



Fish Health Section



FHS NEWS – November 2021

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People of the Fish Health Section: Commemorating 50 years

Dear Fish Health Section members,

During my year as President, I want to highlight each month the stories of two Section members that have contributed to our 50 years as a section. For November 2021, I have no profiles to share. Instead, I seek nominations for the December Newsletter. Please tell me the name (and email address) of a FHS member that you would like to see profiled [not eligible are past Presidents and Snieszko Distinguished Service Awardees]. The members with the most votes by Dec. 10 will be invited to participate, in the case of a tie, the earliest nomination date wins.

Submitted by Gary Marty, FHS President. (Gary.Marty@gov.bc.ca)

Policy/Position Development Committee Update

How to request the FHS to develop a policy or position

The AFS-FHS Policy/Position Development Committee (PPDC) provides a mechanism for generating official policy/position statements by the AFS-FHS. Any member can bring a proposed issue, policy, or position statement forward to the PPDC for review. See the May 2020 FHS Newsletter for details (available on the FHS website). If you have an idea for a policy or position, don't hesitate to contact PPDC Chair Anita Kelly (amk0105@auburn.edu) or any of the Committee members listed on the FHS website.

S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award Nomination Announcement



As we approach the end of 2021, we would like to solicit nominations for the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award (SDSA). As you know, the SDSA is the highest award presented by the Fish Health Section. This award is presented for the purpose of honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. This is a career award and while it may be given to more than one individual in a year, it is not necessarily awarded every year.

Because this is a career award, candidates should have a significant number of active years in science within the finfish or shellfish health field as well as significant accomplishments which are not limited to but may include a significant number of publications, a significant number of secured grants

for grad student thesis projects, administration of a successful lab, a major discovery in the field of finfish or shellfish health, and/or previous recognition by other professional societies or committees.

If you wish to nominate an individual for the SDSA please send nomination packages to the Awards Committee Chair (Nicole Nietlisbach, nicole.nietlisbach@wisconsin.gov) by February 1, 2022. Awards recipient(s) will be honored at the Annual Fish Health Section Meeting.

Nomination packages must include:

1. Six letters of recommendation from fish health professionals that support the nominee's dedication to research, teaching and/or service to the field of aquatic animal health.
2. The nominee's curriculum vitae.
3. A general letter of recommendation by the primary nominator.

Additional guidance can be found on page 20 of the [FHS procedures manual](#). More information about the award and list of past SDSA recipients can be found [here](#).

Feel free to contact members of the Awards Committee with questions.

Awards Committee

Nicole Nietlisbach, Chair (nicole.nietlisbach@wisconsin.gov)

Isaac Standish (sirisaac_standish@fws.gov)

Luke Iwanowicz (liwanowicz@usgs.gov)

Call for New Content

Do you have a puzzling diagnostic case? Or do you have a new diagnostic finding that might interest others? How about newly published research? I am starting a new feature to highlight Fish Health Section Members' current conundrums and accomplishments. Think about what you could submit and contact me at stacy.a.strickland@odfw.oregon.gov with your ideas. Limit to be around 1 page including graphs/pictures. Especially during these virtual meeting and conference times, let's share our work and keep our peers up-to-date on what's happening in the world of fish health!

Thanks in advance for your submissions!

Stacy Strickland, AFS-FHS Newsletter Editor

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

61st AFS FHS Western Fish Disease Workshop

May 16-18, 2022, with a day of CE on May 19

Hood River, Oregon

Best Western Hood River Inn and Conference Center

Save the date! Come to Oregon!

Registration and call for abstracts will come late winter. Keep an eye out on the website for more information.

<https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/wfdw/>



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Genomic Applications in Fish Health

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Matt Griffin, College of Veterinary Medicine, Mississippi State University, USA.

Esteban Soto, School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis, USA

Being BIPOC in Aquatic Veterinary Medicine: A Panel Discussion

December 3rd from 1:30-2:30pm CST on Zoom

While the veterinary profession as a whole lacks diversity within the community, it is often particularly noticeable in the field of aquatic veterinary medicine. This lack of diversity makes it potentially daunting and intimidating for BIPOC students to engage in this area of veterinary medicine due to the lack of BIPOC role models and overall representation. The American Association of Fish Veterinarians (AAFV) recognizes the need to promote initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion in order to help students and veterinarians overcome barriers and foster interest in fish medicine and aquatic veterinary medicine broadly. To raise awareness in the field, AAFV has organized and invites you to participate in "Being BIPOC in Aquatic Veterinary Medicine: A Panel Discussion" on December 3rd from 1:30-2:30pm CST on Zoom featuring BIPOC aquatic veterinarians who will share their stories, experiences, and challenges they've faced on their journey and discuss how to find belongingness in this field. These veterinarians have an amalgam of experiences in various sectors of the field ranging from aquarium medicine, fish pathology/diagnostics, research, and pet fish medicine. The event is free and open to non-members. All pre-veterinary and veterinary

students are welcome to join this safe space and participate in this engaging discussion, and to register please go to bit.ly/AAFVbipoc or scan the QR code in the attached flyer.

