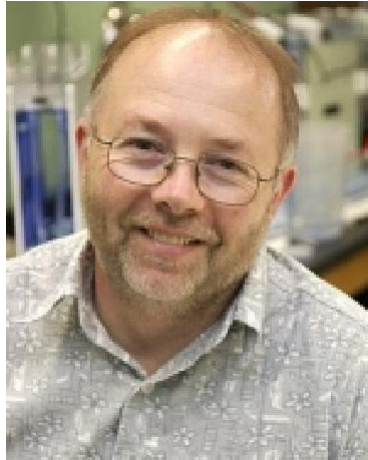


American Fisheries Society Genetics Section Hall of Excellence



Dr. Gary H. Thorgaard

Dr. Gary Thorgaard, the Edward R. Meyer Distinguished Professor at Washington State University has had a long and distinguished career combining genetic concepts and fisheries biology. Gary joined the faculty at Washington State University in 1979 and will retire as Professor Emeritus in August 2015. Throughout his career, Gary has been a true academician, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, mentoring graduate students in an active research lab, and serving in administrative roles. Although Gary's research contributions have been diverse, most of his projects stem from his work to understand of the cytogenetics of salmon and trout. Gary has worked to characterize salmonid sex chromosomes, the evolutionary genetics of Mendelian and quantitative traits and develop a genetically diverse collection of clonal lines of rainbow trout that have been used in numerous studies. Gary's willingness to make this valuable resource available to collaborators illustrates one of Gary's enduring personality traits, his generosity. Gary's contributions to the field of fish genetics may best be illustrated by the number and diversity of students who have studied under him. Students from the Thorgaard lab are employed in biotechnology, aquaculture in the private sector, and in academic, state, federal, and tribal agencies where they work in areas ranging from basic research to conservation biology and fisheries policy.

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