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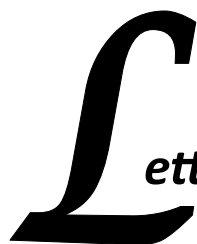
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I have been looking at a treasured memento recently; it is a chenille patch going back to the origins of **Washington Waterfowl Association**. It has the same basic round logo as the one appearing in the top left corner of this page. The differences are that the old logo states: **Washington Duck Hunters Inc.** over the top of the Mallard Drake and the lower portion of the banner states: **Voice of the Wildfowler**.

At some point prior to my joining **WWA**, it was deemed prudent to update the name of our organization as well as our motto to **Washington Waterfowl Association** and our motto to **Hunters for Conservation**. I'm guessing that revision was around twenty years ago.

In recent years, our leaders have added "**Habitat, Hunting, Legislative, Legal**" to the banner above, as well as the Mission Statement: "**To Preserve, Protect, and Promote Waterfowl, Waterfowl Habitat, & Waterfowl Hunting in Washington State,**" found below.

I want to point out the transition from what I'll bet was a group of gentlemen who just enjoyed getting together to go hunting, share successes and experiences, and encourage youngsters to pursue this same passion; along with publish a monthly newsletter about the same. Thank you to guys named **Nist and Hickok**, and others I never met; you started a 'good thing'. *(President's Letter continued on page 4)*

I Need a Few Volunteers
to staff our booth at a Kids
Event for

**National Hunting and
Fishing Day**
Saturday, September 23, 2017
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Camp Pigott
24225 Woods Creek Road
Snohomish, WA 98290

Please call:
Jim 206.612.8772 a.s.a.p.

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

2017 Events

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|------------|--|---------|--|
| Sept 16 | 5 th Annual Ducks Unlimited Green Wing BBQ for youth hunting season at Mar Don Resort. More details on page 21. | Sept 30 | Ridgefield NWR Work Party with Lower Columbia Chapter. More details on page 19. |
| Sept 16-17 | NW Chapter Youth-Only Hunts on Puget Sound. See NW Chapter News on Page 10 . Contact Rick Skiba at 360-387-2225 or reskiba@msn.com | Sept 30 | 18th Annual WA State Duck Calling Contest. More details on page 15. |
| Sept 20 | Do you talk duck, Duck Calling Clinic at 6pm at the Skagit Wildlife Area HQ with the NW Chapter. More details on page 12. | Oct 5 | Hunt for 2 at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club Raffle Drawing. Purchase your tickets before this date! More details on page 8. |
| Sept 23 | Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Upland Bird Hunt at Gloyd Seeps Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. More details on page 22. | Oct 5 | Final Chapter Meeting of 2017 for Grays Harbor Chapter at 7pm at Evergreen Sportsman's Club. |
| Sept 23 | Lower Columbia Chapter Banquet. More details on page 20 | Oct 7 | Farmed Island Tour with the NW Chapter. See info on page 11. |
| Sept 23 | National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration. More details on pg 3. | Oct 10 | NW Chapter Meeting at Conway Fire Station at 7pm. |
| Sept 26 | Southwest Chapter Meeting at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club at 6:30pm. Bring your calls. | Oct 12 | Moses Lake Ducks Unlimited annual banquet. More info on page 17. |
| Sept 27 | Seattle Chapter Meeting — Annual Swap Meet of new, used, decoys, clothing, other hunting gear, etc. Bring whatever you want to sell! 10% Commission to the Chapter. | Oct 28 | 3rd Annual Youth Only Hunt at the Willapa NWR near Ilwaco co-sponsored by WWA-Seattle. See Flyer on page 7. |
| Sept 27 | Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Hunt picks and payment due. More details on page 19. | Nov 4 | Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt. Submit your application by October 16. More details on page 19. |
| Sept 30 | NW Chapter Banquet at Hillcrest Lodge in Mt Vernon. Reserve your tickets today. More details on page 13. | Nov 17 | PacNW Delta Waterfowl Banquet at the Olson Mansion in Maple Valley. Contact Kaliber Olson at: Kaliber.Olson@pnwdeltawaterfowl.com |

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

FREE!

National Hunting & Fishing Day Celebration



Saturday, September 23, 2017
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Camp Pigott, 24225 Woods Creek Road
Snohomish, WA 98290

Youth can shoot WDFW firearms, archery equipment, and air rifles.
Free lunch for youth and their parent/guardian
Safety equipment give-away bags for youth • Door prize drawings
Casting Practice • Knot Tying • Fish Prints • Track Plaster Casting
Conservation organization displays and info • And More . . .



This FREE event is sponsored by:

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife • Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
- Safari Club International (NW Chapter) • Stonerose • Volterra Restaurants and Chef/Owner Don Curtis
- Trout Unlimited (Monroe Chapter) • WA. Hunter Education Instructors Association (WHEIA)
- WA. Friends of the NRA (Grant) • WA. Grand Lodge Medical Team • Bass Pro Shops
- WA. Ornamental Game Bird Breeders • Master Hunters and Hunter Education Instructors
- Puget Sound Knappers • National Wild Turkey Federation • Mule Deer Foundation
- Chief Seattle Council • BSA Shooting Sports Committee and Camp Pigott

News for the Flock

President's Letter continued from Page 1...

Most of us have no idea of what it must have been like hunting in Washington in the 40's or 50's. I've heard that hunting was great just south of **Tukwila**, the outskirts of **Everett**... and I suppose even better as one traveled north or south to the countless towns that had only a few thousand residents.

When I think of the **Columbia Basin**, it's hard to imagine what it must have been like prior to the **Army Corps of Engineers** having created the aqueduct system that brought the **Columbia River** inland creating **Moses Lake** as we know it today and the **Potholes Reservoir**. Central Washington was more about sage and desert than the collage of crops we now know. I'm sure hunting waterfowl was as much about sustenance as it was about sport in those days.

I'm also sure that finding a place to wet one's *paper mache* or carved decoys wasn't a concern. Public land had no restrictions and private land welcomed hunters. (Most people today don't realize that Washington was a 'destination' for hunters from around the country back in the 50's... not only for waterfowl, but also for upland game).

So, back to our logo and motto and what prompted this article.

I recently received a communication from a younger member questioning the role of today's **WWA** and perhaps its leadership and membership.

I don't know that I could satisfactorily respond; but here's part of what's been on my mind since the third reading of that communication. This is just a partial response to those questions.

Sometimes I think our motto should read: "Conservationists for Hunting." We all recognize that conservation and enhancement of our wetlands and wild spaces as well as even private spaces, are critical to wildfowl, the environment and the preservation of our pastime. We have to appreciate that WWA has and will continue to do what we can to hold onto and improve when possible the waterfowling experience in Washington.

