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### WWA Members,

Please read the documents at the links below from your fellow member, **Al O'Conner**, through the **WDFW Freedom of Information Office**. They are interesting articles and these reports will tell you exactly what we as Washington citizens and hunters are dealing with concerning the **WDFW**.

**The Fir Island Farms Tidal Marsh Monitoring Report—Introduction:** The **Fir Island Farms** tidal marsh restoration site, owned by the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**, was recently returned to daily tidal inundation following dike removal at its seaward boundary and dike construction at its landward boundary to protect other properties. An important goal of this project was to provide habitat for native fish and wildlife. To read the rest of this article: go to <https://bit.ly/2HhsdQQ>.

**Juvenile Chinook Salmon Response to Dike Setback Restoration at Fir Island Farms in the Skagit River Tidal Delta, 2015-18—Abstract:** Located within the **Skagit River Tidal Delta**, the **Fir Island Farms Restoration Project** restored approximately 53 hectares (131 acres) of tidal marsh and tidal channels. We monitored habitat conditions and fish use of the restored area and reference during the juvenile Chinook salmon outmigration period for two (2) years pre-(2015 and 2016) and post-restoration (2017 and 2018). To read the rest of this article go to <https://bit.ly/2VTsnRK>.

FOR THE RESOURCE

Thank you,

*Rick Holt*

WWA President

### Mission Statement

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

## News for the Flock

### 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

- March 16**      **Woodduck box Work Party with the SW Chapter. More details on page 10.**
  
- March 20**      **Mandatory Reporting Deadlines for Sea Duck, SW Canadian Goose, Snow Good and Brant. Report on your harvest record cards or online at [fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov](http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov). Be sure to report even if you didn't harvest any birds!**
  
- March 23**      **Woodduck box Work Party with the SW Chapter. More details on page 10.**
  
- March 23**      **Richland Rod and Gun Club Wild Game Dinner**
  
- March 23**      **Youth Outdoors Banquet, Mirabeau Park Hotel, Spokane. Tickets available online at: [Charityauction.bid/2019YOUSpokane](http://Charityauction.bid/2019YOUSpokane)**
  
- March 26**      **Southwest Chapter Monthly Meeting at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club at 6:30pm.**
  
- March 27**      **Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range.**
  
- March 28**      **Skagit Wildlife Area Planning Meet 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the **Padilla Bay Visitor Center**, 10441 Bayview Edison Road, Mount Vernon. See story on Page 14.**
  
- March 28**      **Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting at the Vancouver Trap Club.**
  
- April 2**        **Whatcom County Chapter Meeting at Laurel Farm & Western Supply in Bellingham.**
  
- April 4**        **Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**

- April 6**        **Youth Outdoors Banquet, Hotel Red Lion, Olympia Tickets available online at: [Charityauction.bid/2019YOUWesternWA](http://Charityauction.bid/2019YOUWesternWA)**
  
- April 10**      **NW Chapter Meeting at Conway Fire Station at 7pm.**
  
- April 20**      **Moses Lake FNRA Free Trap Shoot for Youth at the American Legion Quincy Gun Club in Quincy, WA. See flyer on page 11.**
  
- April 24**      **Seattle Chapter Meeting at the Kenmore Shotgun Range.**
  
- April 27**      **Youth Outdoors Banquet, Red Lion Inn, Yakima. Tickets available online at: [Charityauction.bid/2019YOUYakima](http://Charityauction.bid/2019YOUYakima)**
  
- May 18**        **Mid Valley Sport Clays Event in Gervis, OR with the Lower Columbia Chapter. More details to come.**
  
- May 18**        **Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Competition at Maiben Park in Burlington, WA. Learn more at [www.wabrant.org](http://www.wabrant.org)**

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



# News for the Flock

## Duck Stamps & Prints:



Buy your 2018/19 Duck stamp print. The print is specifically done to show our appreciation to **WWA** for not letting the duck stamp program die like so many other states.

Please purchase a print/ stamp for yourself or as a gift.

Since the program is self funded everyone's support is critical. Please go to [www.washingtonduckstamp.com](http://www.washingtonduckstamp.com) to purchase your piece of **WWA** history.