Sincerely,
Justin Stilwell on behalf of the AAFV Student Committee

See attached .pdf for details and speakers.

Fish Disease in Conservation Biology and Aquaculture (FW/MB 491/591)

Winter term 2022 (Jan 2 - March 24); Thurs 10-11:30

Oregon State University

Instructor: Dr. Jerri Bartholomew and guest speakers

This hybrid lecture course will have a remote option this year and will be open to non-degree students. As a hybrid course, half of the course content is available online and there is one 80 min lecture that will be in person or accessed remotely. Attached is the draft course syllabus and schedule.

The instructions for registration are:

1. [Apply as a Non-Degree Student](#): can do so as graduate student if they've previously earned a bachelor's degree or an undergraduate if they have not.
2. [Priority Registration](#): Non-Degrees students can begin registering typically one full week before the term starts. During Spring Term for example, non-degree students can register beginning March 22 and classes start March 29. Non-degree Corvallis/Cascades students do not need a PIN to register. Non-degree Ecampus students will receive a PIN after completing [online orientation](#).

To the best of my understanding, to register as non-degree grad student there is a \$35 fee plus tuition for 3 credits at the graduate level (resident rate as long as less than 8 credits), which is \$1,494.

If you are interested in taking the class please contact me (jerri.bartholomew@oregonstate.edu) so I can design appropriate exercises and content. See attached .pdf for syllabus and schedule.

Interdisciplinary PhD Programme in Veterinary Medicine

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/jcc/education/postgraduate-programmes/interdisciplinary-phd-programme-veterinary-medicine>

City University of Hong Kong (CityU) is a dynamic, fast-growing university that is pursuing excellence in research and professional education. As a publicly-funded institution, the University is committed to nurturing and developing students' talents and creating applicable knowledge to support social and economic advancement. Currently, the University offers postgraduate research programmes in various disciplines, including business, creative media, energy, engineering, environment, humanities, law, science, social sciences, and other strategic growth areas, including veterinary medicine.

The Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences (JCC) was launched in spring 2014 in collaboration with Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The JCC is the first of its kind in Hong Kong and is envisioned as a centre of excellence in animal health education, research and discovery, and clinical care in China and the Asia-Pacific region. A key part of CityU's Life Sciences Initiative, the college offers a postgraduate research programme leading to interdisciplinary PhD degrees in veterinary medicine.

This is an interdisciplinary programme open to outstanding graduate students who wish to conduct state-of-the-art basic, clinical and translational life sciences research alongside research professionals. The programme is student-centred and led by faculty who are accessible, engaged and committed to ensuring that

our postgraduate students reach their full potential in research, teaching and professional development. The students will participate in research programmes leading to PhD degrees in one of the following areas:

- Comparative Biomedical Sciences
- Immunology and Infectious Disease
- Molecular and Systemic Neuroscience
- Public Health and Epidemiology

JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

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Hong Kong

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Assistant Professor of Fish Pathology or Immunology

Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

Link: <https://apply.interfolio.com/96875>

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See attached .pdf for more information.

Microbiologist

US Fish and Wildlife Service

R8-California/Nevada Fish Health Center

Anderson, CA

Closes: 12/10/21

Link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/623566800>

Duties

As a Microbiologist your duties will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Responsible for bacteriology and virology laboratory assays at the Center. Assists with histological and cytological specimen preparation.
- Perform molecular assays such as Polymerase Chain Reaction and Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction for the detection and confirmation of aquatic animal pathogens. Trouble-shoot and validate molecular assays new to the Center.
- Responsible for tissue culture activities at the Center including maintenance, viral sensitivity testing, and mycoplasma
- Performs quality improvement actions for the laboratory including the development of standard operating procedures, equipment calibration, and internal audits. Analyzes laboratory data with basic statistical techniques for the preparation of laboratory result reports.
- Conduct viral, bacterial and parasite sample collection from aquatic animals in laboratory or field setting

