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Letter from the President

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By-Laws & Elections:

The outcome for the proposed amendments to our by-laws and the statewide positions for officers and directors are in. You'll have to dig deeper into this newsletter to learn the results.

Here's what's even more curious about the process than the outcome: **Less than 10% of the membership took part in the decision making** that will determine the future of the organization.

Once again, I am seeking input as to why we would have such low participation. Please send your thoughts to me at: wawtrfwlr@comcast.net. Your opinions will appear in the next newsletter.

That said, I want to commend the **Lower Columbia Chapter** for their high participation level, and also the fact that they apparently had enough discussion regarding proposed by-law amendment #7 to contribute strong opposition to the measure. I appreciate your viewpoints highly. You guys are the BEST!

Kudos and congratulations to new director, **Kurt Snyder**, for serving as the ballot tally-or and chief bottle washer on these two important measures on where **WWA** heads in the future. **Kurt**, you too are the BEST!

On another front, with the technological advances in the communications system we use for emailing our
(President's letter continued on page 3)

Talk to the President!

Send your thoughts on the future of **WWA**, on governmental policies affecting waterfowl and their habitat, or even send your thoughts on your favorite hunting grounds! The president, **Jim Cortines**, wants to hear from you!
Email him today at:
wawtrfwlr@comcast.net.

Mission Statement
To Preserve, Protect and Promote Water fowl , Water fowl Habitat, & Water fowl Hunting in Washington state

EVENTS CALENDAR**2017 Events**

- July & August** Compete in the **WWA FERD NIST MEMORIAL TROPHY**. **More info on page 10.**
- July 22** **Second Annual Free Shotgun Shooting Clinic** at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**. **More info on page 15.**
- July 23** **DU Annual Fun Shoot. Sporting Clay Bird Shooting** at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**.
- July 26** **Seattle Chapter Meeting** at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**.
- Aug 5** **Sporting Clays Shoot** to benefit the **Boys Scouts of America** at the **Granite Falls Gun Club**. Contact **Rick Holt**, (360) 853-3742.
- Aug 8** **Northwest Chapter Meeting and Annual Duck Boat Show and Swap Meet** at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm.
- Aug 8** **Snoqualmie Valley DU Annual Dinner** at the **Snoqualmie Casino and Reort**. Contact **John Tierney** at 425-391-1521.
- Aug 12** **Annual Free Youth Shooting Event** at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**. **More info on page 16.**
- Aug 19** **Free Trap Shoot for Youth** at the **Quincy Trap Club**. **More info on page 17.**
- Aug 20** **BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot** at the **Kenmore Gun Range**. **More info on page 9.**

- Aug 27** **Waterfowl Clinic** with the **WDFW** at the **Vancouver Trap Club**.
- Aug 29** **Southwest Chapter Meeting** at 6:30 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on **Canyon Road** in **Puyallup**.
- Sept 15-17** **Washington Outdoor Women Fall Workshop** at **Camp Waskowitz** in **North Bend, WA**. **See page 5 for more info.**
- Sept 16** **Moses Lake WWA and DU BBQ** for youth hunting season at **Mar Don Resort**. **More info on page 14.**
- Sept 23** **Lower Columbia Chapter Banquet**. Make your donation today!
- Sept 30** Mark your calendar for the **NW Chapter Banquet**. **More details coming soon.**
- Oct 5** **Hunt for 2 at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club Raffle Drawing**. Purchase your tickets before today! **More info on page 18.**

**Be an Active Member
and Attend one of
these GREAT Events!**



Letter from the President continued from Page 1

members, we now have the ability to see who reads the email version of the WWA Newsletter ...or at least opens them. Only about half of our members never open their newsletter each month! I'd appreciate your thoughts there too.

On a lighter note, in a few months, we waterfowlers will be receiving our version of the Playmate of the Year edition of Plowboy...the annual editions of the "Waterfowl Gear Catalogues." I swear each year they come in by the pound starting in August, and it seems they continue right into November; oh, and then as I recall, the sale catalogues come in February and March.

Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, Roger's Sporting Goods, and more fill my mailbox to start with. I'm not sure, but I think I get two from **Cabela's**...one in August, and then the 'just in case you forgot to order' version in October. (*I do miss getting my annual leatherette hard-bound editions of the Cabela's catalogues; they made me feel like I was being recognized as a true **Cabela's** addict.*)

And then there's the local retailer's advertising that starts rolling in come September: **Sportsman's Warehouse, Dick's Sports, Big 5**...and of course **Bass Pro and Cabela's** again, and more.

I can't remember when I last ordered something as I think I have now accumulated at least two of every waterfowl product ever invented. Oh, I'm mistaken; I do remember my last order for a new pair of chest waders. (**Cabela's** refused to take the old ones back based on my claim that they had shrunk.)

