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We wanted to take the opportunity to wish our LGBTQIA2S+ community members a Happy Pride Month.

Some ask why celebrating Pride is important. The answer, like many things in life, is complex, and may vary depending on who you ask.

Pride Month is about so much more than rainbows and parades, while those are an important component, it is also about a celebration of love, community, resilience, and the fight for equality.

Pride allows us to:

- Find community
- Honor history
- Promote visibility and acceptance
- Continue the fight for rights

**WHY do we still need
PRIDE? Because there
have been over 500 anti-
LGBTQ+ bills in U.S.
state legislatures in
2026.
Pride is resistance.**



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Fish Sister Profile: Dr. Margaret Murphy

A systems ecology with a holistic view of fisheries conservation and management



Margaret hiking the peaks of the Adirondacks

For this month's Fish Sister profile, we are highlighting Dr. Margaret Murphy, Fish Program Manager for Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife and current [American Fisheries Society \(AFS\) president-elect](#)! Margaret enjoyed fishing from an early age at her family's fish camp in the Adirondacks and translated that passion into various roles over 35 years - consultant, business owner, and state agency manager. Margaret views her work from a systems perspective - from the effects of water quality and sediment contamination, to the ecology of young-of-the-year salmon, to promoting habitat restoration. She now enjoys collaborating with others to understand the interworking of several fisheries in the Lake Champlain basin including salmonids, walleye, and pike, but yellow perch is the fish that originally hooked her on a fisheries career.

In addition to serving as president-elect of AFS, Margaret has served as president of two chapters, the Northeastern Division, and Water Quality Section as well as chair of numerous committees and meeting planning teams. Even with all of her professional obligations, Margaret has also been a staunch supporter of Women of Fisheries and a regular reader in the Women of Fisheries Book Club, attending most of the virtual discussions to lend her insights.



Margaret with a nice Walleye



Check out the [blog](#) for information on Dr. Margaret Murphy's research and experiences in her own words, including her impressive hiking adventures!

Fish Bumps to All Our Spring 2026 Graduates

Congratulations to all of our new fish sister graduates!

Your graduation represents years of hard work, grit, and sacrifice and is an achievement worth celebrating. No matter where your journeys take you next, whether you are starting a new job, continuing your education, or exploring other opportunities, we know the future of the fisheries profession is in good hands.



Janey Cress

BS in Environmental Science and Sustainability from Brigham Young University

Future plans: Evaluating career options and applying to graduate school

Laura Finch

BS in Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Science at Oregon State University

Future plans: Volunteering, working on a startup company for water quality testing and filtration, and applying to graduate school



Neve Hudson

MS in Environmental Science from the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research at the University of Windsor

Future plans: Pursuing marine conservation work

Lindsey Roberts

MS in Fisheries Science at Oregon State University

Future plans: Beginning her PhD program



Here, we celebrate Women of Fisheries members who shared their educational accomplishments and future plans with us. If you would like to be added to this list, please send a picture and your information to women.of.fisheries@gmail.com.

[Read the full blog](#)

Fishing for Opportunities



Student Opportunities

Position: [Science Intern](#)
Organization: H.T. Odum Springs Institute
Deadline: 07/26/26

Position: [MS Assistantship](#) (Sea Lamprey)
Organization: Michigan State University
Deadline: 09/15/26

Position: [PhD Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture](#)
Organization: Mississippi State University
Deadline: 09/13/26

Job Opportunities

Position: [Fisheries Research Scientist](#)
Organization: New Mexico State University
Deadline: 07/31/26

Position: [Assistant Professor Estuarine and Coastal Ecology](#)
Organization: University of Maryland
Deadline: 08/28/26

Position: [Senior Fisheries Biologist](#)
Organization: ICF
Deadline: 08/03/26

Position: [Post Doc Fisheries eDNA](#)
Organization: Mississippi State University
Deadline: 09/30/26

Do you know someone who should be featured in a Fish Sister Profile or Research Highlight?

Nominate them now! Self nominations are also encouraged

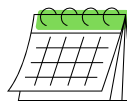
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Our summer read is
Migrations by Charlotte
McConaghy



Save the Date for
the Discussion
[July 12, 8pm EST](#)

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