That said, WWA recognizes that the waterfowling experience is under great pressure in our State, as are all consumptive pursuits of WA sportsmen and sportswomen. Access has become critical. Local, State and Federal agencies are poised to reduce access to wetlands and waterways that historically provided opportunity for waterfowlers to pursue their pastime; ... and then we have urban sprawl!

Conservation is still as important as ever...and God knows that progress has been made by sportsmen and sportswomen ...and I hate to admit it, tree-huggers. BUT with all the desire to turn back the clock to the 40's or 50's, hunting and fishing in Washington (outside of commercial operations) is in danger of being destroyed.

In my opinion WWA's role has evolved. We don't preserve our wildfowl by putting up nesting tubes and boxes alone. We do so by questioning, and yes, sometimes challenging, those agencies and authorities that in the name of restoration are eliminating Washington's piece of the Pacific Flyway by destroying resting and feeding areas for wildfowl and other migrating birds.

WWA now probably spends as much, if not more time and energy, in legal and legislative work, than was previously done with "hands-on" work in the marsh.

These are not negative pursuits as I see it, just WWA looking out for those whose pastime would be lost with our intervention. Those people with whom we disagree are good people I'm sure; but in my opinion they are misdirected.

We can always do more and we can always do better; but I am very proud of WWA's efforts in Washington.

**For the Resource,
Jim Cortines**

Please keep an ear open for our forthcoming radio spots on KIRO Outdoor Line, 97.3 FM radio, on Saturdays, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all. As usual I'm pushing the deadline for this newsletter input so I will keep this one simple and quick. Hopefully next month I can put out an end-of-year report that will include all of our Chapter's accomplishments for the last season or two, and properly thank all of those that gave their time efforts and money to support our little Chapter.

Cedarville Hunt for Two Raffle:

Our **Hunt for Two raffle drawing** deadline is coming up quick on the 5th of October. If you would like to purchase more tickets please contact **your Chapter Chairman** or **me** if your Chapter didn't sell them. **Remember, you get two (2) chances at winning a hunt for two (2) with each ticket, and lodging is included.** Much better odds at winning compared to the mega millions! **See page 8 for details on the raffle.**

Monthly Chapter Meeting:

Our next and last of the year Chapter meeting will be on the 5th of October, same place the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock at 7:00 pm sharp. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Private Lands Hunting Access

The **Hunt by Reservation** system on the **WDFW** website is activated and operational. Hunters will once again be able to sign up for the program and reserve properties for hunting opportunities. To learn more go to at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/hunting_access/private_lands/type/56/

BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot

By Jenny Lutz

Thank you! Another successful **BJ Brown Memorial Trapshoot** was held on August 20 where we were able to raise **\$1,005 for WWA**. Another \$575 will be donated to the **Northshore Scholarship Foundation for the BJ Brown Memorial Scholarship** given to a graduating **Bothell High School Senior** in the amount of \$2,000.

Risa Thomas swept the Ladies shooting with 44/50 on singles, 43/50 on handicap and 13/25 for 5-stand. **Jarrett Leake**, our nephew, shot a straight 50 in Men's Singles and took Top Gun again this year breaking 113/125 clay targets! **John Arrabito** won the shotgun that was raffled off. All in all, another fun day at the range!

Thank you!!!



Pictured: Jenny Lutz, Jarrett Leake, and Mike Lutz.

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Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

Ferd Nist Trophy Returns to Former Winner

With the most participants (10) in recent years the **Annual Ferd Nist Trophy** representing the best shotgunner in **WWA** was returned to some familiar hands this year, with Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, **David Hanson**, becoming a 3-time winner of this event! Congrats **David**!

In competition involving 16-yard trap; a slider event, and doubles, **David** busted 86 out of a possible 100 clay birds. **Jim Painter** was runner up with a score of 84. Defending Champion, **Bill Maxwell**, scored 88 points in 2016, but was unable to finish the three (3) events this year despite starting out with a 24/25 at 16-yard trap.

David joins multi-year winners of the past including **Dick Schweiter** and **Gary Webster**, with 6 wins each; **Don Aker** with 5; **Leo Pfeifer** with 4; and the late **John Scott** and **Bill Thorpe** with 3 and 2 wins, respectively.

While pleased that we had such a good turnout, all 10 contestants were from the **Seattle Chapter**. It is unfortunate that we still can't seem to get participation from other Chapters despite posting a full page of rules and how-to opportunities of how to **WWA** members can compete at other ranges around the State. Maybe next year.

Thanks for Your Participation in the BJ Brown Shoot

For the first time ever **WWA-Seattle** cancelled its August monthly meeting last month because end of the summer family vacations had historically taken a toll on our attendance. I encouraged all to instead participate in the **B.J. Brown Memorial Shoot** held this year the Sunday before our regularly scheduled meeting.

Thank you to members **Terry Breidenbach**, **Timon Gasowski**, **Larry Gordon** and his daughter, **Tricia Ring**, **David Hanson** and his son **Ben**, **James Ono**, **Marco Pinheiro** and **Cameron Way** for heeding the call! (Hopefully I didn't miss anyone).

I know other Chapter members who have historically

participated in the **B.J. Brown Shoot** were competing in a more serious shooting competition in Oregon that Sunday, and will be back to help the cause in the future.

Over the past 11 years **Jenny** and **Mike Lutz** have donated over \$14,000 to **WWA** from this shoot honoring the memory of their son! Thank you both for your continued generosity to the **WWA**!

WWA-Seattle to Co-Sponsor 3rd Youth Hunt at Willapa

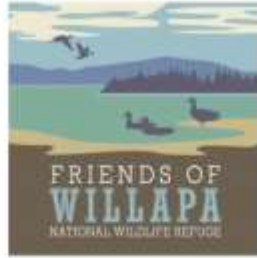
While several **WWA Chapters [Northwest and Moses Lake]** will be hosting Youth shoots next weekend on the **WDFW** designated Youth-Only Hunt days, **WWA-Seattle** members will once again be traveling to the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**, down by **Ilwaco** in October to help put on their **Third Annual Youth Only Hunt**.

This year — and hopefully into perpetuity — the hunt is dedicated to the memory of **Ben Welton**! A member of all four (4) co-sponsoring groups [[See Flyer on Adjoining Page](#)], **Ben** was the driving force behind having a Youth Shoot at **Willapa**. The Saturday, October 28th date is dictated by those pesky tides don't always cooperate with the **WDFW** designated 3rd full weekend of September.