With the aforementioned statements in mind, it cracks me up that even though I have no intention of buying anymore gear.... I can't wait to sift through the pages looking at the same stuff I have been seeing for the last 40 or 50 years AND the latest, greatest revelations from the likes of **Fred Zink, Remington, Greenhead Gear, Dakota Waterfowl, RNT, Eliminator Blinds, Black Cloud, Tri-Tronics** and the like. I find myself debating annually with my son **Eric** about the

word: **MARKETING**. He can hear me in his sleep I'm sure. "**Eric**(!), they [the manufacturers] have to come up with the slightest variation every year and convince you that last year's innovation is no longer good enough...or they're out of business. Don't buy anymore gear!" It's had no impact on him. If I were to guess that my son's net worth was a \$million, \$975k would be tied up in calls, decoys, boats, trailers, shotguns, and the like. Nuf said about that.

When I started getting into hunting birds and waterfowl years ago, I went to **Sears** for my shotgun... \$89 (*can't find a shooter there anymore*). I went to **JC Penney** for my cotton camo and hunting boots... total less than \$50...ya' know they can't be found at those stores any longer. I think I bought my shot-shells and duck decoys from **PayLess Drugs**...maybe \$2.50 a box of **LEAD** waterfowl loads and around \$12 a dozen for dekes in shrink wrap...don't remember when I last saw a **PayLess**... they're long since gone.

So back to the waterfowl catalogues; I just chuckle when I see a **Zink** goose call going for \$159.99, a **DryFowl** waterfowling jacket for \$169.99, a **Cabela's** layout blind for \$339.99 cause I just know the gear I hunt with is approaching "collectible" status fast.

My heirs are going to make a killing. ☺

**For the Resource,
Jim Cortines**



News for the Flock

By-Law Amendment Voting Results:

Here are the results of the By –Law amendment voting:

Amendment #5	Yeah	38	Nay	0	<i>Approved</i>
Amendment #6	Yeah	39	Nay	0	<i>Approved</i>
Amendment #7	Yeah	30	Nay	9	<i>Approved</i>
Amendment #8	Yeah	38	Nay	1	<i>Approved</i>
Amendment #9	Yeah	39	Nay	0	<i>Approved</i>

Summary of Proposed Changes to WWA By-Laws:

Amend #5 — Chapter chair or his appointee afforded one seat on BOD, should chapter not elect to execute, BOD will appoint to the seat

Amend #6 — Provides for attendance through electronic means as well as voting via proxy

Amend #7 — Clarifies the qualifications for eligibility to hold office as a chapter officer, BOD member, or corporate officer

Amend #8 — Allows a 60% (super majority) vote by existing Directors to amend the By-Laws

Amend #9 — Provides language for the disbursal of assets in the event of the dissolution of either a chapter or corporate organizations

Officer and BOD Election Results:

Here are the results of the voting corporate ballot for **WWA** Officers and Board of Directors. Congratulations to **Jim Goldsmith (GH)** who was elected as the newest Board of Director to a 3-year term upon being one of three candidates to receive the most votes. **Richard Holt (NW)** and **Bob Taylor (LC)** were re-elected to new 3-year terms and **Rod Boyer (SW)** and **Howard Hicks (SW)**, were re-elected to new 2-year terms. **Abel Cortina (YV)** was re-elected to a new one-year term.

They join **Bruce Feagan (ML)**, who is in his final year of a 3-year term and **David Irons (SEA)** and **Kurt Snyder (GH)**, who were both appointed to fill board vacancies within the past year and will stand for election on their own next year.

WWA will be contacting the write-in candidates who received votes for Officer and Board positions about their willingness to serve **WWA** now and/or in the near future in one of these corporate capacities.

Congratulations to all !!!

President:

Jim Cortines (SW) 17 Votes

Vice President:

David Hanson (SEA)	2 Votes	Write-in
John Hanson (SEA)	1 Vote	Write-in
Paul McGovern (SEA)	1 Vote	Write-in
Doug Hargin (LC)	1 Vote	Write-in

Secretary:

Earl Mikkelsen (SW) 17 Votes

Treasurer:

John Arrabito (SEA) 17 Votes

Directors:

Abel Cortina (YV)	14 Votes
Rod Boyer (SW)	15 Votes
Jim Goldsmith (GH)	16 Votes
Howard Hicks (SW)	15 Votes
Richard Holt (NW)	16 Votes
Bob Taylor (LC)	16 Votes
Art Kendall (NW)	1 Vote Write-in



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Washington Outdoor Women



- Archery
- Backpacking
- Backyard Wildlife Habitat
- Basic Freshwater Fishing
- Beekeeping
- Big Game Hunting Basics
- Duck Hunting 101
- Dutch Oven Cooking
- Field to Freezer
- Fix it in the Field
- Fly Fishing
- Fly Tying
- Herbal First Aid
- Map and Compass
- Soap Making
- Survival
- Wild Edibles
- Wilderness First Aid
- Wildlife Awareness

Washington Outdoor Women

WOW is an outdoor skills program that empowers women and girls through classes that sharpen their outdoor talents and improve their wilderness know-how. We know you have the potential....WOW offers the opportunity!

