



Oregon Tech

Fish and Wildlife Club

2026 Undergraduate Leadership and Development Grant Report

Oregon Tech's newly founded Fish and Wildlife Club successfully funded travel and registration for two club members to attend the 2026 Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ORTWS) Annual Conference in Seaside, Oregon, thanks to the generous support of the ORTWS.

The \$1,000 grant award directly advanced the club's core mission: promoting professional development, scientific literacy, mentorship, and firsthand experience in fisheries and wildlife conservation for undergraduate students. The attending members participated in all facets of the annual meeting, engaging directly with working professionals, exploring current issues in wildlife management, and strengthening their professional aspirations.

Following the conference, the attendees synthesized their experiences and shared key takeaways with the broader club during a presentation at the regularly scheduled March meeting. These shared insights inspired younger students to step into active leadership roles within the club—several have since become officers—setting a strong foundation for an active and engaged 2026–2027 academic year.