Director of Fish Health

Syndel

Nanaimo, BC

Link: <https://syndel.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=42&source=aWQ9NA%3D%3D>

Syndel's Director of Fish Health is a member of the Product Management Team. As part of the team, the Director will assist with and/or lead in all aspects of Product Management, including but not limited to leading the company's technical fish activities, consulting and training the Commercial team members, advising the Regulatory team members and contributing to their regulatory functions, technically supporting our partners and customers, and contributing to product development and strategic planning. This position is a technical administrative position and involves managing proprietary files and projects which may include verbal and written communication with our internal teams, with our customers, strategic partners, state and federal groups, as well as with regulatory agencies (e.g., US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Health Canada (HC)), consultants etc.

In addition, this position will include the general administrative management for the Syndel Nanaimo office operations.

Veterinarian of Fish Health

Syndel

Nanaimo, BC

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Laboratory Manager – Aquatic Health Section
WA Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL)
Pullman, WA

The Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL) within the Washington State University (WSU) College of Veterinary Medicine is offering an Aquatic Health Laboratory Manager position. This unique position is fully emersed in an American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) accredited veterinary laboratory and supervises critical aquatic diagnostic and regulatory testing for both aquaculture (primarily salmon/ trout) producers and wild fish natural resource agencies throughout the Pacific Northwest and western United States. The laboratory manager is a key team member in an Aquatic Health Core that includes the Aquatic Health Section composed of 8.5 staff FTE (microbiologists and one laboratory technician) overseen by the position, three American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) boarded veterinarian pathologists focused on aquatic animal necropsy and histopathology, and faculty and staff within the WADDL bacteriology/ antimicrobial susceptibility testing and molecular diagnostics/ whole genome sequencing sections. The primary responsibility of the manager is oversight of the Aquatic Health Section operations including scheduling and organizing regulatory and diagnostic sample submission and testing, staffing, laboratory procedures, budget management, quality assurance and short and long-term planning in close collaboration of the Aquatic Health Section head. The Aquatic Health Core is client focused, and the laboratory manager is expected to interact and support producers, veterinarians, and state, federal, and tribal regulatory officials regarding interstate and international movement of fish or fish gametes and the reduction of disease risk in production systems. Growth opportunities Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab, College of Veterinary Medicine for this position include expansion of the WADDL Aquatic Health Section testing to support aquaculture involving other freshwater and marine fish and non-fish species, food safety testing, and enhancing the understanding of pathogen transmission at the interface of wild aquatic populations and aquatic production facilities. The successful applicant is expected to have a strong background in fish health and diagnostic assays with an understanding of laboratory quality assurance.

See attached .pdf for more information.

Fish Health Technician
Riverence Holdings

Hagerman Valley, ID

Link: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/639470/Riverence-Holdings-LLC/Fish-Health-Technician>

The Riverence group is seeking a Fish Health Technician to support its trout farming operations in Idaho's Hagerman Valley. Riverence Provisions and Riverence Farms—the group's farms and processing operations—are collectively the largest producer of Rainbow Trout and Steelhead in the Americas. Riverence Brood—the group's breeding operation—is a producer of premium Rainbow Trout genetics and the only domestic commercial supplier of Atlantic Salmon and Coho Salmon eggs. The Fish Health Technician will demonstrate a strong commitment to the principles of biosecurity, proactive fish health management, legal and judicious use of therapeutants, and standard diagnostic methods in the identification and resolution of environmental or infectious disease in trout and salmon. Responsibilities include monitoring on-farm conditions that may contribute to fish

morbidity/mortality, coordination with Fish Pathologist for preliminary diagnosis of disease, collection and submission of samples for diagnostic testing, cooperating with farm staff regarding implementation of biosecurity and fish health improvement plans.

Zebrafish Related Job Announcements

<https://wiki.zfin.org/display/jobs/Zebrafish-Related+Job+Announcements>

RESOURCES/NEWS

Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) Updates are now available online:

https://www.fws.gov/fisheries/AADAP/aadap_update.html

AFS Job Board changes

Check out the new AFS [Career Center](#) with new and improved features for both job seekers and employers. Job hunters now benefit from improved search functions and email alerts. While employers can peruse candidate applications and submit jobs more quickly and easily through an online submission form with a credit card payment system. Individual AFS members can still advertise for assistants and internship positions at no charge. See the AFS member employer [pricing options](#).

