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PNAMP October 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Oct 17 [Fish Monitoring Work Group Meeting \(October 2024\)](#)
- Oct 23 [Society for Freshwater Science: Pacific Northwest Chapter Annual Meeting 2024](#)
- Oct 28 [Society for Ecological Restoration North American Conference 2024](#)
- Oct 31 [Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group Virtual Fall Meeting](#)
- Nov 6 [2024 Joint Session of StreamNet Executive Committee and PNAMP Steering Committee](#)

If you would like your meetings posted on the PNAMP calendar, please email gs-pnamp_contact@usgs.gov with details.

ICYMI: 154th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society: Conserving Fishes and Fishing Traditions Through Knowledge Co-Production

What an amazing array of science, knowledge, people, and events at the [American Fisheries Society's 154th Annual Meeting!](#) With a theme of *Conserving Fishes and Fishing Traditions Through Knowledge Co-Production*, participants were treated to a variety of perspectives around indigenous knowledge, examples of merging western science and traditional ecological knowledge, and informative plenary talks featuring the rich culture of Kānaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians). Though formal

attendance numbers are not yet available, AFS staff indicated this was one of the biggest annual meetings to date. With [hundreds of symposia](#), there was something for everyone. It was great to see Pacific Northwest experts sharing their expertise. For example, Tim Copeland presented the latest around management of wild Chinook (IDFG; in photo at left) and PNAMP's own Sam Cimino (USGS) presented the strong relationship between PNAMP and the PSMFC StreamNet Program. We extend a huge thanks to all the speakers for their efforts – simply too many to list here!

Another aspect of the Annual Meeting are the section business meetings, where you can catch up on your favorite topics such as the [Fish Habitat Section](#), [Water Quality Section](#), or [Data and Technology Section](#). I learned the [Data and Technology Section](#) recently changed its name from Fisheries Information and Technology Section (FITS), for example. In other news, the Society thanked Doug Austen for his 12 years of service as Executive Director and welcomed Jeff Kopaska as the new Director. With Jeff's background in data related topics as a biometrician for Iowa Department of Natural Resources, we know AFS is in good hands for years to come.

If you haven't been to an AFS conference, consider it in the future. Oregon, Idaho, and WA/BC AFS Chapters have highly attended meetings each year and in 2025 the Oregon Chapter will host the AFS Western Region conference in Portland. We will be sure to share more details as they develop!

Submitted by Jen Bayer (USGS/PNAMP)



Photo Courtesy of Jen Bayer

Great Jobs in Big Sky Country!

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is now hiring qualified candidates for several positions. Steward the fish, wildlife, parks, and recreational resources for the public, now and into the future. Apply now!

[GIS Programmer/Analyst](#) (Helena, MT)

[GIS & Natural Resource Data Analyst](#) (Helena, MT)

[Fisheries Technician 4](#) (Great Falls, MT)

[Fisheries Technician 4](#) (Libby, MT)

[Fisheries Technician 5](#) (Dillon, MT)



Photo Courtesy of NOAA

"Harvest" All the Updates from the PNAMP FMWG in October!

Join us for the upcoming October PNAMP Fish Monitoring Work Group (FMWG) meeting! Don't miss the Tech Talk presentation:

Flowing Forward: Key Insights from the Middle Fork John Day River Intensively Monitored Watershed 2024 Summary Report

The Middle Fork John Day River Intensively Monitored Watershed ([Middle Fork IMW](#)) Working Group (comprised of multiple agencies and entities, with funding from PSMFC, NOAA and OWEB) dedicated 2023 to completing a summary report that builds

off the Middle Fork IMW's 2017 10-Year Summary Report. The 2024 report represents additional years of work and voluntary reporting by numerous agencies and individuals, conducting restoration, research, and monitoring activities in the upper Middle Fork John Day River. On a voluntary basis, principal investigators and their co-authors wrote eight individual chapters, describing their recent research and findings. The 2024 Summary Report also provides key insights into the intensity and types of restoration actions completed on the landscape, an assessment of the application of previous recommendations provided in 2017, a compilation of new lessons learned and recommendations, and recommendations for future restoration to target limiting factor(s) and achieve the goals of the Middle Fork IMW. The 2024 Middle Fork John Day IMW Summary Report can be found at this link: [2024 Middle Fork John Day River IMW Summary Report](#). Kasey Bliesner (ODFW and the Middle Fork IMW co-coordinator) and other members of the Middle Fork IMW Working Group will present key insights from the 2024 Summary Report.

