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Hey Y'all:

A few evenings ago, just after the first rain storm of the summer, I stepped out to put my dogs in the kennel for the night. The wind was rustling though the tree leaves and there was a chill in the air. Thoughts of bird hunting immediately leapt to mind...

I have often wondered what it is about dropping barometric pressure, wind, rain, snow, and cold that makes my blood pressure rise and creates the associated urge to get outside. Seems like that would be a good research project, along with determining the odd genetic markers on a hunters DNA.

The **WWA** has been busy over the spring and summer.

- The **Moses Lake Chapter** has worked with **WDFW** to plant areas that will soon be flooded as part of an irrigation project, providing waterfowl and hunting habitat in central Washington, and continues to work with **WDFW** waterfowl biologists to monitor goose nesting.
- For nearly two (2) years, the **Tri-Cities Chapter** has been trying to get permission to build and maintain blinds on the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife's (USFWS) Burbank Slough** area, but can't get the go ahead from the area manager.
- The **NW Chapter** is planning for the youth hunt and beginning a new fight against the "Friends of Eide Road", a bird watching group trying to ban hunting on **Leque Island**, and who just approached the **Juniper Beach Water District** to try and help them save drinking water by saving **Leque Island**...that's a novel idea 10 years after the first fish restoration plan was presented, and now that the groundwater study has already been approved by the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**, allowing fish restoration on the island and impact to the sole source aquifer.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

Sunday, August 18	B.J. Brown Memorial Shoot Kenmore Range. See Flyer on Page 15. Contact Larry Gordon .
Sunday, August 18	Duck Calling Instruction from former WA State Duck Calling Champions, Troy Taylor and Robert Strong . 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Local 46 IBEW Hall, 19802-62nd Avenue S., Kent . See Page 12.
Saturday, August 24	WA State Duck Calling Championship, Cabela's, Lacey, WA. First event starts at 8:00 a.m. See Flyer on Page 13.
Tuesday, August 27	Southwest Chapter Meeting; 7 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsman's Club . Contact Terry Satre .
Wednesday, Aug 28	NO SEATTLE CHAPTER MEETING IN AUGUST. Contact John Arrabito .
Thursday, August 29	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. @ Vancouver Trap Club . Contact Rick Scott .
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Whatcom County Chapter Meeting 5-7 p.m. @ Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale . Contact Scott O'Day .
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Kitsap Peninsula Chapter Meeting 6-8 p.m. @ Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club . Contact Richard Bazzell
Thursday, Sept. 5	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m. @ Evergreen Sportmen's Club, near Littlerock . Contact Kurt Snyder . WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny's All WWA members always welcome.
Monday, Sept. 9	Tri Cities Chapter Meeting; 7 p.m. @ Benton County PUD Auditorium at the corner of 10th Ave. and HWY 395 in Kennewick, WA . Contact Tracy Miles .
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Northwest Chapter Meeting; 7 p.m. @ Conway Fire Hall . Contact Rone Brewer .
Thursday, Sept. 12	Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting; 6:30 p.m., @ Café Villa in Prosser . Contact Abel Cortina .
Saturday, Sept. 14	WWA-LC Chapter Annual Banquet Club Green Meadows, Vancouver, WA . See Flyer on page 11.
Saturday, Sept. 21	3rd Annual Fall Decoy Collector's Show & Silent Auction, Oak Harbor, WA . See Flyer on Page 21.

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- The **Yakima Chapter** recently sponsored a youth trap shooting team.
- The **Whatcom Chapter** is right now conducting its annual hunter education class and continues to fund its annual scholarship.
- The **Kitsap Chapter** is up and running and working with **WDFW** to provide more quality hunt areas in their region. You can check them out on their Facebook page [**Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers**].
- The **Southwest and Grays Harbor Chapters** are providing a youth shooting seminar and organizing the 2013 State Duck & Goose Calling Championship at **Cabela's Lacey** on August 24th.

I hope many of you can join in the **Lower Columbia Chapter's** Banquet at Club Green Meadows in Vancouver, Washington, on September 14th...check out more details in this issue of the **WWA** Newsletter, the only monthly publication dedicated to Washington Duck Hunters.

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(Statewide)

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WILLAPA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (NWR) AND EELGRASS

(Pacific County)

We finally received detailed waterfowl count data from the **US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)**. We are now tabulating all the data to get a sense of waterfowl trends in Willapa Bay. We are reviewing a basic carrying capacity study provided by the commercial shellfish growers and continue to push for protections of eelgrass such that waterfowl numbers are not significantly impacted. It also appears some eelgrass monitoring will be conducted to help verify current conditions. Overall, **WWA** is still working toward an **acreage limit** on the spraying of eelgrass with the herbicide Imazamox, on commercial clam beds.

Leveling of the Porter Unit Dikes has begun.

According to locals in Pacific County and recently reported sightings of two (2) large excavators and dump trucks on the Porter Point Unit Dike, the destruction of the **Porter Point Unit Dike** has begun.

After filing a complaint with the **Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of Interior** regarding the lack of due process procedures during the **Willapa NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) process, instead of an independent review by OIG, they sent our complaint to the USFWS for a response.** After filing a Freedom of Information Act (**FOIA**) request and waiting 90 days, **WWA** finally received the **USFWS** response, **which we find out was completed by the Refuge management.** So, we have the same folks who perpetrated the dike removal plan, writing the defense of the plan, instead of an independent review of said plans by the **OIG.** And what do you know...the response says they did everything just fine, and they consider the case closed now. **WWA is still conducting a detailed review of the USFWS responses** and interviewing attorneys and based on results will decide whether to file suit against the **USFWS.**

LEQUE ISLAND

(Snohomish/Island County)

