our Chapter's new Education and Outreach Chair. Karen's been an active member of the E&O Committee and is excited to help this committee maintain its energy and activities. And if you're interested in sitting on an external committee or serving as a chair, don't hesitate to contact me!
Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, External Director



YOUR 2009-2010 EXCOM

The success of the Annual meeting truly represents a collaborative effort. Thanks to all who attended, assisted, presented, moderated, donated, and especially the ExCom for a year of behind-the-scenes planning: President Rich Grost, Past-president Neil Ward, President-elect Demian Ebert, Vice-president Shivonne Nesbit, Secretary-Treasurer Shaun Clements, Internal Director Martyne Reesman, and external Director Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey. This crew, and incoming President-elect Colleen Fagan, are already planning the next Oregon Chapter meeting February 22 -25, 2010 in Bend, OR.

Left: Shaun Clements, Neil Ward, Demian Ebert, Shivonne Nesbitt, Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, Brett Anderson, and Rich Grost.

ORAFS STUDENT SUBUNIT REMAINS ACTIVE

Activities: The ORAFS Student Subunit, functioning as the OSU Fisheries and Wildlife (FW) Club, continued to foster undergraduate professional development through educational trips and biweekly meetings featuring guest speakers. Weekend trips included a visit to Mt. St. Helens and a tour hosted by McKenzie River Trust. The FW Club also works to participate in local outreach and education programs. The OSU Graduate Student Association hosted the 7th annual RAFWE symposium. Students organized 33 presentations, 16 posters, three workshops, a brown bag lunch featuring Jeff McDonnell, and a keynote address featuring Jim Martin. The symposium drew in

greater than 150 attendees.



OSU undergraduates Katie Borgen (left) and Marybeth Head (right) study t-shirt designs at the sales table.



FW Club members on a tour hosted by the McKenzie

Plans for expansion:

Currently, the ORAFS Student Subunit operates as an undergraduate organization restricted to the Oregon State University campus. With the assistance of the ORAFS Executive Committee and interested student members of ORAFS, the subunit is planning to expand its role to include both undergraduate and graduate students beyond the OSU campus. The OSU FW Club and Graduate Student Association will continue to operate as tools to encourage cooperation of students within the OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Department, while the student subunit will encourage professional development and partnerships beyond the department. Any

changes to the current structure will work to enrich all student members of ORAFS and continue to support large numbers of students at the annual meeting.

Brett Anderson, Student Representative

CHIPS FALL AND STRINGS RING!

At the Annual Meeting in Eugene, ORAFS members showed off their poker-playing skills and their instrumental prowess. Thursday evening, 24 card enthusiasts went to work in the poker tournament. After a hard-fought game, Chad Smith emerged the overall winner. Standings (prizes) were: 1) Chad Smith (Tomelleri print); 2) Casey Justice (fishing pole); 3) Jason Kent (multi-tool); 4) Bruce Schmidt (bottle of Tyee Pinot); 5) Doug Olson (Flyfishing magazine); 6) Jeff Jackson (Flyfishing magazine); 7) Marjorie Wolfe (admission for 4 to the Oregon Zoo); 8) Tyler Lyman (Steelheader magazine); and 9) Tom Iverson (kayak



Poker tournament players show off their prizes.



Band members jam after the banquet.

lessons for 2). Many thanks to Tom Iverson for coordinating this friendly and fun competition. Thanks to all the participants who made the evening enjoyable. You could be a winner next year in Bend!

Thank you to all the musicians who played in the jam session, providing entertainment for everyone after the banquet! A special thank-you goes to Steve Liebhardt for organizing the event and Mike Faler for helping with the sound system. Memorable events include Ralph Lampman's lamprey rap, guitar licks by Jens Lovtang, and mandolin riffs courtesy of Paul Sheerer. Thanks to the everyone who played, sang, and contributed to the effort!