EDITOR'S RANDOM PICS



Juvenile (left) and adult Chinook (right) with blue eyes indicating furunculosis, caused by *Aeromonas salmonicida*. Photos by Craig Olson.

**Laboratory Manager:
Aquatic Health Section
Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL)**

Title: Laboratory Manager

Location: The position is located on the Pullman Campus of Washington State University

Appointment: The appointment is permanent, 12-month, Administrative Professional (AP)

FTE: 1.0 Full-time equivalency

Salary: Commensurate with training and experience

Screening Begins: September 15, 2021

Position Available: October 15, 2021

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WADDL is a fully accredited (AAVLD), full service veterinary diagnostic laboratory within College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, Pullman, WA. Divisions of the laboratory include aquatic health, bacteriology, histopathology (including immunohistochemistry), molecular diagnostics, necropsy, parasitology, serology, toxicology and mammalian virology. The Aquatic Health Core performs over 44,000 assays per year including viral culture, bacteriology, ELISA, PCR testing, whole genome sequencing and necropsy/ histopathology.

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in an appropriate related scientific discipline and four (4) years of progressively responsible professional experience involving fish health which has included at least two (2) years of supervisory experience or equivalent education and experience. Certification as an American Fisheries Society, Fish Health Inspector would be expected within 6 months of employment.

Preferred Qualifications: Advanced degree in microbiological/ biological sciences such as a DVM and/or PhD. Experience in an aquatic diagnostic laboratory. Familiarity with laboratory procedures and QA/QC required for official health inspection of aquatic animals. Interest in continuing education in the field of aquatic animal health and diagnostic assay development.

For more information, contact:

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Assistant Professor of Fish Pathology or Immunology
Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Texas A&M University

POSITION: The Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management, in the College of Agriculture and Life Science at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas invites applications for an Assistant Professor position with an emphasis in fish pathology or immunology. This is a 9-month tenure-track academic appointment with (60%) research, (30%) teaching, (10%) services with an anticipated start date of no earlier than 1 August 2022.

GENERAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will be expected to enhance a faculty addressing various aspects of aquaculture and fisheries management in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management (RWFM). They also will be expected to collaborate with and enhance existing faculty with expertise in the areas of fish nutrition, physiology, and fisheries management as it pertains to fish health and diseases. This position will be an integral component of the Department's research and teaching programs in aquaculture and fisheries management. Included duties will be the development and leadership of an independent, extramurally-funded, internationally recognized applied research program with a focus on warm water finfish that directly addresses disease management or diagnostic issues facing aquaculture producers and private pond owners within Texas and the U.S. The appointee will be expected to teach courses related to their expertise in the recently established undergraduate curriculum. Courses (or a portion of the course) may include Fish Health and Diseases, Principles and Practices of Wildlife/Fisheries Management, and a summer Aquatic Field Experience course. Graduate courses in the candidate's area of expertise that may include Fish Immunology, Pathology, or Health and Diseases. RWFM is an applied management focused department and as such the successful candidate is expected to work with aquaculture producers, private fisheries owners, pond management companies, as well as support state and federal agencies such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. in Aquaculture, Fisheries Science, Veterinary Medicine, or related field is required. A Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) with aquatic animal health coursework or experience preferred, but not required. Postdoctoral or clinical veterinary experience is preferred. Evidence of outstanding research and publishing capacities is required, along with the potential to establish and maintain strong teaching and graduate education programs.

RESOURCES: Texas A&M University (TAMU) is a public, land-grant institution with many high-quality academic units conducting research in areas of natural resource conservation and management. The successful candidate will be offered a competitive salary, startup package and laboratory space and/or field equipment, as well as access to research facilities at the Aquacultural Research and Teaching Facility (ARTF) associated with the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The candidate will have opportunities to collaborate with a broad range of TAMU System researchers around the state including the Aquatic Diagnostics Laboratory within RWFM, the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications will only be accepted through *Interfolio* apply.interfolio.com/96875. Applicants must submit: (1) a cover letter of interest, (2) detailed curriculum vitae, (3) a two-page statement of teaching and research plans, and 4) contact information for three professional references who can provide a critical evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for the position. Review of applications will begin January 1, 2022, and continue until the position is filled.

For questions, email inquiries to the attention of Dr. Del Gatlin, Search Committee Chair, Department of Ecology and Conservation Biology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843, via Ms. Theresa Nemec e-mail: tnemec@tamu.edu.