WWA, Juniper Beach Water District, and the Snohomish County Farm Bureau met in Seattle with the **U.S. EPA, Ducks Unlimited, and Pacific Groundwater Group (PGG)**, to discuss the **PGG Leque Island** restoration groundwater impact model report. Two representatives of the **Recreation and Conservation Office (aka, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board)** were also present. The **DU/WDFW** groundwater study was forwarded by **U.S. EPA Seattle** for technical review by a Ph.D. hydrogeologist at **U.S. EPA** in Cincinnati. Conclusions of the groundwater study were that even though salt-infused groundwater would flow into the sole source drinking water aquifer, it would not flow far enough west to reach current drinking water wells. Both the **WWA** and the **Juniper Beach Water District** have further concerns regarding impacts to the drinking water of northeast Camano Island, particularly in light of another planned restoration at the farm fields near **Terry's Corner** on **Camano Island.** This proposed project would put salt water on both sides of the current freshwater aquifer. **We are now awaiting the study review from Cincinnati.**

**You can contribute to the WWA program funds
from our website at: WWW.WADUCK.ORG**

Projects and Programs - Continued

HERITAGE LANDS

(Statewide)

Folks, **this is a future for public hunting and fishing access.** The **USFWS, WDFW**, and other agencies are dropping out of the public access and lands management scene. Restoration and conservation (even wetland mitigation) all are keeping most hunting off of the restored and "conserved" lands. If we want to have some public hunting lands we need to take the bull by the horns and manage it ourselves.

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant Update

Here is an update on the **ALEA Grant** project and includes a work party scheduled for later this year:



ALEA Grant Project—Aerial Photograph

Upland shrubs: There is an approximately 25-30% survival of upland shrubs, this was based on 23.7% survival of shrubs on the uppermost row. The species appearing to have fared best include: rose, aspen, golden currant, mockorange, serviceberry, and hawthorn. However, all species have some plants that are surviving.

Riparian shrubs: These have an approximately 12.5% survival rate. 396 living plants (willow and dogwood) are

shown in map to the left. Additional mortality is likely to occur, but all mapped dots have a reasonable chance of survival.

A breakdown of planted materials and current size is illustrated below:

SPECIES	#	SIZE
Cherry (bitter and choke)	100	10 ci
Rose	400	10 ci
Aspen	50	10 ci
G. Currant	300	10 ci
Elderberry	50	10 ci
Sumac	50	10 ci
Mockorange	100	10 ci
serviceberry	100	10 ci
hawthorn	100	10 ci
Coyote willow	2000	4'
Pacific willow	50	4'
Peachleaf willow	50	4'
Dogwood	250	4'
TOTAL	3600	

Work Party November 9th-10th

Orrin and myself are going to cut down the Canada thistle around willows and dogwoods; mow down to allow for a herbicide treatment and follow-up willow and dogwood planting this November 9-10th. We also plan on plant additional shrubs that same weekend as well.

We will need lots of volunteer help for that weekend (nudge, nudge), so please contact **Orrin** or myself to let us know you will plan on helping.

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hi All:

"It's Here"

Can you believe that hunting season is so close? About the time I realized that the early goose is just 5 weeks away I noticed all the things I have left to do before it starts. I *THOUGHT* I was ready and so this is what I get for putting things off. The boat needs a registration update, several decoys need the flocking touched up, and a few need some serious repair. The checklist is far from complete but I still have 5 weeks...

Chapter Meeting Participation

Our Chapter meetings have had some very good participation so far this year. We don't have any huge give-aways and no famous individuals have attended so I'm led to believe that waterfowlers are getting more involved with our mission and stated purpose. I'm very happy to see this trend. Many of our members have come through when asked to help on our projects. I feel a bit imposing, but ask I must, or we wouldn't get anything done. The support from many of you has been wonderful and I cannot thank you all enough. We are **getting things done**, and it's because of your volunteer efforts.

Cedarville Farm Hunt Raffle Tickets

I'm now asking that you contact your Chapter Chairman and ask to buy some of the **Cedarville Farms Hunt** raffle tickets. Not only will you be funding our future, but you will be getting two chances per ticket for some of the best waterfowl hunting in this state! The only way you will get this hunt is to buy the tickets or join the **Cedarville Waterfowl Club**. The tickets would make a great gift for that young hunter in your family. Check out the flyer for this raffle at page 14 in this Newsletter.

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Waterfowl Workshop Success

We had our second in the series of our **Youth Waterfowl Workshop** last Wednesday, August 7th. It went very well. We showed the kids (and the adults) some personal decoy spreads from our Chapter members, showed the calling Basics, and then shot some targets at the Sporting Clays range. Many thanks to Member **Dirk Farrar** for organizing the workshop. Also thanks to the Workshop crew, GH Chapter members **Howard Roberts** for teaching decoy and blind placement, **Brad Roberts** for a great calling clinic, member and **USFWS** employee **Bill Vogel** for putting out a wonderful waterfowl identification presentation (more on this later), **Dick Jensen** for his help on the sporting clays setup and **Jon McAninch** for some expert shotgun coaching on the range and teaching hunter ethics.

Also thanks to new member **Pete Strobl** of **Evergreen Sportsman's Club** sporting clays notoriety for his cooperation and his interest in teaching our youth how to be good hunters and shooters. Finally, thanks to the *kids and adults* that attended the workshop. Our hope is that you left with a better understanding of how to hunt waterfowl safely and in a fun way. Good Show All! ***More Workshops are in the plans for next year so keep your eyes peeled for them!***



USFWS Agent Bill Vogel instructing on waterfowl identification at the Waterfowl Workshop

Freedom Shootout Event

Our Chapter had a display at the first **Freedom Shootout** on the 8th of August, at the **Evergreen Sportsman's Club**. For you that aren't aware, the **Freedom Foundation** is the organization that helped us defeat the **Thurston County No Shooting Ordinance (TCNSZOP)** last year. They are most definitely worthy of support because they will do much to stand up for our freedoms. I've been a member since the fight against the ordinance and will

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continue to support them in their efforts that benefit all freedom loving Americans.

The shootout went very well with over a hundred participants. The shooting was fun, the food was great and lots of donated prizes were handed out. Be sure to check out next years Shootout! You'll be happy if you do.



