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Hello Fellow Waterfowlers —

Almost every morning I walk my two (2) fox red labs along the railroad spur line that connects to the refineries in **Anacortes**. As I look north to a view of the **Swinomish Channel** and **Padilla Bay** I enjoy memories of duck hunting, crabbing and salmon fishing.

There are four (4) sand islands that were created when the **Swinomish Channel** was dredged out. One is the property of the **Swinomish Tribe**; another is a private hunt club; the other two are public. One public island is especially dear to me as we have rebuilt blinds and hunted extensively there. Good and not so good duck hunts, but still a gem as far as I am concerned. Access is an easy 15 minutes from the house. A 10-minute boat ride, and bingo you're in business. The last few years have been marginal. We have not figured out why the ducks do not use it much any more, but the memories remain.

Online All Chapter Meeting

On Saturday June 6th, 2020 some 17 **WWA** members from various chapters around the state took four (4) hours out of their Saturday to discuss **WWA** Corporate financial issues and brainstormed both proposed cost cutting as well fund raising alternatives to shore up our financial situation. **WWA Corp Secretary Bob Taylor** took some excellent notes, and they are available in full for your review on **Pages 4 thru 6**.

A Lot of good ideas were brought to bear and a vision of hope for the **WWAs** future. Thank you all. We will get this turned around and headed in a positive direction, never fear under-dog is here. Remember it is not the size of the dog but the size of fight in the dog. **WE ARE A TEAM. I SEE A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR WWA**

FOR THE RESOURCE,

Rick Holt
WWA President

Vote for the future of WWA
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TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE WATERFOWL, WATERFOWL HABITAT, & WATERFOWL HUNTING IN WASHINGTON STATE

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2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat, May 16 WA Brant Foundation Decoy Carving
Cancelled
Competition, Mt. Vernon.

For 2020

Weds, June 24 Seattle Chapter Meeting

Online Only

Thurs, June 25 Spokane Chapter Meeting

Online Only

Thurs, June 25 Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting

Cancelled

Tues, June 30 SW Chapter Meeting

Cancelled

Tues, July 2 Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting at
the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club.

Pending

Possible Extension
of WA Stay Orders

Tues, July 7 Whatcom Chapter Meeting at the
Laurel Farm & Supply, Bellingham.

Pending

Possible Extension
of WA Stay Orders

Tues, July 14 NW Chapter Meeting at the

Pending

Possible Extension
of WA Stay Orders

Weds, July 15 WWA BOD Meeting (**Online Only**)

Sat, Aug 1st WWA sponsored and sanctioned

Cancelled

For 2020

Sat, Sept 26 NW Chapter Banquet, Mt. Vernon.

Cancelled

For 2020

Sat, Sept 26 LC Chapter Banquet, Vancouver.

Questionable

For 2020

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Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

WA Duck Calling Contest Cancelled for 2020

With it taking so long to open up the counties in the State of Washington, **WWA-SW Chapter** has made the decision to cancel the sanctioned **2020 Duck Calling Contest!** **WWA Board Member** and **Contest Chairman Nathan Neideigh** confirmed the cancellation in a June 8th **Facebook** posting.

We are in contact with **National Duck Calling Contest** people in **Stuttgart, Arkansas** to see if they will refund our money or give us credit for next year. More to follow in the July Newsletter as we learn it.

If **Pierce and King counties** make it into Phase 3 the Southwest chapter will start holding meetings again at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**. The **SW Chapter** has a couple of projects that can be worked on when that happens.

We also have some gray or green hoodies left over from the **2020 Sportsman Show** that will be for sale. Will get pictures and prices in the **July Newsletter**.

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Recent Financial Information Re: WWA Corporate

<u>Item</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Membership Dollars	\$4,976.74	\$6,751.42	\$9,617.12
Total Income	\$6,300.74	\$7,313.10	\$10,527.12
Total Expenses	(\$12,322.98)	(\$11,616.78)	(\$ 9,461.88)
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$ 6,022.24)	(\$4,303.68)	\$ 1,065.24

Notes from All Chapter Meeting

By: Bob Taylor

Our Virtual All Chapter Meeting kicked off at 10:00a.m., Saturday, June 6th, 2020; some terrific ideas were shared amongst **WWA** members from chapters all over the state.

Rather than attempting a chronological blow by blow as to who said what when, since this was an "idea" meeting, in the notes below I'm going to focus on ideas and comments by subject:

Attendees: **Ramon Guel (Spokane), John Arrabito (State Treasurer), Rick Billieu (NW), Rick Holt (State President), Timothy Tinghino (SEA), Aaron Kao (SEA), Kurt Snyder Gray's Harbor), Bruce Feagan (Moses Lake), All O'Connor (Lower Columbia), Lyle Galloway (Whatcom), Earl Mikkelson (SW), James Ono (SEA), Jason Bolser (NW), Mark Pidgeon (Gray's Harbor), Bob Taylor (State Secretary)**, plus three more phone-in folks whom I wasn't able to identify. In addition, several members who were not able to attend did provide email comments. These included **Arlan Hackett (Lower Columbia)** and **Dick Price (Moses Lake)**.