Texas A&M University is committed to enriching the learning and working environment for all visitors, students, faculty, and staff by promoting a culture that embraces inclusion, diversity, equity, and accountability. Diverse perspectives, talents, and identities are vital to accomplishing our **mission** and living our **core values**.

Texas A&M University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer committed to diversity. Texas A&M University is aware that attracting and retaining exceptional faculty often depends on meeting the needs of two careers and having policies that contribute to work-life balance. For more information, visit <https://employees.tamu.edu/ocrm/eo> or <http://dof.tamu.edu/Faculty-Resources/Faculty-WorkLife>

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Department of Infectious Diseases
and Public Health

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City University of Hong Kong



Sept, 2022 Santiago, Chile

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Fish Diseases in Conservation Biology and Aquaculture

Course Number: FW/MB 491/591

Term Offered: Winter

Credits: 3

Classroom: Remote and in person Thurs 10-11:30 am

Instructor name: Jerri Bartholomew

Instructor email: jerribartholomew@oregonstate.edu

Instructor phone: 7-1834

Instructor office: Nash 524

Website: <http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/content/dr-jerri-bartholomew>

Course Description

Prerequisites: 9 credits of upper division fisheries or biology

Course Content: In this course we'll cover a broad array of diseases of marine and freshwater fishes, covering important pathogen groups (viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi), host/parasite relationships and disease ecology. Diseases important to aquaculture and ornamental industries as well as wild fish populations and conservation programs will be included. The course includes a comprehensive overview of important pathogen groups, host responses to infection (including the role of immune and stress responses), diseases of importance to various aquaculture species, diseases in natural populations, epidemiology and treatments. Guest lectures will cover selected current topics of regional interest, emerging diseases, the effects of climate change and group presentations.

This is a Hybrid Course

This is a hybrid class and incorporates a range of course materials (microlectures, videos, literature, web pages) and an assortment of activities and assignments. Half of the traditional class time is replaced with these online activities.

Class time is for:

- 1) Expanding on the online material to include newer and more advanced information
- 2) Overviewing major concepts, minor points, and how they fit together
- 3) Group discussions
- 4) Guest speakers

Online activities include:

- 1) Pre-lecture quizzes so the instructor knows which topics to concentrate on
- 2) Videos and lectures that provide examples of key concepts
- 3) Study guides
- 4) Peer review of group assignments

This table compares the allocation of time in a hybrid course compared to a traditional 3 credit course

	HYBRID	Traditional
Class meetings per week	1	3
Classroom minutes per week	80 minutes	150 minutes
Required online activity per week	60-120 minutes	0-20 minutes
Recommended study time per week*	6-9 hours	6-9 hours
Total time per week	9-12 hours	9-12 hours

* This is in addition to the class meetings and required online activities. It may include reading text and articles, preparing for exams and reading quizzes, preparing and completing assignments.

Communication

Please post all course-related questions in the Q&A Discussion forum so that the whole class may benefit from our conversation. Please email me for matters of a personal nature. I will reply to course-related questions and email within 24-48 hours.

I encourage you to ask any questions you may have about the course schedule or content, no matter how basic — others may have the same question; but please check the Announcements, General Discussion Forum and read the syllabus first!

In addition to the General Discussion Board, there will be specific Discussion Board conversations developed around particular topics, for which you will receive directions with that week's course material.

Learning Resources

Microlectures (narrated powerpoint), videos, study guides, review papers and relevant journal articles, online Blue Book <http://www.afs-fhs.org/bluebook/bluebook-index.php>, European Fish Pathogens Database <http://www.fishpathogens.eu/>, and Online Hospital http://www.jbl.de/en/online-hospital/text_diag, current newsletters and aquaculture magazines, websites: fishnet.com and <http://fishpathogens.net/>

Canvas

This course will use an online portal where you will interact with your classmates and with your instructor. Within the course Canvas site you will access the learning materials, such as the syllabus, class discussions, assignments, projects, and quizzes.

Measurable Student Learning Outcomes

Undergraduate student learning outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will be able to

1. Describe the different types of pathogens that affect fish in culture and in the wild.
2. Outline important similarities and differences in the pathology, epidemiology, and control and treatment for different pathogens and pathogen groups.
3. Interpret and explain fundamental concepts in host-parasite interactions and disease ecology.
4. Assess a current biological problem and recommend an approach for solving the problem.
5. Communicate scientific concepts and analytical arguments clearly and concisely both verbally and in writing.