Dick Jensen, Norm Westby, and Pete Strobl enjoying corn-on-the-cob at the Freedom Shootout Event

We picked up two new **WWA** members at the event. One of them is **State Senator Pam Roach**. She is interested in supporting us and taking advantage of our youth programs for her family. **Senator Roach** is spearheading the **Coalition of Sportsmen** in this state and had some great news about the progress that has been made for shooters and hunters. If you can find the time send **Pam** a thank you message - Just Google her name to find her contact information. In this day of anti-everything-we-do attitudes, it's great to have someone like **Senator Roach** on our side. She will get my support and hopefully yours too.

I have to thank members **Dick Jensen, Norm Westby, John Wicklund, Pete Strobl and Jon McAninch** for

their volunteer time in set up and breakdown.

Dick opened up the sporting clays range early for us, and we got 50 targets in before the main event. **Jon** did some more expert shotgun coaching for those that needed it (don't we all), then **Jon** and I teamed up to put on a couple of chip shoots. That was a lot of fun and I would like to get a Chapter chip shoot organized in the future. Maybe as a fundraiser but mostly for fun.

I'd like to say that if you ever get a chance to shoot targets with **Jon**, and he gives you some shooting advice, listen up. He'll give it to you for free and your shooting will improve. I know mine did, after I actually *listened!*



John McAninch (L) and Kurt Snyder watching a shooter at the Freedom Shootout Event

Special Thanks to Thurston County Farm Bureau

I would also like to mention the support we received from the **Thurston County Farm Bureau** in our fight against the **TCNSZOP**. They are a very large organization also worthy of the support of all waterfowlers. We all understand how important the farmer is to us all so they should get our support. All of the farmers I know are true conservationists and are very good stewards of the property they own and lease. Please show support for your local **Farm Bureau!** Chances are they are already supporting us.

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Kitsap Peninsula Chapter News

By Richard Bazzell

Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers Swap Meet

Kitsap Peninsula WWA joined Kitsap DU for a Sportsman Swap Meet at **Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club** on July 20th. The event provided a great opportunity to share the good news about our organization and help support our local chapter. Over 150 people attended the event and walked away with some great deals on gear and door prizes. Special thanks to all of our volunteers and above all, big thanks to the **Grays Harbor Chapter (Kurt Snyder)** for selling raffle tickets for the **Cedarville Farms Hunt** (See page 11) and setting up the **WWA duck mount display booth**.

Local Hunt Area Update

Our area **WDFW District Wildlife Biologist Jeff Skriletz** recently informed our chapter that a purchase was made to provide more walk-in hunt opportunities at **Lynch Cove**. This is great news and a request has been made to create a trail and recommend blind locations for the new hunt area. In response, a **work party** took place on August 7th near Belfair. In addition, all of **WDFW** leases in Mason,



Shoppers looking for bargains at the Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers Swap Meet



GHC Chapter member Kurt Snyder selling raffle tickets at the Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers Swap Meet

Kitsap and **East Jefferson** counties have also been renewed. So we will need your support for blind maintenance in the **Skokomish Valley, Lynch Cove, Shine Creek** and **Short's Farm** throughout August and September.

Chapter Meetings

The **WWA-Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the **Bremerton Trap & Skeet Club**. Each Chapter meeting throughout the off season will be followed by shooting and dinner provided by our local **Kitsap DU** Chapter. Please call or email **Richard Bazzell** at rlbazzell@yahoo.com or 360-509-7900 for further details. Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook page at **Kitsap Peninsula Waterfowlers**.

Whatcom Chapter News

By Scott O' Day

Hunter Ed Info

Our last session of Hunter Education before the hunting season will be held nightly August 19-22 at the **Lynden Shotgun Club, 8823 Weidkamp Road**. We could still use some more volunteers to put on this event.

Blind brushing Aug. 17th at 8am at Terrell

It's time to organize the annual blind brushing work party. We'll also complete the gravel work around the newly constructed handicap blind. Please be at Terrell at 8 a.m., on Saturday, August 17- shouldn't take but a few hours. Bring: wire cutters and brush trimmers. A couple steel rakes and shovels might be needed for the gravel work.

Outdoor Events at Cabela's

We have a couple of outdoor events at **Cabela's Marysville** the next two week weekends, August 17-18, and 24-25, and the weekend of September 14-15. Contact me if you can help out.

Miscellaneous

- Wood duck box material is available – contact **Richard Kessler**.
- **WDFW** volunteers needed – contact **Brad Otto**. Hours can be credited toward state grant money.
- **WWA** shirts are still available to purchase.

Youth pheasant hunt, Saturday, September 7th at **Acme Hunting Club**. Limited to six (6) hunters, \$50 per bird. Contact **Karl Bosman**.

Tri-Cities Chapter News

By Tracy Miles

Chapter Meetings

The **Tri-City Chapter** meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the **Benton County PUD Building** in Kennewick. Our next meeting is September 9th.

Work Parties

We continue to work with the **McNary National Wildlife Refuge** to develop a plan and schedule for the construction of public access blinds at the Refuge. Similarly, we are still working on joining the duck trap project with **WDFW's Pasco Field Office**.

Stay tuned for information as soon as we get it.

Southwest Chapter News

By Bob Schwent

July Meeting

The **WWA-Southwest Chapter** meeting was held on July 30th at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club**, and we had a good turnout. Our guest speakers were **Mark Pidgeon** and **Jim Goldsmith**, both are members of the **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)** and both are very active in hunter access and hunters' rights issues in WA State. This is a critical time for the future of the sport we love.

They gave a great presentation and the question and answer session was very informative. We all need to get involved in both of these issues, or we will soon be left without a place to hunt. Write your representatives, vote with your wallet, and support those groups that support us.

Western Washington State "Puyallup" Fair

WWC will have a booth in the Northwest Outdoors / Go Play Outside building again this year, and are asking for **WWA** volunteers to help staff the **WWC** booth at sometime during the September 6th thru 22nd run of the Fair. This is a great public outreach opportunity for **WWA**. Let's put together a **WWA-SW Chapter** group of volunteers to and volunteer to staff the booth on one or more days. Contact me if you are interested.