WOW Fall Workshop

Grab your hiking boots and come join other women who, like you, are eager to gain skills and greater confidence in the outdoors! Celebrating our 20th year, Washington Outdoor Women will host its popular Weekend Workshop September 15-17 at Camp Waskowitz in North Bend, Washington.



Engage in an empowering experience to sharpen your outdoor skills and improve your wilderness awareness. Invest in your personal growth and discover a new sense of self-reliance. Outdoor skills training is best experienced through hands-on practice. WOW will rekindle that link to the outdoors you've been seeking!



What: Annual WOW Weekend Workshop
 When: September 15-17 (2½ day event)
 Where: Camp Waskowitz, North Bend, Washington
 Who: YOU! Women 18+
 Scholarship info: <http://ow.ly/7CkL30cHbIN>

Information and registration: www.washingtonoutdoorwomen.org

Washington Outdoor Women is an educational program of the Washington Wildlife Federation www.washingtonwildlife.org

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

June Meeting Speaker:

Vancouver Mayor Pro-Temp and Council Member Anne McEnery spoke at our June meeting. **Anne** gave a little background on herself. Her father spent many days hunting the **Fern Ridge Wildlife Area**. **Anne** showed us his **Federal Duck Stamps** he had saved over many years. She had framed them after his passing. The councilor is currently running for **Vancouver** mayor.

Anne fielded our questions and concerns relating to the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. Access to the hunt area is on a state road bordered by county land within in a few miles of the **Vancouver** city limits. The east side of the hunt area is accessed through a dead end highway that many times is used for illegal shooting, garbage dumping and other shady activities. Although it is county and state land, the **City of Vancouver** is the police presence for the area. We also expressed our opposition and concerns relating to the current salmon project for **Shillapoo**. We would like to thank **Anne** for speaking at our meeting!

Oregon Waterfowl Festival:

In spite of very hot weather our chapter had a successful Festival again this year. Seven (7) new members signed up along with one renewal. We sold \$600 in raffle tickets. Several Duck Stamp prints were sold along with **WWA** hats. We had two (2) free youth raffle drawings. We picked up some banquet donations also. Thanks to **Arlan Hackett** for his hard work all weekend. Thanks to **Rick Scott** for hauling the trailer back and forth and set up and tear down. Thanks to **Bob Taylor** for running up to Tacoma and back for the artwork and working booth days.

Northwest chapter president **Rick Billieu** for coming down and working Sunday. We would also like to thank these members for their help with the booth: **Bill Mitchell, Doug Lee, Cliff and Jackie Pepper, Michael Andriotti and Dan Hafenbrack**.

Chapter Picnic:

A beautiful day and a scenic riverside picnic shelter were the setting for our second annual chapter picnic at **Lewisville Park** on the **Lewis River**. When you combine BBQ and 30 members, family and friends you have the ingredients of a great event. Thanks to **Doug Lee** for his delicious home smoked pulled pork and **Dan Hafenbrack's** three day rub smoked/grilled chicken thighs and drumsticks!

Thanks to **Ted Blade, Arlan Hackett, Doug Hargin** and **Rick Scott** for bringing the accoutrements and set up/tear down. Thanks to all who brought delicious side dishes/desserts and attended our little party. Thanks also to **John McAninch** and his wife **Marti** for driving down from **Oakville** for the event!



Above: Lindsey showing Michael how its done in bean bag toss game.



Left: Lots of laughs.



Right: Arlan and Barb Hackett (facing) and John and Marti McAninch catching up.

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Ridgefield NWR Blind 9:

Member **Rick Spring** has drawn up plans and materials have been purchased to repair/replace the decking base for blind 9. The blind access and deck have been deteriorating for years. Late season the blind has been in standing water. The Refuge is going to add rock for the access improvements. We will soon have a work party to rectify all that and put the blind back into good shape!

Sunday August 27th Waterfowl Clinic:

In partnership with the **Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife** we are planning a "not just for kids" waterfowl clinic at the **Vancouver Trap Club**. This is a great opportunity to expose potential waterfowlers of all ages to our sport and share with novice hunters' tips and advice.

14th Annual Chapter Fundraising Banquet:

Saturday **September 23th** will be here before we know it. We need **your** help gathering the gift certificates/cards and donations for this great fundraising event. If you have questions or just need solicitation and banquet flyers please let us know. Any business that you frequent is a potential donor. Even lightly used gear for hunting, boating, fishing or whatever is desirable. Contact **Doug Hargin (360) 903-6951** for donations or more information.



Ron Anderson had his hands full!



Lots of good talkin' and eatin'



Ted Blade looks on as Rick Scott explains the finer points of preparing the briquettes to Therese and Doug Lee



A Doggone good time!

