

## “Fisheries Research’s Best Kept Secret”

The AAHL spread the word at this year’s [Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society](#) conference held in Seaside, OR.

The ORAFS conference tradeshow was a great opportunity for the AAHL to let researchers and fisheries managers know about the new and improved facilities and services available to them to help answer the difficult challenges of today.

Folks from all aspects of the fisheries science community visited the vendor display to chat with Ruth and Jerri. Many issues that face hatcheries and aquatic environments in Oregon were discussed. Several challenges are evident such as; prevention of disease outbreaks, development of pathogen detection methods and treatments, effects of stressors such as drought, elevated river temperatures, and climate change impacts on tolerance levels of aquatic species and pathogens. The AAHL can assist by providing a controlled environment to conduct experiments to help answer these questions. Many attendees were surprised to learn about our facility and its new state-of-the art heated and chilled water system available for fisheries researchers.

The exhibition booth created quite the “buzz” when Amanda Smith: Public Affairs Officer Fisheries, Social Media at USFWS streamed a live feed periscope interview with manager Ruth Milston-Clements.



*Ruth and Jerri have way too much fun sharing information about the lab at ORAFS*