In the past **WWA** members from all over the state including **SW Chapter member Jack Westerfield** and **Pacific County member Dan Heasley**, have joined **Seattle Chapter** members **Philipp Kunze**, **Mike Lovelace** and myself to help **Willapa NWR** personnel put on the event. If you would like to participate this year, let me know by October 15th.



From left, **Larry Gordon**, **Tricia Ring** changing stations and **Jenny Lutz** pulling trap all day in support of the Shoot honoring the memory of her son. **Tricia** and her husband **Royce Ring** will be taking over the reigns of our Annual Youth Mentor Shoot from her parents **Larry** and **Kathy Gordon**, after their 13 years of giving back to our shooting heritage by training the shooters of tomorrow in firearms safety!



Ben Welton Memorial

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Event starts at 8:00 am

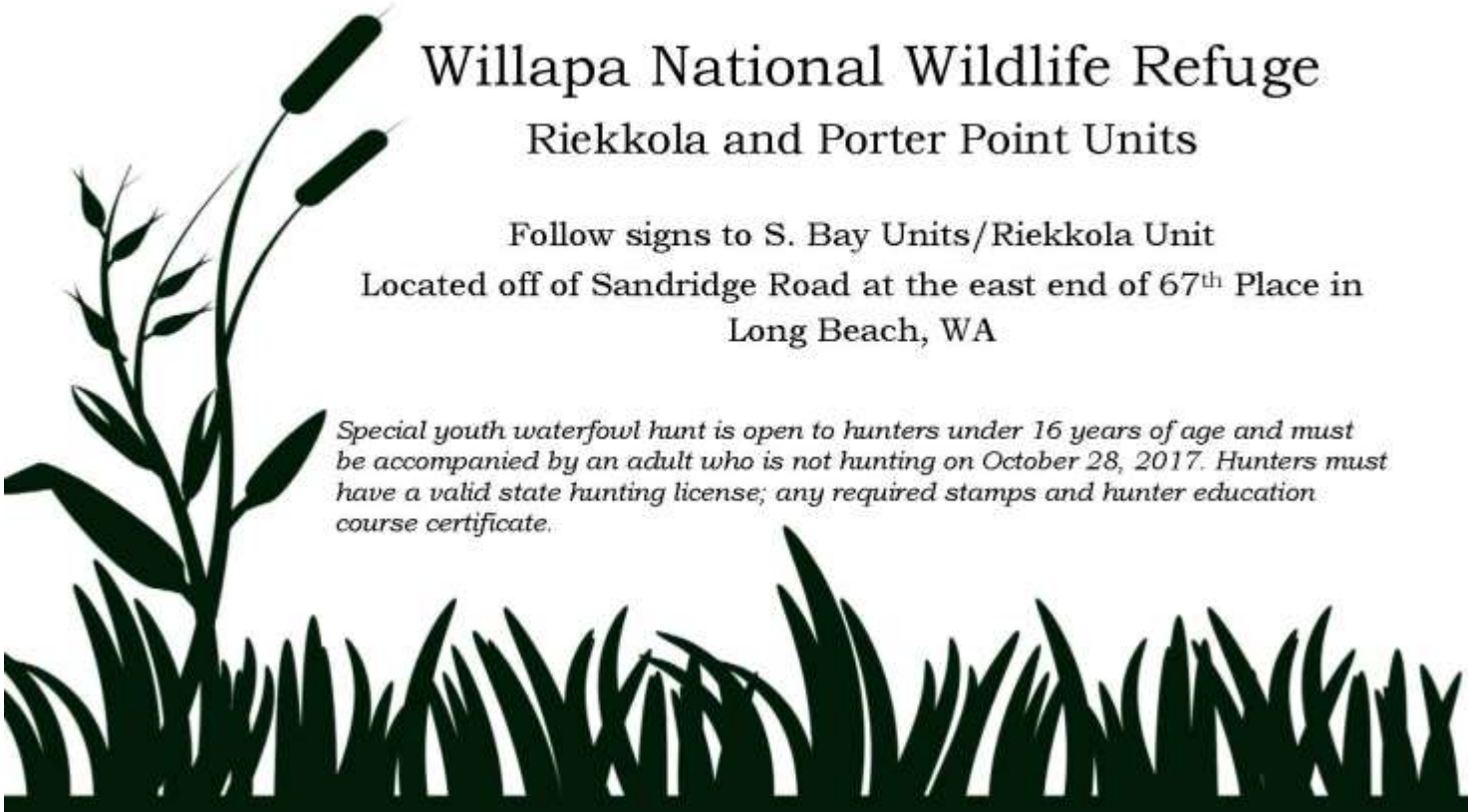
Fun! Food! Prizes! Hunter Education!

At

**Willapa National Wildlife Refuge
Riekkola and Porter Point Units**

Follow signs to S. Bay Units/Riekkola Unit
Located off of Sandridge Road at the east end of 67th Place in
Long Beach, WA

Special youth waterfowl hunt is open to hunters under 16 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult who is not hunting on October 28, 2017. Hunters must have a valid state hunting license; any required stamps and hunter education course certificate.



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Hunt for Two Raffle

CEDARVILLE FARMS WATERFOWL CLUB



- **Drawing Date October 5th 2017 at the Evergreen Sportsman's Club**
- **Two Chances to Win with every ticket!**
- **Two Drawings and Two Winners!**
- **Hunts will be on the Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive hunting properties or Puget Sound during the 2017/2018 waterfowl season.***
- **Overnight lodging included at the Cedarville Farms Lodge near Oakville Wa.**
- **Winner has choice of; *Inland waterfowl hunt or Puget Sound trophy Sea Duck hunt!***

Ticket price is \$5.00 per single ticket or \$20.00 for Five tickets.

Read the small print below

Need not be present at drawing to win. Proceeds benefit the Washington Waterfowl Associations' Individual Chapter projects like Youth Shooting Events and Youth Water-fowling education.

Contact your WWA Chapter Chairman for ticket purchase and contact kurtsnyder@outdrs.net or 360-485-9353 for purchase, raffle rules and information.

This raffle is sponsored by the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Association

**Some exceptions may apply.*

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Hope your summer went well and you managed to get out for the early Goose opener. Youth hunts are on and the season opener is just around the corner. If you haven't cleaned up or repainted those decoys, now's the time. Of the many goals each year there's two (2) that come to mind during the season – Explore a new hunt location and take out someone new to waterfowl hunting or someone you haven't hunted with. Be safe and don't forget to mention the **WWA** to the individuals you meet in the field. Let them know that you're a part of an organization with men and women that are committed to our hunting heritage and conservation of the resource.