You can still get your stamp by mailing a copy of your License and a self-addressed stamped Envelope to:

**Washington Waterfowl Association  
P.O. Box 2131  
Auburn, WA 98071**

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## Mandatory Reporting Deadlines:

Don't forget to report your waterfowl harvest!! Sea Duck, SW Canada Goose, Snow Goose and Brant reports are **due by March 20, 2019!** You must report hunting activity on your harvest record cards to **WDFW** using the online reporting system at: [fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/](http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/), or by mailing the cards to:

**WDFW**

**Wildlife Program - Waterfowl Section  
PO Box 43141  
Olympia, WA 98504.**

**Reports need to be postmarked by the reporting deadlines even if you did not harvest any birds.**

Also remember to turn in your **USFW Migratory Bird Harvest Survey** for waterfowl (ducks, sea ducks, geese, and brant).

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## 2019 Swan Survey Results for Fraser and Skagit Valley Snow Goose Photo Count

By: **Callie B. Moore**, Asst Wildlife Biologist of WDFW

Date: 12.31.18

Observers: M. Hamer & C. Moore

### Location & Count

**Canada:** 15,191

**Whatcom (Lyden):** 8,131

**Skagit:** 53,412

**Snohomish:** 33,259

**Total:** 109,993

A second flight is planned for mid-March. With results available a few months after.



# ALL AMERICAN ARMORY

# News for the Flock

## Grays Harbor Chapter News:

By: Kurt Snyder

### A Year of Events:

Some of the things we have planned for this year:

- We have our annual hunt for two raffle going on and all chapters that are participating should have the tickets on sale at this time. The highlights are that *each ticket gets you TWO chances* at one of these great hunts. Overnight lodging is provided with each hunt. The tickets are priced fairly and all proceeds go to the selling chapter. Our Chapter, the **Grays Harbor Chapter**, uses this raffle as our main money maker. Many thanks to our sponsor, **Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club** for donating these hunts!
- Our annual **FREE Youth Shotgun Event** — now the **Colton Smith Memorial Shoot** — is scheduled and most of the planning is complete. We hope to attract more kids to this event so I would ask that you send the flyer out to anyone you think would be interested. The course is usually 50 targets and we are very flexible on this. Shooting with the kids, free lunch and prizes for all the kids is what this is all about! We believe that we can help promote safe and fun shooting along with the waterfowling that started it all! **See the Flyer on pg 5.**
- We are starting some target events that will be scheduled for Thursday evenings this summer at the **Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club**, near Littlerock. We are planning on some “chip shoot” style targets. It sounds like a lot of fun to me. The cost will be the price of the targets and a few bucks on top of that. The winning teams take half of the pot for each game, and the **Grays Harbor Chapter** takes the other half. Fun and a few bucks for the Chapter! Please contact me for more info on this and I’ll fill ya in!

### Help WWA:

We are trying to promote the **WWA** as much as possible as we really need more members so we can be effective at fighting for what is right and against what is wrong for the resource. The more people we represent, the more we are listened to. There have been several ideas to bolster our membership, but I would like all of you reading this to **help out**. **Recruit a new member, pass the word around about us and donating your time** are some of the things we rely on. We don’t have the heavy pockets that **DU** and

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other organizations have so we have to work harder at what we do. We are in this together and without knowing it, the waterfowl need us more than ever.

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## Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

### RNWR Cleanup Completed:

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> we completed our annual post season clean-up and shut down of the hunt area on the **River S Unit** of the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Area (RNWR)**. We removed water from the older cement pit blinds and covered them with plastic to keep them dry for next season. Our members picked up wads, shell casings and other garbage from all the blinds. The area was much cleaner than past years. Hopefully hunters are doing their part after each outing. Closing down the last 3<sup>rd</sup> of the season also may have contributed towards it. Thanks to **Dino Mastri** for donuts and running the event. **Arlan Hackett** for procuring the BBQ food and **Chris Stalcup** for grill master duties. Also Thanks to **Dan Hafenbrack, Ted Blade, David Mason, Bill Dose, Cliff Pepper, Dion Hess, Daren Hauswald, Jack Sherwood, Bob Knowles, Thomas McKnight, Todd Sanders and son Hayden**. Our thanks to **Cindy and Dave Lescaleet** for their time representing the refuge at the work party.