Join us on October 17th from 10-11:30 am (Pacific) to learn more. Visit the [event page](#) for information on how to join. Check out our [YouTube channel](#) for previous presentations.

Want more information or be added to the Fish Monitoring Work Group? Contact Meg Dethloff, mdethloff@usgs.gov.

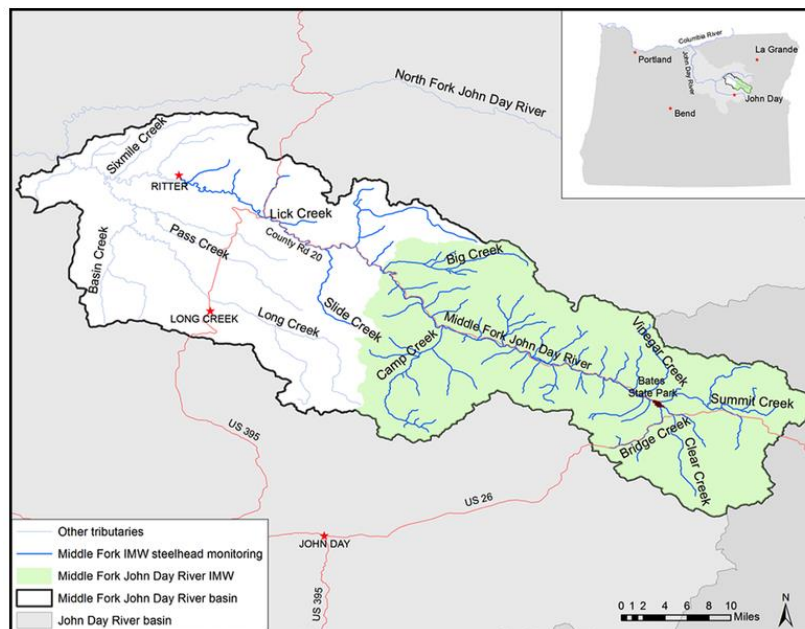


Photo Courtesy of Middle Fork John Day River IMW overview map <http://www.middleforkimw.org/>

Don't Miss the 2024 Our Willamette Waters Symposium!

Registration is open for the Willamette Waters Symposium, taking place on November 12-13 at the La Sells Stewart Center in Corvallis, OR. The theme is *Our Willamette Waters: Science in Service of Policy, Management, and Restoration*.

The 2-day conference will address key river policy and management issues, the state of science for aquatic species, and attendee presentations, amongst other topics. Events include all-attendee presentations and workshop-style interactive sessions focusing on biological and geophysical trends, policy issues, and river management.

Conference topics include:

- Where have we been and where are we going in the Willamette River basin
- Relationships with river restoration
- Current river fish distributions and trends over time
- Insights into spring Chinook fish passage
- Water law
- Stream temperature conditions and considerations for management and policy
- Wildfire regimes
- Indigenous wildfire and land management

Early-Bird Registration Ends October 12. Scholarships and registration waivers are available. For more information, contact Guillermo.Giannico@oregonstate.edu, or visit the conference website to register and see the schedule. ([Our Willamette 2024 | College of Agricultural Sciences \(oregonstate.edu\)](#))



Image Courtesy of Willamette Water Symposium

National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP) Launches Redesigned Website

The National Fish Habitat Partnership launched a [redesigned website](#) in September to make the National Fish Habitat Action Plans and other online resources more accessible, and to help better inform the American people about the collaborative landscape conservation work being done to protect, restore, and enhance aquatic habitat across the nation. The new design offers a more user-friendly format and convenient page navigability, along with enhanced mapping features. The new interactive map allows users to view details about individual projects and regional summaries of NFHP accomplishments. Users can also explore areas of interest by filtering NFHP data by project year, type, location, and species focus.

The site was specifically designed to streamline access to information about the 20 regional Fish Habitat Partnerships that form the hub of their work to conserve fish habitat nationwide. Information on previous national fish habitat assessments, historical program documents, and information on the activities of the National Fish Habitat Board are also included along with a more convenient sign-up feature for their monthly newsletter. The website contains links to the website for *Beyond the Pond*, the 501c3 non-profit organization established to support NFHP, as well as individual donation pages for each of the 20 Fish Habitat Partnerships.



Image Courtesy of the National Fish Habitat Partnership