Duck Calling Clinic:

A fun evening for our first class on Sept 6th. We BBQ'd Hot Dogs and Sea Duck Kielbasa with chips on the side. Calling instruction was provided by **Nick Handly**. **Nick** took us through the different types of calls, call component familiarization, selecting a call, and common duck sound cadence and rhythm. This is a series of instructional sessions during September.

Our next session is on September 13th and Sept . 30th. This is a good event to build confidence and hone your calling skills. Perhaps my *Kazoo-like* calling days are over, and I can fool the neighbors as well

as the ducks. We held a free raffle for an Echo call and have plenty of give-away youth calls. The clinic is being held at **Skagit Wildlife Area HQ** just west of **Conway**. I'll bring the BBQ. You bring your calls! [See Flyer on the page 12.](#)

3rd Annual WWA-NW Chapter Banquet:

Reservations for the Northwest Chapter's 3rd Annual Banquet are open with only a couple weeks to go. This year's event is going to be on **Saturday September 30th**. The festivities will again be at **Hillcrest Lodge in Mount Vernon**. The event is a fun get together that includes **Kelley's BBQ** for dinner, **Tulip Winery** and Beer.

Lots of cool merchandise for the Live and Silent Auctions including Hunts, Guns, Art work and loads of waterfowl hunting stuff. We'll have several Raffles and lots of talk about one of our favorite outdoor pastimes. The Banquet supports conservation activities and chapter events.

This is an informal event for all to enjoy and a great way to support the **WWA** mission. Don't wait until it's too late. Make your reservations soon!

For Reservations Contact **Rich Phillips**,



Be sure to join the NW Chapter for their Duck Calling Clinics in September. This group is ready for a great season! Are you?

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360)-631-4456, or warden156@hotmail.com or Rick Billieu, (360) 653-8571, or rgbillieu@frontier.com. Please include the number and type of tickets (single, couple, youth or Hunter Table) you would like, the names of your guests, your mailing address, phone number and email to help with speeding everyone through check-in. Pre-payment is preferred. Cash, Check or Credit Cards will also be accepted at the Door. [\[See Flyer on the page 13\]](#)

Youth Waterfowl Hunts:

Once again **Rick Skiba** has hit a home run in organizing this year's youth hunt. Last year's Youth hunt was awesome and this year will match the success. **The NW Chapter** is sponsoring youth waterfowl hunts on September 16th and 17th at various locations in north **Puget Sound**.

We'll be running morning hunts (half hour before sunrise to noon) and afternoon hunts (1 PM until sunset). We will be hunting from Pit and Dike Blinds. Thanks again to member **Tony Breckenridge** for access to the Pit Blinds at the **Edison Gun Club**. They have been cleaned up for use by the youth by members **Rich Phillips and Ron Coster**. Thanks guys!

Dike Blinds at **The Nature Conservancy Reserve on Port Susan** are already brushed up and ready for the hunt. Good luck young hunters!

Cabela's Hunting Classic:

On Saturday & Sunday, September 9th and 10th, the **NW Chapter** setup several tables at **Cabela's** for their Fall Hunting Classic. This is an annual event and opportunity to **Share Our Passion for Waterfowling**. **WWA** member **Matt Klope (Whidbey Island Taxidermy)** brought 15 plus Mounts to display. We provided handouts to the kids and spent the weekend sharing the **WWA** story. Special thanks to **Rick Skiba, Rick Holt** and **Matt Klope** for their yeoman's support for this event!



Upper Left: Cabela's Fall Hunting Days

Middle Right: Matt Klope's Duck and Goose Mount display

Lower Right: Rick Holt and Rick Skiba at Cabela's

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Skagit Wildlife Area - Farmed Island Tour:

Were on tour again this year! Don't know where to hunt or always wanted the hunt this unit but don't know how. This is a fun opportunity to take a relaxing boat ride on the south fork of the **Skagit River** and meet up with members of the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**. Each year the **WDFW** plants waterfowl forage crops on the **Farmed Island Unit** of the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. We will boat over to the unit and explore portions of the island. **WDFW** personnel will provide the participants with information on the type and location of crops planted this year as well as the strategy for determining the types of crops planted each year. We will also walk out to some of the many blinds that are constructed by the **WDFW** for us hunters.

We will meet at the **Wildlife Area HQ's Boat Launch**

at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 7th. Bring your family, boat and a back anchor. For more information contact **Rick Billieu** at rgbillieu@frontier.com [See Flyer below]

October Meeting:

The Northwest Chapter meets on the second Tuesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on October 10, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your passion – get involved

Rick Billieu
rgbillieu@frontier.com



Farmed Island Tour Saturday Oct, 7th



Skagit Wildlife Area HQ – Boat Launch
10:00 am start



- Open to everyone
- Cruise the south fork of the Skagit
- WDFW personnel on-site to provide info on this years planted Forage Crops
- We'll explore the island and check out some of the Blinds



Need info?
Contact Rick Billieu
(425)299-6704
rgbillieu@frontier.com

Who can bring a Boat?
Who needs a ride?

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Can You Talk Duck ? **DUCK CALLING CLINIC**



Sponsored by
Washington Waterfowl Association
NW Chapter

- Raffle for a Call at each session
- All Youth 15 and under receive a free Duck Call
- BBQ Hot Dog, Chips and Water
- Covered area

Sept 6th, 13th and 20th
Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm
Location: Skagit Wildlife Area HQ's

Basics of Calls and Calling

Learn and practice the basic Quack
Do's and Don'ts of running a Call in the field
Hail, Comeback, Lonesome Hen & Feeder Call

3 Nights - 3 Sessions

- Instruction from Champion Caller Nick Handy
- Practice and personal assistance time provided

Beginners guide to working Birds

Working the Ducks will be the focus of this session
From Ducks at a distance to "Take-em"
When and when not to call
Whistles, Shakers and their uses

Calling with a partner

Working as a team in the Blind
When to call together or call solo
Different Sounds and Calls working together

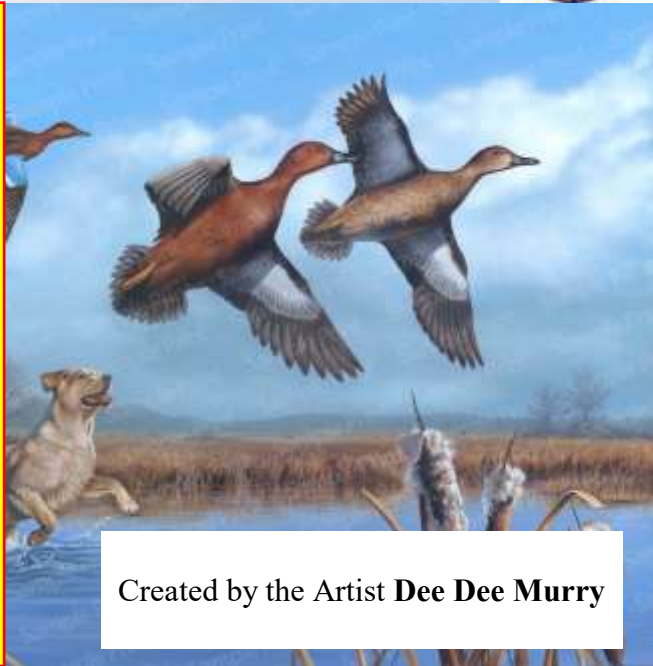
WDFW
Skagit Wildlife Area HQ's
21961 Wylie Road
Mt Vernon, WA
(just West of Conway)