2010 EDUCATION & OUTREACH GRANTS

The second round of the ORAFS Education & Outreach Grant Program was completed in January. 13 grant applications were submitted for up to \$6,300 in available awards. Three interesting and diverse projects were funded in the John Day, Hood River, and Clackamas River basins.

- The Clackamas River Basin Council was awarded \$2,537.52 to construct a physical model of the Clackamas Basin. The model will be used at educational and outreach functions to demonstrate the concepts of non-point source pollution, urbanization, and the benefits of riparian buffer and wetland habitats.
- Indian Creek Stewards was awarded \$1,500 to develop interpretive signs for a new trail associated with the Indian Creek Restoration Project. The signs will be developed in a collaborative effort with the local high school and Columbia Gorge Community College, and will document restoration efforts, show community involvement, and inform the public about watersheds and ecosystems.

- The North Fork John Day Watershed Council was awarded \$2,162.48 to produce a Rancher's Guide to a Healthy Watershed. The single-page, four-fold brochure will be distributed by the Watershed Council to help ranchers make informed decisions about stream protection and restoration. The guide will include information on watershed ecology, ranching impacts on watershed health, and solutions that benefit both fisheries and ranchers.

ORAFS has funded \$20,000 in Education & Outreach programs in 2009 and 2010. The programs advance the Oregon Chapter's goals regarding public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of fish resources in the State of Oregon.

Jason Kent, Internal Director

WELCOME 2010-2011 EXCOM OFFICERS!

Welcome to newly-elected and returning officers of the ORAFS Executive Committee (ExCom). Please congratulate them and thank them when you have an opportunity, for ORAFS could not function without these dedicated individuals. Although you elected them during the 2010 Annual Meeting, the new officers' terms start September 1, 2010.

The new officers are:

President-Elect/2011 Annual Meeting Chair — Colleen Fagan, ODFW, colleen.e.fagan@state.or.us; 541-963-2138
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Internal Director — Jason Kent, TetraTech, jason.kent@tetrattech.com; 503-223-5388 ext. 105
Student Representative — to be elected April 20, 2010

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Past President (currently President) — Rich Grost, PacifiCorp
President (currently President-Elect) — Demian Ebert, PBSJ
External Director — Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, Conservation Biology Institute
Vice President — Shivonne Nesbit, Oregon State University

Think ahead to next year's awards!

Between now and the next Annual Meeting, be thinking ahead about who you'd like to nominate for awards!

- Fishery Worker of the Year: substantial single/sustained accomplishments above and beyond their regular job
- Fishery Team of the Year: collaborative efforts to understand and manage fisheries resources
- Award of Merit: individuals, groups, or organizations that have made special contributions to fisheries
- Bill Wingfield Memorial Award in Fish Culture: significant contributions o advancing fish culture or fish health
- Broken Oar Award: "outstanding display of field technique and coordination"

WESTERN DIVISION AFS ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 19-23 2010

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

On behalf of the Utah Chapter, we invite you to join us in Salt Lake City, April 19 – 23 for the 2010 Western Division of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Downtown Radisson Hotel and adjacent Salt Palace Convention Center.

The theme of the meeting, “*The Future of Aquatic Resources in the West: Science, Management, and Politics*,” is meant to highlight the multiple stakeholders/demands placed on aquatic resources; how these demands drive the direction of scientific inquiry and management; and the political interaction that results. The Western US is home to the five driest states in the nation and three of the top five states with the fastest population growth. The West’s aquatic resources are facing increasing demands resulting in intersections between science, management, and politics.

We encourage symposia, papers, and posters that build on the meeting theme and demonstrate how fisheries scientists, aquatic resource managers, and politicians address the challenges facing fish populations and aquatic ecosystems.

For more information, please contact: Mike Mills (mikem@cuwcd.com) or Anna Forest (annaforest@utah.gov).

NOTE: The Oregon Chapter is contributing a session on dam removals to the WDAFS Annual Meeting — to participate or assist please contact Kirk Schroeder (kirk.schroeder@oregonstate.edu).