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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

Many thanks to **WWA-Seattle** member, **Rich Smith**, for once putting on his hand-on shotgun clinic on his hands-on program, **"How to Shoot Five Stand"** at our June meeting. The good news was that **Rich** was pleasantly surprised by the rather large number of attendees interested in his program! The bad news was that large turnout combined with the limited time before the shotgun range must close to accommodate residential neighbors, prevented many from experiencing the "hands-on" part of the program and actual shooting on the 5-stand course under **Rich's** trained eye.



NRA Certified Instructor, Rich Smith.

Unfortunately an out-of-town commitment for **Rich** prevents him from attending this month's meeting and providing the follow-up "hands-on" instruction he had wanted to do last month. However **Rich** has agreed to repeat his clinic next year in back-to-back months, so everyone who wants to can (1) learn the proper techniques for shooting 5-stand [and by extension, Sporting Clays] in the first month of the program, (2) followed up by the personal experience of some individualized shotgun instruction from this **NRA** Certified Instructor during the second month.

In an attempt to make up for this, the **Seattle Chapter** will be offering a **FREE** round of Trap or 5-Stand to **ALL WWA members of ALL Chapters**. And for **Tom Kearns** and his guest, **Chason**, who made the long trek down from the **NW Chapter** to attend the clinic, but did not get a chance

to shoot, I personally will match that free round of trap or 5-stand – hopefully to make it worth your time to return and join us for an evening of shooting.

Many Shooting Events on Tap this Summer

Speaking of shooting, this month's newsletter is full of shooting and instruction opportunities for those willing to travel a little bit, but including **the 11th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot** on our home course here at the Kenmore Gun Club. [See the Flyer on the adjacent page and check out the Calendar of Events for other shooting opportunities in July and August in Western Washington].

Over the course of the previous 10 years, **Jenny and Mike Lutz** have donated over \$14,000 to **WWA** from the proceeds of this fun shoot honoring the memory of their son who left us all too early. I strongly encourage all **WWA** members to come out for this event and support those who support **WWA!**

Ferd Nist Trophy Shoot Begins in July

Also on tap for the next two (2) months is our Annual **Ferd Nist Shooting Competition** to determine the best shotgun shooter in **WWA**.

The rules (See **Page 10**) are set up to allow **WWA** members of **ALL Chapters** to participate. Just get your local Range Master and another **WWA** member to verify your score in each event. Let's get some more Chapters involved this year! Will we be engraving your name on the **Ferd Nist Traveling Trophy** this year?

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle Tickets:

We are selling the **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two** raffle tickets generously donated by **WWA** member **Jon McAninch** as a fund raising tool for all **WWA** Chapters. The Drawing date is October 5th, which is coming up quickly so get them while their hot! They make really great gifts for that waterfowler you know or even someone that is just considering water fowling! As before, check out the Flyer here in this issue **on page 18** for more details.

The **Seattle Chapter** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month from January through October at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**. **Trap and 5-Stand** Shooting all afternoon until 7 p.m.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on July 26th. Bring a hunting buddy with you for some **FREE** shooting!

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BJ BROWN MEMORIAL TRAPSHOOT ELEVENTH ANNUAL



Hosted by the Family and Friends of BJ Brown

Proceeds Donated to the Washington Waterfowl Association

(over \$14,000 has been donated over the 10 prior years!)

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Registration 9:00 a.m.

Kenmore Shotgun Range: 1031 228th St SW Bothell, WA 98021 425.481.8685

Entry Fee: \$75.00

Includes 125 Targets and Lunch

50 Singles 50 Handicap 25 5-Stand
(each event is \$25.00- could do one, two or all three)

Trophies for Men, Ladies and Novice

Top Gun (must do all 125 targets) Singles Handicap 5-Stand

RAFFLE DRAWINGS FOR DONATED PRIZES!

SHOT GUN RAFFLE!

For Information Call: Mike Lutz 206.550.6924 or Jenny Lutz 425.218.7868

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WWA FERD NIST MEMORIAL TROPHY

We want to know who is the best shot in WWA! This annual contest is named after **Ferd Nist**, one of the WWA founding members. The contest started in 1978 and this perpetual trophy is awarded to the best shotgunner with the highest score out of 100 clays. **John T. Scott** was the first winner in 1978 with two more wins in 1979 and 1982. **Dick Schweiter** has 6 wins, **Don Aker** has 5 wins, **Leo Pfeifer** has 4 wins. **Gary Webster** holds the record with 7 wins. There are 9 spaces left on the trophy. **Bill Maxwell** of the Seattle Chapter is the defending champion! This year's winner will be announced in September.

Ferd Nist contest Rules

1. Shoot in the months of July and August.
2. Declare before starting event that your score will count for the Ferd Nist Competition.
3. Have your score witnessed by another chapter member or range personal.
4. Report your score next day to **David Hanson**, 425-260-4816, or davidhan-son73@hotmail.com
5. Tie breaker-high score from the slider.
6. Second tie breaker- Sudden Death, first miss loses. Shoots in August.