<http://www.shuttlepod.org>



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Duck Stamps
& Prints**

See page xxx to order your 2017 Stamps and Prints! Or
online at: <http://www.shuttlepod.org/duckstamp>



Created by the Artist Dee Dee Murry

Washington Waterfowl Association NW Chapter 3rd Annual Banquet

Saturday Sept. 30th, 2017

**HILLCREST
LODGE**

1717 South 13th Street
Mt Vernon, WA



**Washington Waterfowl
Association**

For Reservations Contact:

Rich Phillips

(360) 631-4456

Warden156@hotmail.com

Rick Billieu

(360) 653-8571

rgbillieu@frontier.com

Dinner includes: BBQ Brisket and chicken with sides and soft drinks

Youth: \$20 Single: \$35 Couple: \$60

Hunting Party Table: \$500

Includes: 8 Tickets, WWA Membership for new members, WWA Commemorative Beer Glasses, FREE Beer, Hats and \$200 per table Raffle Tickets.

Only 125 tickets available. Sold out last year so don't wait.

Advanced payment preferred. Checks, Cash and Credit Cards also accepted and processed at event door. Make all checks payable to: **NW Washington Waterfowl Association.**



Doors Open: 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Come and enjoy an evening with family fun, auctions, raffles, and delicious food.



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Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

Monthly Meeting:

The **Southwest Chapter of the WWA** will be holding our meeting at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 pm.

This month our main topic will be finalizing details for the September 30th **WA Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest**, which the **SW Chapter** is spearheading for **WWA** under the guidance of SW member and nationally known duck call maker, **Troy Taylor**. Once we get this event behind us, **Troy** has volunteered to put on several duck calling clinics at our venue, for **WWA** members of **ALL** Chapters.

So dust off the calls and come on out get ready for the season to begin. Hopefully this will turn into an ongoing event to work on over the coming months

Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championship:

The **WWA Board of Directors** announced that the **Southwest chapter** will be hosting this year's **Washington State Duck Calling Championship**, September 30th, at the **Sumner Sportsmen's Club**, 15711 96th St E, Puyallup, WA 98372. The event begins at 2 p.m. **[See Flyer Page 15].**

Once again it will be a no frills event, with the **nationally sanctioned** duck calling contest being the sole competition event. The winner will receive the traveling trophy as the **2017 WA State Champion Duck Caller** and \$1,000 cash prize donated by **WWA**. As the State Champion, he/she will represent **WA** in the **World Finals Duck Calling Championship** to be held in Stuttgart, AR during Thanksgiving week.

There will be custom duck and goose calls from nationally known call makers to those placing in the top three.

We are still looking for volunteers for all nearby Chapters to help out with the event.

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 [without giving out the GPS coordinates, LOL!] The president, **Jim Cortines**, wants to hear from you! Email him today at: wawtrfwlr@comcast.net.



Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

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Puyallup, WA 98375
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18th Annual
Washington
State
Duck Calling
Contest



Saturday — September 30th — 2:00 p.m.
Sumner Sportsmen's Club
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Letters to the President

Funding Secured for Region Two Corn Stubble Program

By Dick Price

I was asked by **Jim Cortines** to try and shed light on the workings of the **Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)**. Not to be confused with the Wolf Advisory Group (WAG). I have a solution for that group, but it's not politically correct!!

First I need to clear up the opinion from last month's newsletter, which had mostly incorrect information in it. Secondly, the corn stubble program has been funded the last 2 years from **Stamp & Print funds**, but the 2 years prior to that the funds came from "**Voluntary Stewardship Program and Habitat Incentive Program.**" So this program while important, has not always been above the cut line for funding from Stamp & Print funds. Thirdly funding of \$30k has been secured to fund the program this year and another \$30k for the program next year. Not all the funds were secured from Stamp and Print funds, so some money came from other Department sources. Lastly, before anonymous puts out something he should check his facts!

How the WAG Works

Now as to the workings of the **WAG** as a charter member of the group let me explain how we have gotten to here: We used to have two meeting every year, one in March to review Stamp & Print funding requests and one in June to set bag limits and season length.

It got combined into one meeting following the lawsuit against **USFWS by Friends of the Animals**, et, al, that they were violating the rules on timely filing of an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** for waterfowl hunting. The ruling now makes **USFWS** put out season lengths and bag limit requirements for the 2017 season based on nest counts and brood counts from 2015. Since we no longer were faced with a deadline to set limits and season lengths by July 1 it was decided to save money by combining the two (2) meetings into one meeting in the April/May time frame.

This is a cost savings to the Stamp & Print funds as the lunch and member's mileage reimbursement comes out of the funds. Currently the meetings are held in a restaurant meeting room in Ellensburg that is barely big enough to hold the members of the group. For that reason and the fact that

guests are not allowed to make any input at the meetings, they are not widely advertised.

The first part of the meeting is taken up reviewing the requests for funding. There are two (2) categories of funding — Operating and Capital. Each category on average receives \$1.2M every biennium from the WA legislature. No matter how much money is generated by the Stamp and Print funds, we can only spend what the legislature allocates.

We usually receive the funding requests a couple weeks before the meeting for review, and they have already been reviewed and ranked by a committee of **WDFW** folks. I usually review those requests from my region and if not familiar with any will call the originator for more information so if a question arises at the meeting I can address it if no one from **WDFW** can answer any questions. As we review a request, we can rearrange the rankings or vote to not fund a project at all if we feel it does not meet the criteria for a Stamp and Print project. We have done this on several projects, especially ones that mention Salmon habitat.

The second part of the meeting is taken up with setting waterfowl season lengths and bag limits. **The Flyways and USFWS** have developed a matrix that determines whether a bag limit for each species will be restrictive, moderate, or liberal, and we use that in determining bag limits. **USFWS** also determines season lengths and last day for the Waterfowl season for each flyway. We try to use the last Sunday for the closer and then have to take out 2 days to accommodate the early season for the youth-only hunts.