For more information: go to www.wdafs.org

PISCATORIAL PRESS GUIDELINES AND CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Do you have something newsworthy to share?
Submissions from ORAFS members are welcome!**

Do you have an update on interesting work you would like to share with them membership? If so, please submit a brief summary, along with photos by the submission deadlines listed below.

Submission deadlines for news items are:

June 15; Sept.15; Dec. 15; March 15

Send submissions to Allison Evans at:

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The newsletter is published approximately two weeks after submissions are received.

Submissions used as time and space allows

SAVE THE DATE!

2011 ORAFS Annual Meeting
February 22-25, 2011

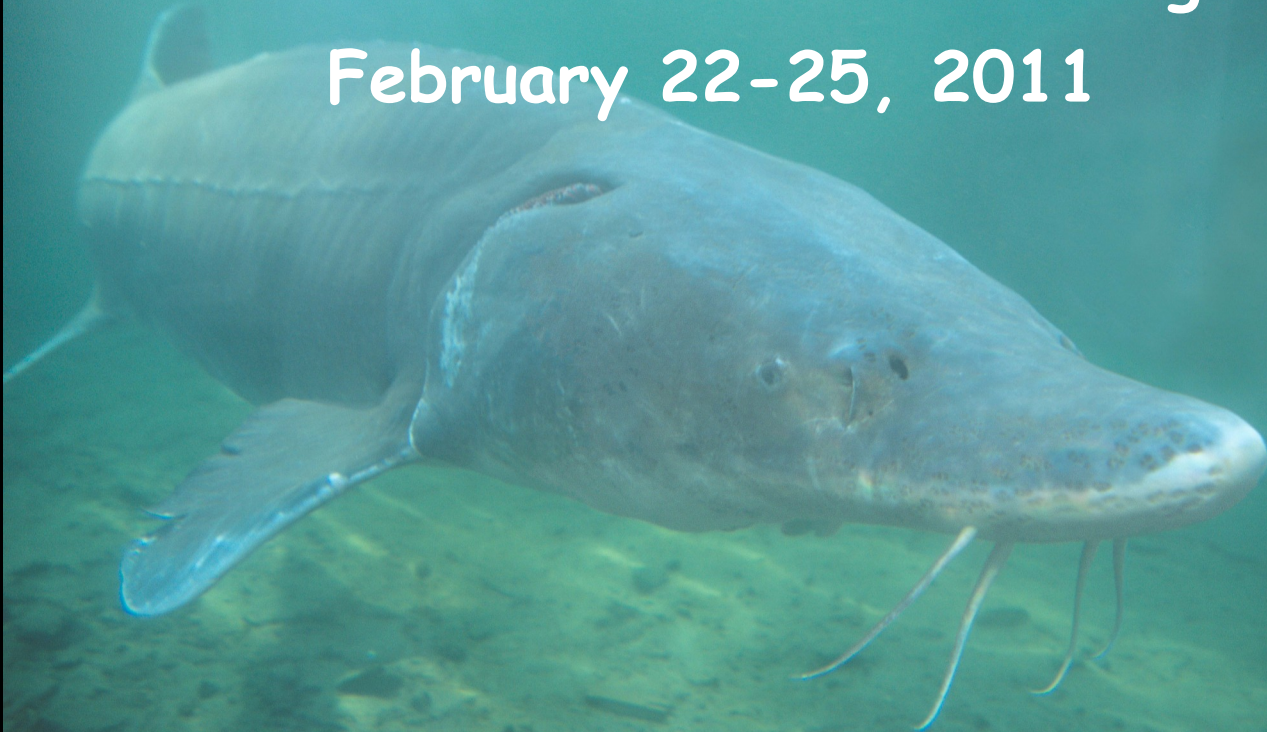


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Riverhouse Conference Center, Bend, OR

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with suggestions for themes, speakers, symposia/session
topics, events, and your favorite Bend brewery for the
2011 Annual Meeting.