The Competition (Each event does not have to be completed in the same day) 100 Clays, compete for the bragging rights, "Who is the best shot." The highest score wins.

Event I

Trap, 16 yard, 25 clays, shoot 5 clays from each post. Report score

Event II

Trap, Slider, 25 clays, shoot 5 clays from each post, moving back or forward 2 yards after each shot.

(Example)

Start at post 1, 16 yd, shoot clay 1

Move back to 18 yd, shoot clay 2

Move back to 20 yd, shoot clay 3

Move back to 22 yd, shoot clay 4

Move back to 24 yd, shoot clay 5

Rotate to post 2, 24 yd, shoot clay 6

Move forward to 22 yd, shoot clay 7,

Continue moving 2 yards for each shot forwards and backwards at each post. Ending on Post 5, 24yd.

Report score.

Event III

Trap doubles, 50 clays, 16 yard, two clays at the same time, 5 doubles on each post. Report score.

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Leque Island Update:

WWA was part of a 30 member **Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)** established to provide input to **WDFW** as it worked to develop the **Leque Island Alternative Analysis and Design project**. http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/skagit/leque_island_project.php. A series of public meetings hosted by **WDFW** were convened to disseminate information on the project from 2013 - 2015. **Rick Skiba** and other members are still involved in the project as it enters the construction phase. **Rick** recently held an on-line interview with the **WDFW Project Manager**. The transcript of the interview is on **page 12-13**. A big thank you to **Rick Skiba** and other **WWA members** for their continued involvement in this project supporting the interests of our waterfowl heritage and their communities.

August Monthly Meeting - Boat Show & Swap:

Our August meeting is an annual **Duck Boat show and Swap Meet**. So drag out the Duck Boat, Layout Boat, Canoe, Plank of wood or whatever you use to safely hunt from. It's an opportunity to share what you use to get out on the water or gadgets and methods for being successful.

The meeting will also include 2 guest speakers. **Mark Pidgeon and Travis Smith**. **Mark** is the president of **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)**, an alliance of individuals and organizations concerned with the health and well-being of Washington's wildlife and wildlife management methods. **WWA** is a supporting organization of **WWC**, as a voting member of its Board of Directors.

Travis Smith of Avian-X. Travis is a regional Representative for **Avian-X** and will be showing us some of their products including their A-Frame Waterfowl Blind.

Can you say Quack !

Effective waterfowl calling is sometimes one of the keys to a successful hunt. This year we are planning to hold the chapter **Annual Duck Calling Instruction**. This is a series of instructional sessions during August and September. From call familiarization, making basic quacks to advanced calling tips, come join us and improve the odds for your future waterfowling success.

Annual Chapter Banquet:

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **NW Chapter banquet**. The Chapter has set a date of Saturday, September 30 and will hold this event once again at **Hillcrest Lodge in Mt Vernon**. The Banquet provides financial support for conservation activities and chapter events. A fun evening with good friends, dinner, auctions and raffles.

We are always looking for Member donations, auction items and member volunteers for this event. More details of the Banquet will be in the August newsletter.

Welcome Our New Members by Attending:

Welcome to the recent new members of the chapter. We look forward to getting to know you. A good way to get to know the club and its members is by attending a Chapter Meeting or event.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm. See you at the next meeting on August 8 and be sure to bring a friend.

Support your passion – get involved

Contact **Rick Billieu** at rgbillieu@frontier.com for more information or questions about the **NW Chapter!**

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

Monthly Meeting:

The next meeting will be August 29 at 6:30 at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club on Canyon Rd in Puyallup.

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Leque Island Project Update:

By: Rick Skiba

Below is an on-line interview **Rick Skiba** conducted with **Loren Brokaw (Restoration Projects Coordinator, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, WDFW)** on the current status of Leque Island.

Q: Loren, what is the current status of the funding, permitting process and schedule/timeline for the 1st Phase (interior ditching and channels) and the 2nd Phase (exterior dike removal) of Leque Island?

A: The first phase of the project is scheduled for construction beginning in mid-July. **WDFW** has grant funds under contract to build this scope of work, which involves preparing the site for future dike removal. The main elements are digging channels, filling ditches, removing a berm, and building some higher elevation mounds to dissipate wave energy, support potential nesting habitat, and provide higher ground for duck blinds. Construction is supposed to take between 8-12 weeks, so we plan on demobilizing off of the site in time for the waterfowl hunting opener.

The second phase of the project is still a bit uncertain regarding timeline because we don't yet have a full funding package in place for construction. We are currently wrapping up a phase of modeling work that will inform the design, and then we'll draft the next set of design drawings. Permitting won't start until the next set of drawings are done and reviewed. If grants that we've applied for over the past year are successful, it is possible that construction could happen in 2018.