Graduate student learning outcomes:

In addition to the above learning outcomes for undergraduate students, by the end of this course, graduate students will be able to

1. Synthesize concepts and demonstrate an understanding of disease interactions at the ecosystem level.
2. Manage group activities and play a leadership role.

Evaluation of Student Performance

Undergraduate students

1 mid-term exam (weeks 1-5 inclusive)	100
1 final exam (cumulative, but focus on weeks 6-10)	100
Small group exercise	150
Attending and contributing to online discussion	60
Online quizzes and survey	90
Total possible points for 491	500

Graduate students

Graduate students taking the course as 591 will be graded separately and the final exam will be oral. In addition to the above requirements, you will be required to act as leaders of small group exercises. You will also be required to lead 2 discussions (in class and online) sometime during the term.

Leading discussions	50
Total possible points for 591	550

Point Distribution

- A = 90 - 100%
- B = 80 - 89%
- C = 70 - 79%
- D = 60 - 69%
- F = 0 - 59%

I will endeavor to grade assignments within one week.

Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Online Learning Activities	Assignments Due Wed prior to class at 5 pm	Thurs Classroom Learning Activities
1 Jan 3 – 9 In person Jan 6	Introduction, disease transmission, host-pathogen relationship	Prezi: Overview of course Microlecture: Basics of the host-pathogen relationship Prezi: Disease transmission	Quiz 1 (Online) Assignment 1 Disease Transmission	Discussion of course expectations and additional topic background Aquaculture lecture Group exercise on disease transmission
2 Jan 10-16 In person Jan 13	Bacterial pathogens <i>- provide list of pathogens</i> Immunology	Microlecture: bacterial pathogens Bacterial pathogens video Immunology review paper	Quiz 2 (O) Assignment 2 Population-Level Characteristics of Disease Assignment 3a Describe a bacterial pathogen	Group discussion: characteristics of bacterial pathogens How the host fights back – Brian Dolan, immunologist
3 Jan 17-23 In person Jan 20	Viral pathogens <i>- provide list of pathogens</i>	Microlecture: viral pathogens Viral pathogens video	Quiz 3 (O) Assignment 3b Describe a viral pathogen	Group discussion: characteristics of viral pathogens ODFW: Melissa White on IHNV epidemiology
4 Jan 24-30 In person Jan 27	Protozoan parasites <i>- provide list of pathogens</i> Treating diseases in hatcheries	Microlecture: protozoan parasites Protozoan pathogens video Prezi: Group projects	Quiz 4 (O) Assignment 4a Protozoan Parasites	Group discussion: characteristics of protozoan pathogens Treating diseases – ODFW – Sarah Bjork Group Projects
5 Jan 31-Feb 6 In person Feb 3	Myxzoan and Metazoan parasites <i>- provide list of pathogens</i>	Myxozoan pathogens microlecture Review paper Other metazoan parasites microlecture	Quiz 5 (O) Assignment 4b Myxozoan and Metazoan parasites Group project assignment 1 (Due at 11:59 PM)	Group discussion: characteristics of myxozoan and metazoan parasites Mid-term Review

6 Feb 7-13 In person Feb 10	Midterm Myxozoan disease in wild populations	Midterm	Midterm(O) (Due at 11:59 PM) Group project assignment 2 (Due at 11:59 PM)	Myxozoan disease in Yellowstone Park – Julie Alexander Disease in the Klamath River – Sascha Hallett
7 Feb 14-20 In person Feb 17	Disease in warmwater aquaculture	Warmwater aquaculture lecture	Quiz 6 (O) Discussion board – what is an emerging pathogen Group project assignment 3 (Due at 11:59 PM)	Group discussion of how disease differs between coldwater and warmwater aquaculture Disease in ornamentals – Aimee Reed
8 Feb 21-27 In person Feb 24	Disease in the marine fish	Disease in wild marine fish microlecture Review paper Current press on disease interactions	Quiz 7(O) Discussion board – how big are the disease risks from aquaculture? Group project assignment 4 (Due at 11:59 PM)	Discussion on hatchery-wild interactions Disease in netpens – Mike Kent
9 Feb 28-March 6 In person March 3	Climate change and effects of stressors on disease	Climate change microlecture Review paper	Quiz 8 (O) Discussion board- Comment on another group's biosecurity plan Group project assignment 5 (Due at 11:59 PM)	Discussion on the variables that will affect disease under changing climate Carl Schreck – disease, stress and prespawn mortality
10 March 7-13 In person March 10	Group presentation		Course survey	Group presentations
Finals Week March 14-18				



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