

American Fisheries Society Genetics Section Hall of Excellence



Dr. Robin S. Waples

Dr. Waples has had a successful career at the Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Seattle as a Research Associate, Program Manager, Division Director, and a Senior Scientist. Early in his productive career Robin focused on developing and applying scientifically-based policies for the 1991 implementation of the federal Endangered Species Act. That work continues as the authoritative statement on the Act, not only for Pacific salmon but a much broader taxonomic range where population definition, effective population size and cultured vs. wild organisms are a concern. He has continued to creatively engage in and draw world-wide attention to issues relating to fishery genetics and conservation and has collaborated with a broad range of other distinguished scientists. He had been recognized for his work by other prestigious organizations including: election to the Washington State Academy of Sciences, serving as president of the American Genetic Association, and the American Fisheries Society honored Robin in 2008 with the William Ricker Fishery Conservation Award for significantly advancing aquatic resource conservation at the national and international level.

Elected into the Genetics Section, Hall of Excellence, 2015