Q: Update on the public access recommendations provided by the Recreation Access Committee.

A: We've been working to incorporate as many of the recommendations of the Committee as possible. Here's a list of the recommendations, and a short update on each.

1. Motorized boat launch with large parking lot: In progress, see below details.
2. Hand boat launch on **Davis Slough**: See below.
3. Small islands for nesting and duck blinds: We incorporated these in the design for Phase 1. They are referenced as "marsh mounds" in the permitting and design documents.

4. Leave portions (20' or so) of existing dike: This is still a possibility, and will be explored further and decided in the Phase 2 design and permitting effort.
5. Create low areas that hold water at minus tides: We are not planning to incorporate this one because it is very difficult to have permitted, because of fish stranding/water quality concerns.

Q: Will pheasant be released on the island this coming hunting season? If not, where will the birds be released?

A: No pheasants will be released this year. We are actively exploring options for releasing birds in other locations, though I don't think anything has been decided yet.

Q: What is the status of replacement lands in Skagit and Snohomish County? Any word on the property north of Highway 532, northwest of Stanwood?

A: We are pursuing every avenue we can to get funding to acquire replacement lands, but are open to more ideas if you have any. We have one willing seller that we know of, and probably more if we had funding, but lack of funding is holding us up. We built a \$2 million line item in a grant budget for the **Leque** project for replacement lands, but the funding agency (RCO) determined that it is not an eligible cost for the grants they administer and subsequently removed it from the budget. I gave a presentation to the **Snohomish County Sustainable Lands Strategy Group** (it's a coalition of Tribes, agencies, non-profits, and farmers) last month to try to gather more community support for replacement lands, in hopes that enough support can raise the priority level for funders. A letter of support is in the works from that group. If **WWA** has an interest in writing a support letter, let me know and I can work on a template for you to consider. The property you mention is still for sale, and we are awaiting the legislative capital budget to see if our **Floodplains by Design Proposal** will be funded, which includes funds for acquiring that property.

Q: Is the motorized boat ramp at the Hamilton Smoke-stack site still a go? Did the city of Stanwood and DFW agree to the motorized ramp? Funding available? Permits in work? Timeline?

(Interview Continued on page 13)

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(Continued from page 12...)

A: Yes! The City agreed to a motorized ramp, and I submitted a grant application that was scored favorably. There's a 99% chance we'll get the funds, pending the legislative capital budget. Funds should be available around the August timeframe, and we'll be on a design/permit track for construction in either the summer of 2018 or 2019.

Q: Davis Slough hand boat launch adjacent to the existing Highway 532 parking lot...What do we need to do to get this accomplished?

A: Can we plan on having you come out to the site this summer during construction to talk with me and the engineer about your vision for the hand launch? We held off on excavating a tidal channel near the **Davis Slough** parking area in Phase 1, so that we don't take away options for a hand launch or trail coming off of the parking area in Phase 2. We'll likely need to reinforce the parking area in Phase 2, so that would be the natural time to build something in that area. We'd need to include it in the design and run it by permitting agencies and funders for it to be possible though, so meeting on site in July/August would be good so we can get the dialogue going.

Shillapoo Update Clarifications:

By: Bob Taylor

At the request of **WDFW Region 5** personnel and in an effort to be as scientifically accurate as possible, I've agreed to publish the following clarification to two (2) items in my Shillapoo Update article of last month; nothing else in that article is altered.

This project is still Bad for Birds per our Region 5 folks!

This is to clarify two items in my last month's article entitled: **"Shillapoo Update: WDFW's Estimates Show Waterfowl Will Suffer from Shillapoo Dike Breachings"**. Note that the real name of this project is **"South Unit Buckmire Slough Salmon Restoration Project"**.

(1) The first clarification concerns my statement that the dike breaching proposal "will negatively impact at least 80 non-salmonoid species." According to the **WDFW Region 5 folks**, it would be more correct to say that **WDFW** is concerned about the potential impact to 80 wildlife species.

(2) Secondly the Region 5 folks want me to emphasize that the potential reduction in goose and duck use of **South Shillapoo** is based on waterfowl use when water is currently present in surveyed wetlands on the area, compared to the probability of water being present if the project was constructed and assuming the daily waterfowl numbers were the same as current condition counts during the February to April survey periods.

The waterfowl use will fluctuate depending upon Columbia River water levels so the change might be less during an above average water year but may be greater during a year of below average Columbia River flows.

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all. Man has this last month just flown by! We are still seeing new families of ducks here and there so the opening part of the season may just be great for once! All of the geese we've spotted lately are grown up and look mostly like adults.

Donate by Shopping at Fred Meyer:

Our Chapter has been approved by the **Fred Meyer's Community Rewards program**. What this means is that if you shop at Freddy's and have a rewards card you can link it up with our Chapter and every time you use the card we get in on the Rewards Program with a quarterly check. **Doing this doesn't cut into your rewards at all.** I think this is a pretty good program and hopefully we can get some of you to participate. It doesn't cost you anything at all.