There are currently 19 members of the **WAG** each serving a 3 year term. Terms are staggered so there are always members that have experience and new members coming on board. This helps with keeping us from revisiting issues that have been resolved in the past and don't need to take up meeting time.

WWA members make up over 50% of the **WAG** and the members names are published in the Waterfowl pamphlet, so if you have an issue you would like to see brought up at a meeting feel free to contact a member and give him your input. If your item is put on the agenda you could be invited to make a presentation to the group.

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Quincy Gun Club Youth Event:

The free trap shoot for youths held at the Quincy Gun Club was a fun time for all youths that showed up. Even though the turnout was limited, the kids had a great time and most of them shot 4 or 5 rounds of trap. We had the services of an Olympic trap shooter on hand to help with the instructions of how to break the targets and while some of the kids were pretty good to start, after a few short pointers most of the kids were breaking clays. It was exciting to see the kids confidence grow as they were able to start breaking more clays than they missed. Member **Scott Delap's** two (2) boys were consistently breaking 18+ clays every round.

Annual Green Wing BBQ:

Join us at the 5th Annual Ducks Unlimited Green Wing BBQ on Saturday, September 16th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **Mar-Don's Resort** in Othello, WA on **Potholes Reservoir**. This event is held on the opener of the **WA State Youth-Only season**. You must pre-register and there will be a duck calling seminar around 1pm. **See details on page 21.**

Columbia Basin Youth Upland Bird Hunt:

Don't miss the **Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever Youth Upland Bird Hunt** on Saturday, September 23rd from 9am-1pm. **See details on page 22.**

Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet:

Finally, don't Miss out on this chance to enjoy a fantastic Prime Rib Buffet on October 12th from 5-10pm at the **Moses Lake Best Western Lake Front Inn**. Buy tickets online at: <http://www.ducks.org/washington/events/46317/moses-lake-dinner>. Be sure to get your tickets early as there will be no tickets sold at the door and the event is limited to the first 150 attendees, and we will sell out.

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

RNWR Blind #9 Repair:

We had a great turn out Saturday August 12th at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** blind #9 work party. We constructed a deck to place the blind on to raise

Top Right: Rick Scott (left) and Ted Blade test out the aluminum boat our chapter donated in August to the Ridgefield NWR for blind #13 access.

Bottom Left: Bob Esperto and his lab Benelli give the retriever presentation at the Waterfowl Clinic.

Bottom Right: Cliff Pepper helps a new hunter with his calling technique Waterfowl Clinic.



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up higher. The goal was to alleviate late season flooding issues and replace the rotting deck. Thanks to **Rick Spring** for organizing and engineering the project. Rick returned another day to add steps up to the blind. Thanks to the following members for their help: **Rick Scott, Dan Hafenbrack, Bob Taylor, Doug Lee, David Chavez, Chuck Cheshire, Dominic Villanti, Dan Spurbeck, Rick Erickson** and **Doug Hargin**. Thanks also to **Arlan Hackett** for gathering and preparing the BBQ lunch.

Waterfowl Clinic August 27th:

On a sweltering 90 plus degree Sunday afternoon, we held our first **Lower Columbia Chapter** waterfowl clinic at the **Vancouver Trap Club**. The event was to introduce new hunters young and old to our sport and passion. All phases of waterfowling we could fit into an afternoon were covered. **Michael Andreotti** led the presentation on camo concealment, blind building, decoys and the placement of each. Blinds and decoys were set up as a visual aid. **Doug**

Hargin spoke on the many facets related to calling ducks. Participants were all given a duck call on a lanyard to give it a try and make some noise. **Cliff Pepper** assisted with each presentation and **Doug Lee** gave a "Texas rigging" decoy talk. We served up a BBQ lunch with all the fixings' rustled up by **Arlan Hackett** and cooked by grill master **Chris Stalcup**. After Lunch **Bob Esperto** gave a retriever talk and demonstration with his beautiful black lab, **Benelli**.

Thanks to **Dan Bose WDFW Hunter Safety Coordinator** for all his efforts to promote the event and provide hunter safety info and the opportunity to shoot

New stairs built by Rick Spring for Blind #9.



Left: Foreground (L) **Dominic Villanti** (R) **Dan Spurbeck**, (Background)- (L) **David Chavez** (R) **Doug Lee** - Using our deck stringers for planking to haul material to the blind on muddy pathway.



Middle Right: (L) **David Chavez**, **Rick Spring**, **Dan Haffenbrack**, **Rick Erickson** and **Dan Spurbeck** (foreground). **Rick Erickson** appears pleased with decking progress.

Bottom Right: The Crew - Foreground L to R - **Doug Lee**, **Dominic Villanti**, **Rick Scott**, **Dan Spurbeck**. On the deck: **Rick Erickson**, **David Chavez**, **Bob Taylor**, **Rick Spring** and **Dan Haffenbrack**. (Not pictured: **Arlan Haackett**, **Chuck Cheshire** and **Doug Hargin**)



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Lower Columbia Chapter News continued:

targets at the event. Additionally, thanks to **Tom Moats** WDFW enforcement officer and **USFWS** enforcement officer **Ryan Wagner** for speaking on enforcement and hunting opportunities in **SW Washington**. Thanks also to **Connie Pepper**, **Dan Hafenbrack**, **Rick Scott**, **Gerry Piazza** for helping out and chapter president **Ted Blade** for organizing the event and helping out with presentations. Thanks also to **Doug Dinsmore** and the **Vancouver Trap Club** for providing the venue.

Annual Fund Raising Banquet September 23rd:

By the time this goes to press, time will be short for our annual fundraiser. This is a great family event! We have a great time, good food and raise a few bucks for our projects. Please come out and join us! Call **Doug Hargin** at **(360) 903-6951** for donations and ticket information.

Ridgefield NWR Work party September 30th:

Meet us at the check station on **Saturday, September 30th at 8 a.m.** for the preseason opening of the blinds and "brush up." We will pick up any trash left over from last spring's clean up. We will also camo up the blinds that need it. This is a great way to reacquaint yourself with all the **Ridgefield** blinds in the daylight. Please bring gloves, waders, loppers, machete, zip ties and anything else that will facilitate camoing blinds.