Remember all volunteers receive free entrance to the fair and there are a limited number of Parking Passes too. For more information, see the story on page 12 of this Newsletter.

Youth Shoot Volunteers Needed

The **Southwest Chapter** will be helping out at the **WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter Youth Shoot** in September. Last years event was a huge success, and we all need to get the next generation of waterfowlers and shotgunners on board. If you are interested in helping, please contact either **Bob Schwent** or **Terry Satre**.

August Meeting

The next meeting of the **WWA-SW Chapter** is at 7:00 pm, August 27th at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** (16409 Canyon Rd East, Puyallup). Shooting starts at 6:00 so bring your shotgun. Shoot a little skeet or trap, get your shooting eye sharpened up, and maybe get some bragging rights with your friends. The kitchen is open if you want a good burger....



....Or you could ask **WWA-SW Chapter** member, **Howard Hicks**, for something to eat from the new smoker he made from an old refrigerator. Come on guys, we have a monthly recipe column in this Newsletter. Let's get "super smokers" **Joe Hanson** of the **Tri-Cities Chapter** and **Rich Finger** of the **Moses Lake Chapter** to share some of their favorite recipes with **Howard** and the rest of us!

CHAIRMAN NEEDED

Please contact WWA if you know anyone in the **Spokane Area** interested in facilitating a **WWA Chapter**

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Fundraising Banquet September 14th

The chapter fundraising banquet is quickly approaching. We have banquet tickets available. Please contact me with your ticket requests dlhargin@msn.com . We need to get the presales going to forecast our numbers for the banquet caterers prior to our event! Many of our members have been out soliciting donations. This is your banquet and a team effort. Please do what you can to help promote and contribute to the cause! **See Flyer** on Adjacent Page 11. Tickets available online [www.waduck.org] and click on "Member Portal."

Ridgefield NWR Blind Update

The **Blackwater** blind is camo painted and ready for installation. **Rick Scott, Dino Matri, Ted Blade** and **Doug Hargin** sanded off the glossy finish and applied a coat of paint to help the blind disappear this fall. After completion **Rick Scott** and I delivered the **Blackwater** pit blind in mid-July to **Gary McNichols**. **Gary** heads up the maintenance at the Refuge. We plan to assist in the planting of the blind in the near future as they wait for the wetlands to dry out. Our next task will be to build or purchase a seating system for the blind. **See the pictures to the right as the project progresses >>>>>>>**

Shillapoo Blind Assessment and Repair

Ted Blade and **Bob Taylor** have completed a thorough blind assessment down at the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** the end of July. Flooring and flip-down screens will be repaired or replaced on at least six blinds. **Ted** is spear heading a work party to complete the screens and we will install them the second Saturday of this month. **WDFW** will provide the materials for the project.

Salmon Fishing Event for Veterans

The wounded warrior/veterans salmon fish event was another huge success this year. Member **Dion Hess** with a lot of help spearheaded the event again this year. Member **Derrick Tackett** was on hand to help out with the event. Our Chapter again sponsored a boat of military fisherman. **Dion** reported there were 37 guided boats out that day stretching from Bonneville to Longview. A moving tribute took place as over 100 supporters waved flags and applauded our brave men and women. Great job **Dion!**

Nesting Tube Survey

Michael Andriotti, Dave and Mark Weston took a preliminary survey on 14 of the 20 duck nest tubes installed this spring at **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. >>>>>>>



USFW employee Gary McNichols offloads Blackwater Blind prior preparation for to



LC Chapter member Dino Matri paints the interior of the Backwater Blind prior to installation at the RNWR



LC member Ted Blade roughs up the Backwater Blind 's surface in preparation for painting

It appears we will have to modify our design as six (6) were crushed down by geese or some other critter(s). They found signs of four(4) successful nests.

News for the Flock

**You are Cordially Invited to Attend the 10th Annual
Washington Waterfowl Association Banquet,
Lower Columbia Chapter
Saturday, September 14, 2013
6:00 p.m.**



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Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

Second Annual Summer BBQ!

The **WWA-YV Chapter** met on July 19th at the Prosser home (and ranch) of member **Steve** and **Kathy Thoney** for our second annual Summer BBQ.

Members and their families enjoyed **Steve's** famous grass fed beef (grilled tri-tip) and free roaming chicken, swimming in the pool, duck & goose calling, and skeet shooting right from the driveway. It was a really great time - even some of the younger kids got in on breaking a few clays!



Host and chief chef Steve Thoney grills tri-tip and chicken for the WWA-YV Chapter Summer BBQ



WWA-YV Chapter members enjoying the day at the annual chapter BBQ at Thoney Ranch

Next Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be at 6:30 in Zillah at the El Ranchito restaurant on September 12th. For more information, contact **WWA-YV Chapter President Abel Cortina** at abelcortina@gmail.com.

Volunteer & See The Puyallup Free

Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC) will have a booth in the Northwest "Outdoors / Go Play Outside" building again this year at the **Western Washington State Fair**, better known as "**The Puyallup.**" This is a great public outreach opportunity for all sports men and women and the outdoor groups they are affiliated with. To make this work **WWC** needs a lot of volunteers from member organizations like **WWA** to staff this booth.

The booth is geared toward teaching people that not only are member organizations conservationists, we are America's #1 Conservationists!

The dates of the fair are September 6th through the 22nd. All volunteers receive free entrance to the Fair. There are a limited number of Parking Passes too - First Come, First Served - When they're gone, they're gone!

Two shifts a day with 1 or 2 individuals per shift. Sportsmen's organizations like **WWA** are encouraged to take advantage of our "**Volunteer Group of the Day**" program. Staff the booth with your members for an entire day and bring some of your literature to hand out. **EDITOR'S NOTE: A great chance to sell raffle tickets, solicit new WWA Members, and check out the Fair at no charge.**

Contact **Jeff Christensen** at 425-308-7583 or Jeff@hunt4life.com. The booth schedule is online at www.w4wc.org, and the direct link for it is at: <http://www.w4wc.org/FairSchd.htm>.