You will have to go into the Fred Meyer web site and link your card up with us. <http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards> On this page click on the "**Re-enroll or link your Rewards Card Now**" link and log in. Look for **Grays Harbor Chapter and/or WWA** on the list and select it. Also you can look up our Chapter with this *non-profit number*, 83685 to link up! Verify the number in case other **WWA Chapters** are on the list.

If you don't have a **Fred Meyer Rewards Card** and shop there from time to time please get one as this is a great way to help out without lifting a finger!

Shotgun Shooting Clinic:

I hope everyone's summer is going as planned. The planning for our two annual events continues and it keeps getting better! I have yet to receive any RSVP's for our shotgun shooting clinic. This clinic was very successful last year so we are repeating it but on a slightly higher skill level. The basics will still be covered though! It's on the 22nd of July at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock, WA. Check out the flyer in this issue **on page 15!**

Annual Youth Shotgun Shooting Event:

I have only a handful of RSVP's for our annual **Youth Shotgun Shooting Event** planned for the 12th of August at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**. This is an awesome event for the kids so put it on your calendar. We scheduled it

earlier this year so to not compete with the other hunting seasons. As with the shooting clinic please check out the flier in this issue **on page 16.**

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle Tickets:

We are selling the **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two** raffle tickets "steady as she goes!" More than half have been sold or issued to the **WWA Chapters**. The Drawing date is October 5th, which is coming up quickly so get them while their hot! They make really great gifts for that waterfowler you know or even someone that is just considering water fowling! As before, check out the flier here in this issue **on page 18.**

Also I ask that you all share the flyers with anyone you know that may be interested! Thank you!

Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Free Trap Shoot and Hamburger Feed:

On Saturday, August 19 we will be co-hosting a free trap shoot and hamburger feed at the **Quincy Gun Club** for any youth that has either a current hunting license or a certificate showing they have passed the hunter safety course.

There will be no cost for the event and it will be the perfect chance for you Westsider's to do a little preseason scouting for the upcoming Dove hunting season. **See flyer on page 17** for more information.

Youth Opening Weekend Event & BBQ:

We will again be having an event for Youth on the opening week end at **Mar-Don's Resort** at Potholes Reservoir on Saturday, September 16. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs, plus other freebies along with decoy painting.

The cost will be \$5 for youth under 16 and \$10 for adults. Cost will include a membership to **Ducks Unlimited**. Additional information will be included in next month's bulletin and on the **DU** website for Washington events. Preregistration will be required and can be done through the **DU** website.

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- ◎ ***All young hunters 15 and under FREE ENTRY, Paid for by the Grays Harbor Chapter's fund raising events.***
- ◎ ***\$20.00 adult entry to shoot the course. Active or retired military \$10.00.***
- ◎ ***Registration starts at 9:30 AM in the main club house.***
- ◎ ***FREE lunch at 1:00 PM for all entries.***
- ◎ ***Prizes to be given out by random draw between 1:30 PM. And 2:00 PM.***
- ◎ ***Pre registration (strongly) suggested!***

ALL youth shooters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to enter!!

Contact kurtsnyder@outdrs.net for more info or questions.



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Brownell's/NRA Free Trap Shoot

Saturday August 19, 2017

at the

Quincy Gun Club

14550 Road Q N.W. Quincy, WA 98848

from

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

There will be a free trap shoot for all youths 17 and under that possess a hunter safety card or hunting license. All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants. Youths must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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By: Ellen Satre

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See page 27 to order your 2016 Duck Stamps before they run out!

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Update

Ephrata Lake Waterfowl Project:

WDFW has begun taking steps to restore and improve an important waterfowl area within the Columbia Basin. **Ephrata Lake** has a historically high value for waterfowl productivity. Prior to 2006, there were consistently more than 40 broods (some counts as high as 120!) that could be regularly observed, however in recent years there are typically 5 broods. The suspected reason for the decline is the presence of fish. There have been multiple attempts to establish a recreational fishery, both lawful and unlawful, so as a result in 1986 and 1988 the lake was treated to remove the fish. Currently fish are still there, likely from an unlawful introduction rather than survivors of previous rotenone treatment. All fishing has been closed since 2004 to reduce the likelihood of any further illegal fish stocking.

wetland sites throughout the Columbia Basin to assess the insect biomass available to waterfowl within each wetland. Comparisons of invertebrate biomass in fish-free versus fish-bearing waters suggested that fish-free waters have a greater abundance of aquatic invertebrates which is supported by other published research. **WDFW** found six (6) times more insect biomass in similar wetlands without fish than in wetlands with fish.