Ridgefield NWR Hunt Applications:

A word of caution for submitting your picks to hunt this year at Ridgefield. Your electronic picks must be submitted by September 27th AND payment received by that date. If you wait until the 27th you will need to hand deliver your payment. Instructions and all hunt site info can be found at: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/waterfowl_hunting.html

Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt Saturday November 4th:

Hunters 15 years and younger have a great opportunity to hunt the refuge on this day. A post card application must be received at the refuge offices by October 16th. Prizes and a BBQ lunch will be provided by WWA. For more information go to: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ridgefield/visit/youth_hunt_day.html

Pintail Bag Limit Likely to Return to Two (2) in 2018-2019 Season

From Delta Waterfowl

Great news, pintail hunters: Although U.S. hunters will be restricted to one pintail daily for the current 2017-2018 season, the pintail limit likely will increase to two (2) birds daily across all four U.S. flyways for the 2018-2019 season.

The recommendation is included in the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS)** 2018 Adaptive Harvest Management Report, which includes regulatory frameworks for the 2018-2019 season based on spring 2017 breeding population surveys, 2016-2017 hunter harvest estimates and other data. The recommendations in the AHM Report still must go through several approvals and the federal rule-making process.

Duck hunters across the United States likely will again enjoy liberal season dates in 2018: 60 days in the Atlantic and Mississippi flyways, 74 days in the Central Flyway and **107 days in the Pacific Flyway. The frameworks include a seven-duck limit in the Pacific Flyway**, and a six-duck limit across all others.

Provided it's approved, an increased pintail limit in 2018-2019 largely owes to a 10 percent jump in pintails noted in the [2017 Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey](#). The estimate of 2.89 million breeding pintails meets the **USFWS Adaptive Harvest Strategy's** threshold for allowing a two-bird daily limit while maintaining a liberal season length.

[Delta questioned the need to reduce the limit](#) to one bird daily for this season in the first place.

"There's no data to suggest hunter harvest is having any effect on the size of the pintail population," said **Dr. Frank Rohwer, president and chief scientist of Delta Waterfowl**. "I think reducing the daily limit was entirely unwarranted."

The biggest news for Atlantic Flyway hunters is the likely continuation of a two (2) black duck daily limit for the 2018-2019 season, the first time since 1982 that hunters are permitted more than one black per day nationwide. **The increased limit is United States is due in part to declining hunter numbers.**

Also, bluebill regulations in 2018-2019 would mirror this season: A daily limit of three in all flyways except the Atlantic, where two are permitted. In the Pacific Flyway, bluebill hunters are allotted 86 days, whereas dates will run concurrently with regular duck seasons in the rest of the United States.

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5th Annual Ducks Unlimited Green Wing BBQ

September 16, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at Mar-Don's Resort in Othello, WA on Potholes Reservoir

The event is held on the opener of the WA State Youth-Only Season September 16-17, 2017.
\$5.00 for youth 16 and under and must be accompanied by a responsible adult. \$10.00 for adults.

All Youth will receive:

a *Haydel* Duck call, lanyard, hat, pencil, Waterfowl I.D. book, limited decoys and flying disc.

There will be a Duck calling seminar around 1:00 P.M.
for those wanting to learn how to properly use their new duck call.

Pre-Registration is required on the Ducks Unlimited web site:
<http://www.ducks.org/washington/events/46315/moses-lake-greenwing>
No registrations will be accepted after September 13th, 2017

Point of contact for this event is:

Col. Thomas M. O'Dell

Phone: 509-764-8557 Cell 206-465-6943

E-mail: Mallard1@gosi.net

Alternate contact:

Troy Wiley at twiley@hotmail.com





Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever

Youth Upland Bird Hunt

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Gloyd Seeps (Road 10), Columbia Basin Wildlife Area

The Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever (CBPF) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) are partnering in an effort to recruit youth into the sport of hunting by providing youths an opportunity to hunt wild and planted birds in some of the best habitat available in Grant County. The event will be held at the Farm Unit access road just north of Road 10 ([HERE](#)). In the past, the youth hunting event was held at B & G Farms, but the event was moved to accommodate the growing numbers of youth hunters. The hunting area has been in the process of being actively restored and will become prime pheasant habitat once all vegetation becomes fully established.

WDFW Hunter Education instructors will be on site and will help with shooting instruction, will offer "loaner" shotguns, and volunteers will be providing dogs to assist youth hunters. Additionally, Pheasants Forever will providing food for all hunters and parents and will give away a shotgun to one youth hunting participant, no purchases will be required. For more information, check the [Columbia Basin Chapter of Pheasants Forever - Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBasinPF) (<https://www.facebook.com/ColumbiaBasinPF>) or call the WDFW Ephrata Regional Office at (509) 754-4624. More information about Pheasant Releases can be found [HERE](#).



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Winchester Wasteway Boat Launch Relocation Project

By Rich Finger and Dick Price

In Central Washington, lies the **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia Basin Irrigation Project (CBIP)** which currently serves about 671,000 acres of irrigated farmland. The first water was pumped from **Grand Coulee Dam** in 1952. The **CBIP** is designed to recapture and direct irrigation return flow, which is essentially used or excess water, towards the **Potholes Reservoir** for reuse within the South Irrigation District. Two critical features in this design are the **Winchester and Frenchman wasteways** which were built in the early 1950s, but don't let the name fool you, for the most part the "wasteways" are just streams that carry irrigation return flow across a mostly-natural path through the sand dunes of the desert, as shown in the image below.



Winchester Wasteway November 2013.

Unfortunately, decades of flowing irrigation wastewaters through the sandy banks of the Waste way has resulted in an altered course, away from a popular public boat launch, managed by **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**. The result has choked off the original boat launch with overgrown vegetation and silt deposits to an almost unusable condition. **WDFW's** mission is to preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing

sustainable fish and wildlife recreation and commercial opportunities. **WDFW** listened to public comment and concern for better access into the **Desert Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area** and determined that a boat launch relocation project was warranted. The project is expected to improve annual water access, for many user groups, through the nearly 35,000 acre **Desert Unit of the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area** with about 17 miles of meandering stream and backwater ponds. The **Winchester Waste** way is home to a variety of fish and wildlife including geese, ducks, pheasant, quail, Sandhill cranes, red-winged black birds, swans, mule deer, coyotes, porcupines, beavers, muskrats, largemouth bass, trout, carp, bluegill, pumpkin seed, crappie, bullheads and walleye.