Top Notch Duck Calling Instruction

Former WA State Duck Calling Champions, **Troy Taylor** and **Robert Strong**, are holding a day long duck calling clinic on Sunday, August 18th from 9am-4pm at the **Local 46 IBEW Hall**, 19802—62nd Avenue South, in Kent. Cost of class is \$125, but includes a custom acrylic **Taylor Talker Duck Call** made by **Troy**, who is recognized nationwide as a Master Call Maker, lunch, snacks, and the class.

In this class you will learn the dynamics of the call; the physiology of you the caller; and the physics involved in how a call operates. They will teach you the foundations to build on with practice exercises that speed up proficiency, as well as all the advanced fun sounds you always wanted to learn – feed chatters, Cajun squeals, bouncing hens, etc.

Be sure to bring scissors and/or a craft knife, because they will also teach you how to cut your own reeds and tune your own call to fit you perfectly. You will learn to custom fit every call on your lanyard to meet your exact specifications. Contact **Robert** at ruckusoutfitters@yahoo.com to reserve your spot.

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Washington State Championship Duck Calling Contest August 24th, 2013



Hosted By:
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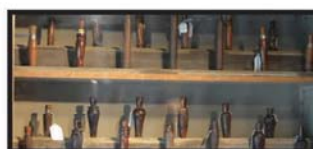
- Champion receives \$1,000 provided by the Washington Waterfowl Association.
- Sanctioned Duck Calling Champion will be provided the opportunity to go to the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest, November 29th/30th in Stuttgart, Arkansas

Registration:

- Pre-registration will be allowed starting June 21: Contact Kurt Snyder kurtsnyder@outdrs.net
- Entry fees must be paid, and all entrants must register at least two hours before category start time. *Exception is Junior Duck with registration opening at 8:00 am.*

Schedule/Calling Categories:

<u>On-Site Registration</u>	<u>Open 8:00 AM</u>		
1. Junior Duck	8:30 to 9:15 AM	45 Minutes	\$25 Entry
2. Junior Goose	9:15 to 10:00 AM	45 Minutes	\$25 Entry
3. Pee-Wee Duck	10:00 to 10:30 AM	30 Minutes	No Entry Fee
4. Novice Duck	10:30 to 11:30 AM	1 Hour	\$30 Entry
5. Lunch Break	11:30 to 12:30 AM	1 Hour	
6. W. S. Championship Duck	12:30 to 2:00 PM	1.5 Hours	\$40 Entry
7. W. S. Open Goose	2:00 to 3:00 PM	1 Hour	\$40 Entry
8. Open Duck	3:00 to 4:00 PM	1 Hour	\$40 Entry
9. 2 Man Meat Calling Duck	4:00 to 5:00 PM	1 Hour	\$50 Per Team Entry
10. 2 Man Meat Calling Goose	5:00 to 6:00 PM	1 Hour	\$50 Per Team Entry



For additional information please contact:

Kurt Snyder, (360) 485-9353

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Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

No Seattle Chapter Meeting in August

It appears that many of our members are still enjoying summer vacation with their families as attendance at our July meeting was sparse even with the offer of a free round of trap and/or five-stand. Hence No Meeting in Aug.

B.J. Brown Memorial Shoot on Sunday, August 18th

Instead I would like to encourage all **Seattle Chapter** members to come out with your "smoke pole" and support those who support us by attending the **7th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot**, Sunday, August 18th, at the **Kenmore Gun Club**, hosted by **BJ's** parents, **Mike and Jenny Lutz**.

A teenager, **BJ** died far too young in an automobile accident in August of 2006. To celebrate his memory his family, friends, and **Kenmore** members [where **BJ** had his first real job pulling trap] have gathered each August for the past six (6) years to participate in these Memorial Shoots in his honor. Every year **Mike** and **Jenny** have donated all of the proceeds from these shoots to **WWA** — totaling over \$8,500.

Come on out. Shoot one or more venues just for fun or shoot all three (3) venues for trophies! Win donated prizes in drawings and raffles, and enjoy the catered BBQ fixins included with your entry. Hope to see you there! See **the Flyer** regarding the shoot on the adjacent **Page 15** for more specific information.

Work Party Opportunities

Over the past month **Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Manager, Brian Boehm**, has been holding separate **Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)** meetings for all user groups [dog trainers, pheasant hunters and waterfowlers] to ask their volunteer assistance. **Bob Hazelbrook, Mike Ylenni** and I attended on behalf of **WWA-Seattle**. Pre hunting season work is needed on all four (4) areas, **Cherry Valley, Crescent Lake, Stillwater & Ebey Island**. More specific info to come.

CALLING CONTEST NEEDS YOUR HELP

When: August 24th

Where: Cabela's in Lacey, WA

Volunteers are still needed for setup, takedown, vendors, awards, and other issues. Please contact Kurt Snyder, Jim Cortines, or Rone Brewer to help out. (Contact Info on page 1) THANKS!

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WWA Members Dick Jensen, Kurt Snyder and Norm Westby on a previous raffle hunt

WATERFOWL HUNT RAFFLE

(Oakville, Washington)

The **Washington Waterfowl Association** is raffling off two (2) Cedarville Farms Hunt Club guided waterfowl hunts for the 2013-14 season. These hunts are likely to be the only means for a non-member to procure a hunt with Cedarville this season. The tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00 and each ticket will get two (2) chances to win one hunt with **Cedarville Farms** in the upcoming season. These hunts are for two (2) people **and include lodging.**

The drawing for the two lucky winners will be held on September 30, 2013. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this worthy cause, contact any **WWA** Chapter Chair. Check out the photo [above] of one of the two hunts donated by **Cedarville Farms** to the **WWA** from the 2012--13 season. Waterfowl hunting doesn't get much better than this!