### ALEA Grant Applications:

Our chapter is applying for two separate grants with **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Volunteer Grants Program**. Both grant applications focus on the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** for habitat improvement. **Chapter president, Ted Blade** initiated the application to provide 5-7 acres of buckwheat for the north end of the wildlife area. **Chapter VP Michael Andreotti** applied for a grant to plant 1,000 Wapato tubers in the vicinity of the water areas near the tin shed.

### Mid Valley Sporting Clays Event:

Save the date! Our chapter is planning a shoot at this venue in **Gervis, OR** on May 18<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow!



**AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

**COLTON SMITH  
MEMORIAL**

**Free youth SHOOTING EVENT**

**Free for 15 years of age and under**

Get the 2019 waterfowl season off to a great start with this free youth shot gunning event! Lunch and kids' prizes provided by the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.



[www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org)

Limited instruction for inexperienced kids

**\*Military adults shoot for \$15.00**

**Free** to all kids

age 15 and under!  
Parents can shoot with  
the kids for a \$20.00  
target fee. \*

**Prizes for all kids!**

Potluck style lunch  
free to all entries and  
parents!

**RSVP  
Recommended!**

Hosted by the  
Evergreen  
Sportsman's Club!

12736 Marksman St SW,  
Olympia, WA 98512

**RSVP TO;  
KURTSNYDER@OUTDRS.  
NET  
360-485-9353**

**August 24 2019, 9:00  
AM**

# News for the Flock

## Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

### More Nesting Boxes for the Next Generation of Ducks!

At February's chapter meeting some of our members built several new boxes for deployment in the region. Throughout the month members have installed new boxes and completed maintenance of existing boxes making the duck homes a cleaner place to nest. Numerous Wood Duck Nesting Boxes in both Snohomish and Skagit counties received the royal treatment. ***Thanks to our volunteer members*** for the time they put forth for this conservation effort. If you would like to volunteer for these activities please contact me.

### April/May Chapter Activity:

We will hold our annual **Skagit Wildlife Area Cleanup** in April and May this year. Last year our cleanup efforts were hampered by high water in both the **Farmed Island** and **Samish Units** so were holding off for a month. We will also assess the conditions of the hunting blinds for maintenance necessary prior to the next season.

### Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Competition:

Join us on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at **Maiben Park** in Burlington, Washington.

The Decoy carving festival and contest the **"Puget Sound Open"** is an opportunity for you to show off your carving skills or just have fun enjoying the decoys on display, vendors, raffles, silent and live auctions.

The carving competition features entries from across the U.S. Carving contest classes include, Brant Division, Open Working Decoys, WA State **DU** carving contest, Novice/Youth and a mini decoy swap. For more information on registration or the festival go to <http://www.wabrant.org/>

### Follow Us of Facebook:

See and like our Facebook page **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at <https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org/>



**Top: NW Chapter Member Ethan Lehman climbing trees to complete yearly Wood Duck Box maintenance**  
**Left: This box was installed on Ebey Island**  
**Right: New Wood Duck Box deployed by Steve Massingale and Chris Martin**

### Monthly Meetings:

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. So mark your calendar to join us and bring a friend!

## News for the Flock

### Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

#### Program for the March 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

At the Seattle meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> chapter member **Paul McGovern** will be sharing his recipe[s] and providing hands-on instruction about turning your duck and waterfowl harvest into some delicious pepperoni snack sticks! You will learn it all from start to finish — grinding the meat to smoking the stuffed casings — **Paul** promises to show you how to make some of the best pepperoni anywhere!

You'll have to show up at the meeting to fill in the blanks of **Paul's** recipe below, or wait until the April **WWA Newsletter** for publication of the full recipe.

#### Step 1: Grinding meat:

Take \_\_\_\_\_ **lbs** of cut-up skinless duck breast. Grind duck in the grinder with a \_\_\_\_\_ **plate** then a second (2nd) time with the \_\_\_\_\_ **plate**.

#### Step 2: Mixing meat:

Mix duck with \_\_\_\_\_ **lbs** ( \_\_\_\_\_ **% ratio duck/** \_\_\_\_\_ ) Mix **cure from** \_\_\_\_\_ into the meat. Slowly sprinkle \_\_\_\_\_ **spice** \_\_\_\_\_ **tablespoon** per \_\_\_\_\_ **lb** \_\_\_\_\_ **meat**. Mix meat for \_\_\_\_\_ **minutes** by hand.

