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Guide for Mentors

Oregon State University Graduate Certificate in Fisheries Management Program

The Graduate Certificates in Fisheries or Wildlife Management are 18-credit interdisciplinary degree programs taught either online through Oregon State University Extended Campus or on the Corvallis campus. For more details on the program, please visit:

<http://fw.oregonstate.edu/content/fisheries-or-wildlife-management-graduate-certificate>

In order to complete the program requirements, student must produce a Capstone Project. The project is essentially an extended term paper or outreach product that can involve either primary literature review or original research. The final product can be presented in many formats including written reports, documentary films, public information documents or even podcasts. Capstone project guidelines, examples of past capstone projects and an example mentor evaluation can be found at the link provided above.

The Certificate Program Coordinators appreciate the contributions of mentors in providing oversight and guidance to students to complete their capstone project. The program provides an honorarium of \$500 acknowledging the contributions of the mentor (if this is permitted by the mentor's employer).

As a mentor, you will provide input on the student's project proposal and outline, provide feedback on a draft, and provide an evaluation of the final product which is also reviewed by the Capstone Course Supervisor. It is anticipated that the time commitment of a mentor is approximately 10-15 hours in total. The Graduate Certificate Program Coordinators at OSU are available to help with any questions and provide any assistance you may require. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dr. Susie Dunham, Capstone Project Supervisor at Susie.dunham@oregonstate.edu; 541-737-2642 or Dr. Bruce Dugger, Associate Department Head & Distance Education Program Director at Bruce.dugger@oregonstate.edu; 541-737-2465.

Here are some guidelines for our Graduate Certificate mentors:

- Guide your student in preparing a project proposal and outline
- Mentor your student in collecting, analyzing and synthesizing data and information to answer capstone project questions
- Review and provide feedback on an initial draft of the student's project
- Provide a written evaluation of the final product for review by the Capstone Supervisor and Program Director

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions. We look forward to working with you.