BJ BROWN MEMORIAL TRAPSHOOT SEVENTH ANNUAL



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www.youtube.com/watch?v=efl7Ti5GGPQ

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBWEpwS3bnM>

The first video was prepared by **Jeff Coats** (owner of "Pittboss Waterfowl", and an excellent decoy carver) and sent to **WWA-GH Chapter Chairman, Kurt Snyder**. I don't know who prepared the second video. For those who did not attend, you missed a great time despite the heat. Attendance was way up this year!.

Editor's Note: Can you identify every **WWA** member shown in these videos? I recognized several but can't put an exact number to them.



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KESSELRING'S GUN SHOP LOSES ITS FIREARMS LICENSE



Kesselring's Gun Shop, Burlington, Washington

(Source: Skagit Valley Herald)

For more than 65 years, Kesselring Gun Shop has sold firearms to the hunters, collectors and protectors among us. But starting October 1st, the family-owned shop will sell firearms no more.

Nobody will say why.

Don Kesselring, reached at his shop by phone, said he had made a deal with the **U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)**. Part of the deal means not talking about why his business lost its license.

A spokesman for the **ATF** also refused to provide details about Kesselring's license.

Was the license surrendered or revoked? Bill Perkins from the Seattle office of the ATF won't say. A July 2nd post by the shop on its Facebook page said the business is being forced to surrender its license.

Don Kesselring said the business will continue to sell gun parts, clips, magazines and ammunition, while his brother, **Keith**, will sell firearms out of a pro shop at a shooting range in Burlington once it opens. **Kesselring Gun Shop** is also prevented from providing any gunsmithing services under the Agreement with **ATF**.

Law enforcement throughout Skagit County seemed surprised by the news. "I heard a rumor but I didn't believe it," said **Anacortes Police Chief Bonnie Bowers**. "Kesselrings has been there forever. It will be missed by all of us." She said the shop gave discounts to members of law enforcement, and many officers have also bought their off-duty weapons there.

When **Bowers** started at the **Anacortes Police Department**, officers carried a 9 mm Beretta handgun. "We transitioned to .40-caliber Glock handguns. We bought 18 new guns — all from Kesselring," **Bowers** said. **Sgt. Mike Moore** of the **Mount Vernon Police Department** said that like most police departments in the valley, Mount Vernon's buys most of its firearms from the manufacturer. The city buys "some ammo" but not much, he said, from Kesselring Gun Shop.

Doug Williams, a board member for the **Custer Sportsmans Club**, which has 2,500 members, said it will be hard to replace Kesselring Gun Shop as a local firearms dealer. "I've done business with them for two generations now, and it's a huge loss to the community," **Williams** said. "The other stores in the region will hopefully be able to pick up the slack and with any luck, Kesselrings will be reincarnated somehow."

The shop has until October 1st to sell its inventory. According to its Facebook page [Kesselring Gun Shop, Inc.], Browning rifles and shotguns are priced 15 percent off through September 15th, PLUS Browning is offered a tax relief discount of up to eight percent (8%).

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Women's workshop offers instruction on fishing, hunting, outdoor skills

OLYMPIA - Women can learn the basics of fishing, hunting, and other outdoor skills at a weekend workshop **September 13-15** that includes sessions led by **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** experts and other certified instructors.

The annual workshop at Camp Waskowitz in North Bend, Wash., is coordinated by **Washington Outdoor Women (WOW)**, a non-profit program dedicated to teaching women outdoor skills and natural resource stewardship. **WOW**, now in its 16th year, is an educational outreach program of the **Washington Wildlife Federation**.

Instructors will offer 20 different classes on outdoor skills such as archery, freshwater fishing, fly fishing, kayaking, big-game hunting, wild edibles, map and compass reading, wilderness First Aid, survival skills, outdoor photography and more. Several **WDFW** staff members serve as volunteer instructors for the event, including biologists **Laura Till** and **Susan Cierebiej**, who teach map and compass skills, and **Stacie Kelsey**, who teaches basic freshwater fishing. In all, 32 instructors volunteer their time and expertise at this **WOW** workshop to help women re-connect with the outdoors.

Workshop participants must be at least 18 years old and must have a current Washington recreational fishing license to participate in the fishing and fly-fishing sessions. The workshop fee of \$250 includes the weekend's instruction, lodging, meals and use of all necessary equipment. Partial scholarships, provided by the **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**, are available for first-time participants.

To learn more about **WOW** and the workshop and to download the registration form, visit the **WOW** website at www.washingtonoutdoorwomen.org or contact Director **Ronni McGlenn** at (425) 455-1986.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Duck Breast Rumaki

Ingredients:

2 boneless breast halves from 1 wild duck
1/2 C sake or dry sherry
1 T soy sauce
1T sesame oil
1t minced gingerroot
2 cloves garlic, pressed
8-10 slices, halved
16-20 canned whole water chestnuts

Directions:

Cut each breast half into 8-10 one-inch cubes
Blend sake, soy sauce, oil, ginger, garlic in a bowl
Add duck pieces & stir to coat. Marinate at room temp for 1 hour, or overnight in fridge
Place 1 duck chunk & water chestnut on a piece of back, wrap & secure with toothpick. Repeat for all ingredients
Heat oven 450 degrees . Arrange appetizers on broiler pan and cook until crisp—15-20 minutes or longer, turning once.
Options: (1) roll in mixture of cayenne pepper & brown sugar; (2) drizzle with honey and sprinkle with crushed red peppers; (3) add matchstick pieces of Anaheim peppers while rolling up.

SEND US YOUR RECIPE TO POST HERE AND RECEIVE CREDIT FOR IT!

News for the Flock

YOUTH HUNTS

WHEN: September 21st & 22nd

WHERE: (1) Port Susan Restoration Site (2) Jensen Slough

DETAILS:

The NW WWA Chapter is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts at the Port Susan Restoration Site and at Jensen Slough.