After evaluating issues associated with lake rehabilitation, **WDFW** concluded **Ephrata Lake** has much greater value and potential as a waterfowl production lake. The current objective for the site is to increase waterfowl production by increasing available food resources to waterfowl hens and broods, and to increase the quality of nesting habitat in the adjacent uplands. In the fall of 2017, the fish will be removed and an upland restoration plan will be developed to address the degraded condition of the available waterfowl nesting habitat.

During spring and summer 2016, aquatic invertebrates were surveyed at several

**Top Left:
Largemouth bass found in lake.**

**Bottom Left:
Biologist McPherson checking an invertebrate trap.**

Right: Map of Ephrata Lake and the surrounding region.

Photos below taken by Chattanooga McPherson; Map by Sean Dougherty.



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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 in red is a listing of recent contributions to the six (6) primary funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the June 2017 Newsletter.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,620

In Memory of Terry Satre — Jim Goldsmith, June 2017 — \$50
Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, July 2017— \$5

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,882

Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, July 2017— \$5

WWA Habitat Fund — \$785

Joe Gelakoska, June 2017— \$5

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957

WWA General Fund — \$154

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Corporate Checking (Banner)	\$ 15,228.95
Funds to be Deposited	\$ 720.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 5,451.48
Merchandise Account (As of 1/5/17)	\$ 2,415.15
Corporate C.D.	\$ 17,632.12
Corporate Total	\$ 52,645.87

CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking (1-7-2016)	\$ 1,632.41
Kitsap Chapter (To Be Funded)	
LC Checking	\$ 23,704.03
ML Checking	\$ 26,004.97
NW Checking	\$ 18,941.64
SEA Checking	\$ 19,863.37
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,754.80
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,317.27
SEA Total	\$ 30,935.44
SW Checking	\$ 6,464.73
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WH Checking	\$ 4,385.37
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**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2017-2018
Migratory Game Bird Seasons (Significant Changes in Red)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Ducks	Statewide	September 16-17, 2017 (Youth Hunt Only (a) Oct. 14-18, 2017 and Oct. 21, 2017— Jan. 28, 2018	7 (b) 7 (b)	14 (b) 21 (b)
		EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 14 — Nov. 3, 2017	3 (b)	9 (b)
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail ; 3 scaup; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead;		
	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin; 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye		
(b) Season Limit		1 harlequin in Western WA		
(b) <u>Possession Limits Statewide</u>		3 pintail ; 9 scaup; 6 canvasback; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA		
		Coots, and	25	75
		Snipe	8	24

AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SEA DUCKS, BRANT & SNOW GEESE

Geese (except Brant)	Statewide	September 16-17, 2017 (Youth Hunt Only (a)	4(c)	8©
	Goose Mgmt.	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-14, 2017;	5(c)	15(c)

Statewide Regular Season, Daily Bag & Possession Limits in ALL Management Areas unless noted otherwise.

Snow Geese	6	18
White-fronted Geese	10(e)	30(e)
Canada Geese	4(g)	12(g)

	Area 1	Snow, White-fronted Geese — Oct. 14-Jan 28, 2018 Canada — Oct 14-26; & Nov 7-Jan 28, 2018		
	Goose Mgmt. Area 2	Early Season (Canada Only)— Sept. 2-10, 2017; All Areas EXCEPT Ridgefield & Willapa NWR's Everyday** — Oct 14th—29th (f) Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY Nov 25, 2017 thru-Jan 14, 2018 Feb 10-Mar 10(f) Feb 10 — Mar 10 (Goose Hunting CLOSED in Ridgefield NWR and in Willapa NWR.	5(c)	15(c)
**Refer to specific Willapa NWR Rules (Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday)				
<u>Dusky Canada Goose Season is closed in Area 2 during October thru March</u>		Ridgefield NWR	4(g)	12(g)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 3	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-14, 2017; Oct. 17-26 and Nov. 25, 2017—Jan. 13, 2018(f)	5(c)	15(c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 4	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; Sat, Sun, & Weds, only, Oct. 14— Jan 21, 2018 Nov 10, 23, and 24; Dec 25, 26, 28, & 29, 2017; and every day Jan 22-28, 2018.	5(c)	10(c)
	Goose Mgmt. Area 5	Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; Oct. 14-16, & every day Oct 21—Jan 28, 2018	5(c)	10(c)
Brant (see authorization requirements on page 4 of 2017-2018 on p. 4 of 2017-2018 regulations pamphlet)		Clallam & Whatcom Counties — Jan 6, 10 and 13, 2018	2	6
	Pacific County	Jan. 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 & 21, 2018	2	6
	Skagit County	Jan. 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, & 21, 2018	2	6
	Skagit County	If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is between 3000 and 6000 (as determined by the midwinter survey) this brant season will be limited to Jan 6, 10 and 13, 2018. If the pre-season wintering population in Skagit County is less than 3000 (as determined by the midwinter survey) the brant season in Skagit County will be canceled.		
Mourning Dove	Statewide	September 1 thru October 30	14	45

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- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
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- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Vacant
- Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
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- 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 pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.