#### Step 3: Stuffing the casings:

Clean out grinder and load \_\_\_\_\_ **meat** into the hopper Cut and load the \_\_\_\_\_ **mm casing** on the grinder cone. Feed out 12-16 inches of **stuffed** \_\_\_\_\_. Cut and twist end. Reload casing

#### Step 4: Smoking the \_\_\_\_\_ sticks

Smoker cook the links at \_\_\_\_\_ **degrees** until meat thermometer reads \_\_\_\_\_ **degrees** internal temp!

#### Wood Duck Nest Boxes Assembled:

**WWA-Seattle Chapter** members assembled a baker's dozen wood duck boxes at our February meeting — and for those who had a private place to set them — took them home! The rest went with members **Bob Hazelbrook** and **Mike Ylenni** who head up the Chapter's Wood Duck Nest Box Program with our historical placements within the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area at **WDFW** properties at **Cherry Valley, Crescent Lake, and Stillwater**.

For those who have come up against resistance from land owners — both public and private — who don't care to have wood duck boxes placed on their trees with long thick nails or lag screws, the adjacent pictures offer some possible alternatives using metal fence posts and tubing as well as round and treated 4x4 wood fence posts.



#### "Like" Our Facebook Page:

Check out our Chapter's FB page **Washington**

**Waterfowl Association— Seattle Chapter at:**

<https://w.facebook.com/ups/240265559992025/>

# News for the Flock

## Youth Outdoor Unlimited Banquet: Y.O.U Can Make a Difference

By: Cameron Way, WWA-Seattle

As many of you may have seen there is a new flyer in the newsletter on the adjoining page for Youth **Outdoor Unlimited (Y.O.U)**. This is a fantastic organization run entirely by volunteers to help get terminally ill and disabled youths out and hunting. Many of these kids come from outdoor and sporting families but under their circumstance have not been able to participate with their loved ones.

Y.O.U. comes in and gets these kids a full team of volunteers to set up, break down, and manage camp, gets access to amazing private hunting lands, a fully off-road capable power chair (if needed), an unbelievable success rate on their hunts, and a Full Shoulder mount of the animal they decide to harvest. All of this at absolutely no cost to the family funded by donations and auctions.

I had the privilege of volunteering at the Moses Lake banquet this past week and it was truly an amazing experience. Just seeing how happy these kids are to go out and get that once in a life time hunt was awesome. I know this Club is Statewide, and they have Events in almost every corner of Washington with upcoming banquets on the following dates:

- March 23: Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane,
- April 6: Hotel Red Lion in Olympia
- April 27: Red Lion Hotel in Yakima

I encourage all members to try to attend one event this year just to see what its all about and see how you may be able to help in any way shape or form, or maybe you know a child who might be deserving of a hunting or fishing trip. Feel free to reach out and talk to the organizers or myself!

Learn more, purchase tickets and follow Y.O.U at: <https://www.youthoutdoorsu.org/>

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## Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Matt Berry

### Monthly Meeting:

Join the **Whatcom County Chapter** at their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 2 (the first Tuesday of the month) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.

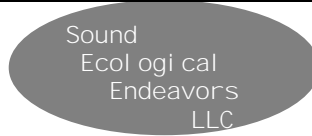
### "Like" Our Facebook Page:

The **Whatcom County Chapter** is switching from a closed group to a regular Facebook page to be able to take advantage of some of Facebook's features. Please "like" our page: <https://www.facebook.com/WhatcomWWA/>



### Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

16409 Canyon Rd. E.  
 Puyallup, WA 98375  
 (253) 537-6151  
[www.tacomassportsmensclub.com](http://www.tacomassportsmensclub.com)



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SEE RESULTS



# Y.O.U. CAN MAKE A KID'S DREAM COME TRUE!



Youth Outdoors Unlimited is a Washington based non-profit organization dedicated to take youth diagnosed with life threatening illnesses and/or physical disabilities on the hunting or fishing adventure of their dreams!

We host fundraisers throughout Washington state, including our auction banquets that feature great food, raffle games, silent and live auctions, as well as the most heartfelt presentation of our kids' adventures! This is not your typical auction - you will be forever changed to see these amazing kids and their love for the great outdoors!