Port Susan Restoration site is a saltwater/tidal bay, with hunts conducted from the dike. Jensen Slough is non-tidal backwater, hunts conducted from the shoreline.

Reservations are required. First come-first served.

Please contact REB BROKER at lostfish01@gmail.com (760) 859-7442 or RICK SKIBA reskiba@msn.com (360) 387-2225 for more details and reservations.

Fish and Wildlife Commission sets hunting seasons for migratory waterfowl

OLYMPIA - The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission extended protections for giant Pacific octopuses in Puget Sound today by prohibiting the recreational harvest of the species at seven popular scuba diving sites from Whidbey Island to Tacoma.

The commission, a nine-member citizen panel appointed by the Governor to set policy for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), also adopted 2013-14 hunting seasons for migratory waterfowl and approved several land acquisitions designed to conserve fish and wildlife habitat during the first day of its Aug. 2-3 meeting in Olympia.

With respect to waterfowl seasons the commission decided that

- General duck season will be open for 107 days - from Oct. 12-16, 2013 and from Oct. 19-Jan. 26, 2014.
- A special youth hunting weekend will take place Sept. 21 and 22, 2013.
- **See Summary on Page 28 of this Newsletter.**

In addition, WDFW Wildlife Program staff members said surveys in the Pacific Flyway show duck populations are near long-term averages, while goose populations are generally at or above management goals.

(Source: WDFW)

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TREASURERS. REPORT (8-1-2013)

Corporate Checking	\$ 16,884.57
Chapter (LC, ML & SEA)	
Trust Monies for Goose	
Satellite Transmitters	
For WDFW	\$ 8,250.00
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,559.64
Corporate Total	\$ 42,849.21

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 1,863.57
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
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Buy / Sell / Trade / Free Admission

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Table fee: \$50

Silent Auction! Come see, bid and win hunting related items:

Books, Artwork, Decoys

Raffle! Purchase tickets for a chance to win a nice decoy!

Representatives of the following organizations will be attending. Stop in, say hello and become a member: *Ducks Unlimited, Washington Waterfowl Association and Washington Brant Foundation*

Contacts:

Mail \$50 Table fee to: Gary Fisher 1132 Bridle Trail Lane, Oak Harbor, WA. 98277
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Donations

The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below is a listing of recent [since the July 15, 2013 Newsletter] contributions to four primary funds established by the **WWA**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,305

WWA Legal Fund — \$15,407

WWA Habitat Fund — \$285

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$1,766

Doug Graef — \$100

Kurt Snyder — \$121

WWA General Non Specific Donations — \$123

You can contribute in so many ways to the **WWA**, from locally to statewide, helping the **WWA** carry on!
The **WWA** wishes to thank you for your generous contribution to the Waterfowler's Heritage.



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HERITAGE LANDS

Farmland & Public Access Preservation

The Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) has finalized a business plan for private land/public access program called

Heritage Lands.

The program idea came from a multi-stakeholder work group developing mitigation options for the farmland and public access losses resulting from fish restoration projects in the Lower Skagit and Stillaguamish River Deltas.

The goal of the program is for the Washington Waterfowl Association to:

1. Purchase & own a limited amount of farmland in three or four different areas across the deltas.
2. Preserve the farmland in perpetuity through sale of development rights and farming-related easements.
3. Lease the land to farmers, supporting and promoting agricultural productivity, infrastructure, and crop rotation.
4. Use lease fees to support property management, hunting and other public access, and lease of waterfowl hunting access to other private farmland in the region.
5. Promote recreational access and wildlife habitat improvements that do not reduce long-term agricultural productivity.
6. Provide research and public education opportunities.

To learn more or, provide your thoughts/ideas contact:
Rone Brewer – (206) 595-7481 or nwducks@frontier.com

We are now seeking funding for the Heritage Lands Program. If adequate private funding can be obtained it will drastically simplify program initiation. Your support can help get this program rolling.

You can **CONTRIBUTE** at WWW.WADUCK.ORG

News for the Flock

SEND US YOUR "ACTON DOG" PHOTO AND WWA WILL PUBLISH IT ON THIS PAGE



SNAKE RIVER'S SOUTHERN COMFORT OF EAST HARBOR ("BELLE")

WATERFOWL IDENTIFICATION PRESENTATION

WHEN: Thursday, October 3rd, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Evergreen Sportsmen's Club
12736 Marksman Road SW, Olympia, WA
Tel# (360) 357-9080

How many of you were surprised to retrieve a duck, only to discover it was not the duck you thought it was when you shot it? Probably everyone at one time - myself included - as made this mistake.

Waterfowl I.D. isn't just important and ethical - IT'S THE LAW. You won't just get a fine if you shoot 3 Pintails, you will get a criminal citation, you may have to go before a judge to clear your record. Criminal citations on can complicate your life immensely, particularly with international travel.

The Grays Harbor WWA Chapter will be hosting a waterfowl identification class, presented by Bill Vogel of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at our October meeting. Bill previously presented this course at our Youth Waterfowl Workshop and impressed everyone that was there. Mr. Vogel is also a Washington State Hunter Education instructor and a supporting WWA member.

Everyone is invited to this presentation. It will be at the Evergreen Sportsman's Club on the 3rd of October at 7:00 PM Sharp! Contact Kurt Snyder for reservations (no fee to attend) at (360) 485-9353 or at Kurtsnyder@outdrs.net

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- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap County Chapter** meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (Jan – Nov) at **Bremerton Skeet & Trap Club**.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Dates and places to TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter** meets the 2nd Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **PUD Auditorium**, corner of 10th Avenue & HWY 395, **Kennewick**.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Jan – Nov) at **Café Villa, Prosser**.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization
- 10 chapters throughout Washington
- *We spend all of our resources within Washington State*

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter's Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman's Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck "blinds" on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and Conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to fund all of these "hands on" conservation projects.