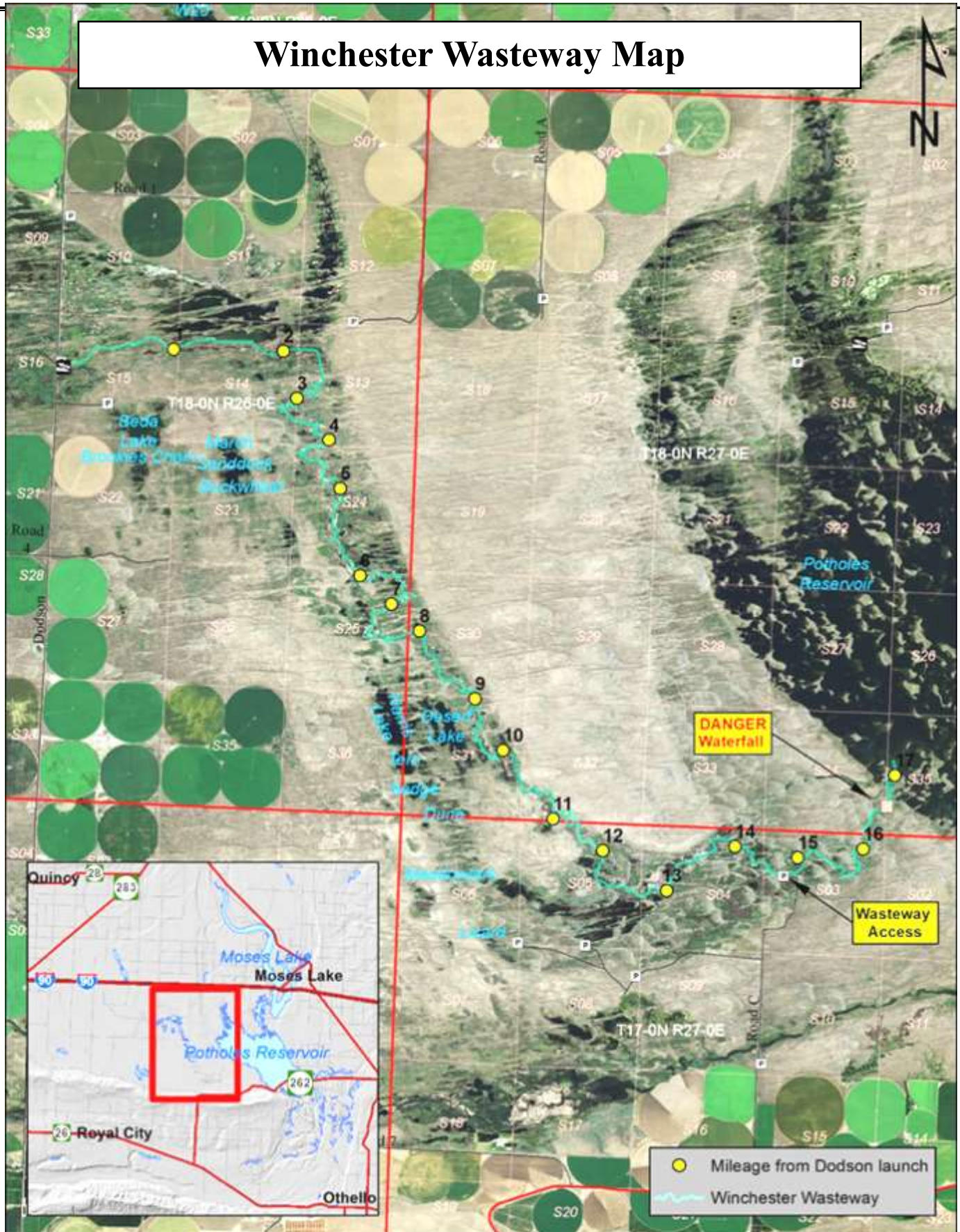
Boating in this unique water body that lies in the heart of the desert oasis often draws canoeists and kayakers in the spring and summer months. Generally, most boaters that float the **Winchester** put in at the **Winchester/Dodson public access** and float to either **Road C SE** (accessed by **Highway 262**) or all the way (portaging the falls) to **Potholes Reservoir** (see map on next page). Boaters need to use caution while navigating the **Winchester**. It is not uncommon to encounter very shallow and braided water, and the mud and muck can be very dangerous. Be prepared to backtrack, portage, or simply push through thick vegetation along the **Winchester**. Further resources can be found online by [Googling "Winchester Waste way"](#).

With cooperation from the **U.S. Bureau of Recreation, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Archeology & Historic Preservation**, and the **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation**, the new boat ramp is now open for public use.



New Dodson Road Boat Launch on Winchester Wasteway, August 2017

Winchester Wasteway Map



News for the Flock

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 August 2017 Newsletter.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,630

Marco Pinheiro, August 2017— \$5

Monthly Recurring Donation — Jim Goldsmith, September 2017— \$5

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,892

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

WWA Habitat Fund — \$785

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957

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TREASURER's REPORT (9-6-2017)

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| Corporate Checking (BAC) | \$ 10,054.95 |
| Corporate Checking (Banner) | \$ 15,588.95 |
| Funds to be Deposited | \$ 40.00 |
| Duck Stamp Account (As of 7/25/17) | \$ 7,726.48 |
| Merchandise Account (As of 1/5/17) | \$ 2,415.15 |
| Corporate C.D. | \$ 17,634.16 |
| Corporate Total | \$ 53,459.69 |

CHAPTER FINANCES

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| GH Checking (As of 8-2-2017) | \$ 3,461.36 |
| Kitsap Chapter (To Be Funded) | |
| LC Checking | \$ 20,438.80 |
| ML Checking | \$ 25,714.97 |
| NW Checking | \$ 9,688.77 |
| SEA Checking | \$ 19,155.87 |
| SEA CD Amount | \$ 9,754.90 |
| SEA Robert Hickok Fund | \$ 1,317.31 |
| SEA Total | \$ 30,228.08 |
| SW Checking | \$ 6,464.73 |
| Tri-Cities Checking | \$ 100.00 |
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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 EXCEPT Scaup closed Oct. 14 — Nov. 3, 2017 | 7 (b) 7 (b) 3 (b) | 14 (b) 21 (b) 9 (b) |
| | (b) Bag Limits: | Statewide Western WA | 7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail ; 3 scaup; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead; 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

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

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

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

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| | 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; 5(c) 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. | | 15(c) |
| **Refer to specific Willapa NWR Rules (Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday) | | | | |
| <u>Dusky Canada Goose Season</u> is closed in Area 2 during October thru March | | Ridgefield NWR | 4(g) | 12(g) |
| | Goose Mgmt. Area 3 | Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-14, 2017; 5(c) Oct. 17-26 and Nov. 25, 2017—Jan. 13, 2018(f) | | 15(c) |
| | Goose Mgmt. Area 4 | Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; 5(c) 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. | | 10(c) |
| | Goose Mgmt. Area 5 | Early Season (Canada Only) — Sept. 9-10, 2017; 5(c) Oct. 14-16, & every day Oct 21—Jan 28, 2018 | | 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. | | |

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| Mourning Dove | Statewide | September 1 thru October 30 | 14 | 45 |
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