**WIN auction items like: guided hunting & fishing trips, rifles, handguns, sports tickets, handmade crafts/artwork, gift certificates, wine baskets & SO much more!**

For more info on attending an event, donating items, volunteering or being a sponsor, please visit our website or Facebook page:

[www.YouthOutdoorsU.org](http://www.YouthOutdoorsU.org)

[Facebook.com/YouthOutdoorsUnlimitedWa/](https://www.facebook.com/YouthOutdoorsUnlimitedWa/)

# News for the Flock

## Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

### March Chapter Meeting:

We would like to invite everyone out on 26 March 2019 to our **Southwest Chapter** meeting at 6:30 PM at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Education Building**. We will be drawing the winning raffle tickets that started at the **2019 Puyallup Sportsman Show**.

### Upcoming Wood Duck Box Work Parties:

This past weekend we had a work party the serviced some of the Wood Duck Nest Boxes we have in the area. We will be having another work party on the 16 March and 23 March at 9 AM meeting at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** so put it on your calendar. This is a family-friendly, fun event, so bring the wee ones!

### Thank You!

Would like to thank **Lance Kintrea, Peter Kilburn, Frank Gallo and Bruce Burns** for helping with this past weekends Wood Duck work party. We had a good time and the weather was great. Looking forward to seeing other members come out in the future.

## Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

### FNRA FREE Trap Shoot:

Along with the **Friends of the NRA** and the **American Legion Quincy Gun Club** we will again be hosting a **FREE** trap shoot on April 20th for all youths 18 and under that possess either a hunter safety card or hunting license. **See the flyer on page 11 for more information.**

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## Kitsap County Chapter News

No News This Month



**Southwest Chapter Members performing annual Wood Duck Box Maintenance. Thanks!**

## Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

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## Spokane Chapter News

No News This Month

# MOSES LAKE FNRA FREE TRAP SHOOT



Saturday April 20, 2019

at the

American Legion Quincy Gun Club at:

14550 Road Q N.W.

Quincy, WA 98848

from

11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

There will be ***FREE trap shooting*** for all youths 18 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.

Lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages, and chips will be provided, also at ***no cost***.

There will also be ***FREE merchandise*** for youths.

So we will know how much food is needed to be provided please sign up in advance with either:

Dick Price: 509-762-9027

[dickprice@nctv.com](mailto:dickprice@nctv.com)

or

Tom O'Dell: 509-764-8557

[Mallard1@gosi.net](mailto:Mallard1@gosi.net)

This event is sponsored by the Moses Lake Friends of the NRA, Brownells, Washington Waterfowl Assoc. & the Quincy Gun Club.

# WDFW Letter for The Flock

## Pacific Flyway Wingbee Gathering in Redding California...as witnessed by WDFW

By: Ella Rowan, WDFW Wildlife Biologist, Ephrata, WA

It was a dark and treacherous morning leaving the warmth of my bed at 4:00am to drive through white-outs, snowdrifts and single-lane interstate madness. Seven hours later I met up with fellow **WDFW biologists Callie Moore and Luke Hawk** so we could drive another 8 hours to wet and windy Redding California for the annual Pacific Flyway Wingbee. Our **WDFW Waterfowl Specialist Matt Wilson and Section Manager Kyle Spragens** joined in as well. This is a time of gathering for waterfowl biologists to look at those wings some of you have sent in post-harvest. Over 25,000 wings are examined annually at this event, which allows for training new biologists to properly sex and age species by their wings. It also provides a great opportunity to discuss all things waterfowl-management. The data we collect helps managers better understand harvest, age and sex structures of populations, migration routes, migration timing, survival, and more! This year, Washington asked fellow biologist to set aside all Washington harvested mallards so we could extract feathers for isotope analysis. Why? Because looking at the blood in a pin-feather and evaluating the exact isotopes it contains can indicate where the bird was breeding or raised. Stable isotopes occur in predictable patterns across North America and are picked up in the food birds eat while they are growing their feathers. Science is pretty amazing! And, more data to evaluate local production is valuable too.