**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2013-2014
Upland and Migratory Bird Seasons**

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>SEASON DATES (inclusive)</u>	<u>DAILY BAG LIMIT</u>	<u>POSSESSION LIMIT</u>
Band-tailed Pigeon	Statewide	September 15—23, 2013	2	4
Mourning Dove	Statewide	September 1—30, 2013	10	20
Eurasian Collared Dove	Statewide	Year Round	No Bag Limit—License Required	
Forest Grouse (Blue, Ruffed & Spruce)	Statewide	Sept. 1, 2013 — Dec. 31, 2013	4 of any species	12 of any species
SAGE, SHARPTAILED GROUSE & PTARMIGAN CLOSED STATEWIDE				
Pheasant (f)	Western WA 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Sept. 21—22 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY)	2 of either sex	4 of either sex
		Sept. 23—27 (SENIORS ONLY) (AGE 65 OR OLDER)	2 of either sex	10 of either sex
		Sept. 28—Nov. 30, 2013 (REGULAR)	2 of either sex	15 of either sex
		Dec. 1—15, 2013 (EXTENDED SEASON—NO PHEASANTS RELEASED) ONLY at Skookumchuck, Fort Lewis, Kosmos, 2 of either sex Scatter Creek, Belfair, Whidbey Island (EXCEPT Bayview) & Lincoln Creek sites	2 of either sex	15 of either sex
Eastern WA	Sept. 21—22 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY)	3 cocks only	6 cocks only	
	Sept. 23—27 (SENIORS ONLY) (AGE 65 OR OLDER)	3 cocks only	6 cocks only	
	Oct. 19, 2013 — Jan 12, 2014 (REGULAR)	3 cocks only	15 cocks only	
California & N. Bobwhite Quail,	Western WA	Sept., 28—Nov. 30, 2013	10 of either	30 of either
	Eastern WA	Sept. 21—22 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY)	10 of either	20 of either
		Oct. 5, 2013 — Jan 20, 2014	10 of either	30 of either
Mountain Quail	Western WA	Sept., 28—Nov. 30, 2013	2	4
	Eastern WA	SEASON CLOSED		
Chukar & Gray Partridge	Eastern WA	Sept. 21—22 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY) Oct. 5, 2013 — Jan 20, 2014	6 of each 6 of each	12 of each 18 of each
Crow	Statewide	Sept., 1—Dec., 31, 2013	No Limit	No Limit
Turkey (g)	GMUs 105 thru 142	Sept., 21—Oct., 11, 2013	2 beardless turkeys (in addition to other fall turkey harvest)	
See the Big Game Hunting Regulations & Spring Turkey Pamphlet for more information on turkey hunting.	GMUs 101 124-154 & 162-186	Sept., 21—Oct., 11, 2013	1 either sex turkey (in addition to other fall turkey harvest)	
	GMUs 105-154 162-186	Nov., 20—Dec., 15, 2013	1 either sex turkey	
	Statewide	April 5-6, 2014 (YOUTH HUNT ONLY) April 15—May 31, 2014 (REGULAR)	See Spring Turkey Pamphlet See Spring Turkey Pamphlet	
	Statewide	Sept., 1, 2013—March 15, 2014	5 mixed bag	15 mixed bag

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**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2013-2014
Migratory Waterfowl Seasons (Significant Changes in Red)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	Statewide	September 21-22, 2013 (Youth Hunt Only) (a) Oct. 12-16, 2013 and Oct. 19, 2013— Jan. 26, 2014 EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 12 — Nov. 1, 2013	7 (b) 7(b) 3(b)	14 (b) 21(b) 9(b)
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 2 pintail; 3 scaup; 2 canvasback , and 2 redhead;		
(b) <u>New Possession Limits Statewide</u>		6 pintail; 9 scaup; 6 canvasback; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards		
		Coots, and	25	50
		Snipe	8	24
(b) Season Limit	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin; 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye 1 harlequin in Western WA		

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Geese (except Brant & Aleutian)	Statewide	September 21-22, 2013 (Youth Hunting Only) EXCEPT Goose Mgmt., Areas 2A & 2B	4(c) Canada Geese	8(c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 1 & 3	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2013; Oct. 12-24, 2013 & Nov 2, 2013—Jan 26, 2014 EXCEPT snow, Ross, or blue geese can be taken Oct 12, 2013 thru Jan. 26, 2014	5(c) 4(c) 4(c)	10(c) 12 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2A	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2013; 8 a.m.— 4 p.m. Nov. 9—Dec 1 & Dec 11—Jan 26 EXCEPT CLOSED Dec. 25 & Jan 1 Sat., Sun & Weds., only (EXCEPT Ridgefield NWR) Ridgefield NWR open 8 a.m.—4 p.m. Tues., Thurs., and Saturdays only Nov. 9-30, 2013 & Dec 12—Jan 25, 2014 EXCEPT CLOSED NOV. 28th	3(c) 4(e) 4(e)	6(c) 12(e) 12(e)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2B	Early Season — Sept. 1-15, 2013; 8 a.m.— 4 p.m. Saturdays & Wednesdays Only Oct. 12-23 & Nov 2, 2013—Jan., 18, 2014	5(c) 4(e)	10(c) 12(e)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Early Season — Sept. 10-15, 2013; Oct. 12-24 and Nov. 2, 2013—Jan. 26, 2014	5(c) 4(e)	10(c) 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Early Season — Sept. 14-15, 2013; Sat, Sun, & Weds, only, Oct. 12— Jan 19, 2014 Nov 11, 28, and 29; Dec 26, 27, 30, & 31, 2013; and every day Jan 20-26, 2014.	3(c) 4	6(c) 12
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Early Season — Sept. 14-15, 2013; Oct. 12-14, 2013, & Oct 19, 2013—Jan 26, 2014	3(c) 4	6(c) 12
Brant (see authorization requirements on p. 14 of 2013-2014 regulations pamphlet)	Pacific County Skagit County	Jan. 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18 & 19, 2014 Jan. 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 25, & 26, 2014	2 2	6 6
	Skagit County	If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is below 6000 (as determined by the early January survey) the brant season in Skagit County will be canceled.		

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