There were mallards and scoters, wood ducks and teal, pintails, gadwall, northern shovelers and American wigeon. There were canvasbacks and redheads, ring-necks and scaup, geese, and even a few Eurasian wigeons. I think I saw a few merganser and goldeneyes on some tables too.

The wind blew hard for 3 days, threatening to remove

the roof, but we survived even the loss of power for a few hours. Thankfully, the last day was a sunny one for the enormous and delicious duck, goose and tuna cookout provided by our hosts (harvested primarily by Norm and Greg). While we recognize the Waterfowl Specialists are grateful for our help during this event, we are grateful for their expertise, sharing their knowledge, and providing us with a fun and friendly environment to engage with one another.



**Top Right: Getting a lesson from a pro. Middle and Bottom Right: Team WDFW deep in thought and working hard. Bottom Left: There really was method to the madness**  
All photos were taken by Matt Wilson, Callie Moore and Ella Rowan.





# OCTOBER 3RD, 2019 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club and the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.

*Two chances at a hunt for two with each ticket purchase. Win a one day, fully guided waterfowl hunt for two at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive properties. Overnight lodging included. All equipment provided except hunters licensing.*



[www.waduck.org](http://www.waduck.org)

**Ticket price is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 per five**

**Tickets make great gifts for that hunter that you know!**

**You get TWO chances with each ticket!**

**Need not be present to win!**

**See your local WWA Chapter for purchase or contact below!**

**GRAYS HARBOR CHAPTER**

**Washington Waterfowl Assn.**

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# Classifieds– For Sale and Wanted

## For Sale:

New in Box, **Stoeger P350 pump 12 ga.** takes 3.5” magnums. Black synthetic stock. \$235 / NIB Mossberg Patriot 300 Win. Mag. \$320. Contact **Robert** 206-909-7189.

**Easy Rider expedition canoe 19'**, capacity 900lbs. Good car topable duck blind. Excellent condition. \$500. Contact **Kent** 425-778-7490.

**Waterfowl Art Work:** Nine signed and numbered limited edition prints with frames and mats by **DU** waterfowl artist Shirley Stockman. Includes “Misty Morning” 14x18, “Coming In” 16x12, “Wood Ducks” 17x14, “Solitude” 13x10, “Mallard Drake” 7x9, “Family Outing” 8x11, “A Family Affair” 9x12, “Green Winged Teal” 8x11, “Storm Warning” 12x15. All sizes are of print, not frame. \$350 for all. 10% of proceeds will be donated to **WWA**. Contact **Mark** 360-720-2759.

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## WDFW Seeks Public Participation in Skagit Wildlife Area Plan

OLYMPIA The **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** will hold a public open house **March 28** to kick off a planning process for the **Skagit Wildlife Area**, which includes critical estuary and other habitat valuable to species such as waterfowl, shorebirds, and juvenile salmon.

The wildlife area consists of 17,000 acres in Skagit, Snohomish, Island and San Juan counties. A huge portion about 12,000 acres of the wildlife area is estuary in Skagit County. The wildlife area contains wetlands, agricultural habitat, and natural areas managed for the protection of sensitive species.

The open house is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, at the **Padilla Bay Visitor Center** at 10441 Bayview Edison Road, Mount Vernon.

The Skagit plan will propose actions for the management of the wildlife area over the next 10 years.

**WDFW** is seeking advisors to represent diverse interests including wildlife area neighbors, the agricultural community, and various recreational user groups such as wildlife watchers and hunters.

**The Skagit Wildlife Area Advisory Committee** will guide development of the wildlife area plan and ongoing management activities. Those interested in serving should contact her at: 360-445-4441 or [Belinda.Rotton@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Belinda.Rotton@dfw.wa.gov).

Rotton said the public will have several opportunities to comment on the plan over the next year as a draft is developed. She noted that the March 28 meeting will focus on management planning for the entire wildlife area, not specific actions at a specific location. Information on the wildlife area is available on WDFW's website at [https://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/skagit/](https://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/skagit/).

### WWA Classifieds:

WWA is dedicating a page in the newsletter for WWA members to sell hunting related items to their fellow members. No business ads please. That extra shotgun, waders, decoys or boat could get you some cash or trade for something another member has on hand.

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- WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565**
- WWA Legal Fund — \$18,172**
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- WWA General Fund — \$213**
- Jeff Bartram — \$10**
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However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

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