Finances: Treasurer **John Arrabito** presented a gloomy picture of our finances immediately caused by **Wild Apricot (WA)**, our database software, which rates have quadrupled since **WWA** bought their system in 2010 at a then annual cost of \$540. It now costs us over \$2,300/year which equates to \$11.25/year just to maintain an active member who's dues are current in our database. This takes a pretty healthy bite out of our \$35 annual dues, \$15 for senior members. Raises in insurance rates have contributed to our red ink as well, but the primary culprit is **WA** and the added \$1200/year we're paying an individual to maintain it.

Mounting costs such as these along with lagging memberships have already killed the **Minnesota Waterfowl Association (MWA)** and are causing consternation in other state waterfowl organizations such as the **Wisconsin** and **California Waterfowl Associations**. We have either to cut

these costs or find a quick means of garnering additional revenue if **WWA** is not to go the way of the **Minnesota Waterfowl Association**. (Read **MWA** story [here](#)).

Discussion: There was general agreement that **WA** is over-priced and needs to be dumped. Fortunately one of our younger members, **Aaron Kao**, has already been looking at a more economical, database product named "**NationBuilder**" and hopes to have a presentation for the board by the end of July.

Aaron also felt that **NationBuilder** could be maintained by one or more volunteers as opposed to paying someone to manage our data. **James Ono** has been in contact with members of the **California Waterfowl Association (CWA)** and reports that **CWA** hired a professional team two years ago to research which software products best fit their needs. They are willing to share their information with us.

There was also agreement that cost-cutting measures will only go so far and that the long-term solution to our financial problems is to get more members!

There was also general agreement on a proposed five dollar (\$5) across-the-board membership dues increase but most, especially our younger members, saw this as a stop-gap measure and emphasized that we need to focus on garnering more members.

Website and Social Media: Everyone agreed that our website is outdated and that new info is added so infrequently that folks just ignore it. Although a couple of chapters have **Facebook** pages, there's a lack of coordination within the **WWA** organization and younger folks are eschewing **Facebook** for fresher types of Social Media like **Instagram, Tik Tok, and Twitter**.

Discussion: **Aaron Kao** has been working on a new website with a completely new layout and presented a sample viewable at <https://www.nationbuilder.com>. In addition younger attendees, **Timothy Tinghino, James Ono, Jason Bolser, Ramon Guel, and Lyle Galloway**, all agreed that we

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need an aggressive social media presence in order to reach folks more contemporary than the Baby Boomer Generation. Several opined this is the primary reason **Back Country Hunters** and **Anglers** seems to be growing by leaps and bounds while other "outdoor" organizations suffer lagging membership. In addition to establishing a State-wide **WWA** presence on **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok**, etc. we must ensure that info is updated several times weekly in order to retain relevance, although we may sometimes post "older" info such as how to flock decoy heads, how to pluck a duck, etc. Several of these folks agreed to form a Social Media Committee to accomplish this and **Rick Billieu** of the **WWA** Board and State Secretary **Bob Taylor** agreed to assist in any way possible.

John Arrabito mentioned that our current newsletter allows us to charge for ads and wondered if social media would provide an additional means of doing this. The general opinion was that it would but only after we established a large "readership". While our newsletter might reach a few hundred folks at best, social media can reach hundreds of thousands. Also, we can obtain sponsors for blogs, websites, etc. and offer an up-front blurb supporting their products on our social media outlets. This is a common practice by many organizations.

Membership: It's no secret that membership numbers have been lagging and that many new folks who do join fail to renew or to attend meetings. In addition, many of our current members are of the Baby Boomer Generation while we're garnering a dearth of younger folks.

Discussion: A key to gaining and retaining younger members is to provide them with something of value. Attendees felt that maintenance of local wildlife habitat, conservation, hunter education, and hunter advocacy all within Washington State were the primary reasons folks might join **WWA**. It was noted that other organizations such as **Ducks Unlimited** do much conservation work but such organizations are continent-wide and primarily conservation and fund raising based instead of hands-on conservation and hunter based like **WWA**.

Overhauling our website and establishing a social media presence will help a great deal. **James Ono** said that the **Back Country Hunters and Anglers** website is very informative and also makes joining that organization very easy; they also have an efficient way of sending email blasts to various groups of their members. He will contact that organization for more info on their methods.

Another key means of retaining members is through a mentorship program. **Rick Billieu** said that when his **Northwest Chapter** garners a new member someone will make a personal contact in order to encourage their attendance at the next meeting and then someone will take them hunting. Folks will then stay in touch throughout the year. **Rick** felt that a template for garnering and retaining new members should be developed and distributed to all chapters.

Having a fun presentation or activity at meetings is also critical. **Jason Bolser**, who is also a member of an archery organization, says that relatively few attend business meetings as such tend to be boring, but many attend their shoots and other fun and informative activities.

Jason also opined that we need to do a better job of touting our successes! In the last few years **WWA** was instrumental in defeating a proposed **Thurston County** ordinance that would have closed all hunting activity at the southern end of **Puget Sound**, saved the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** for hunters as opposed to converting it into a questionable salmon recovery area, and just this year prevented passage of a potentially disastrous animal cruelty bill which would have banned most dog training activity. However, few members of the general public even know we exist let alone are aware of our role concerning these issues. These successes need to be broadcast on our website and social media outlets!

Mark Pidgeon explained the **WDFW** maintains a list of all who purchased state duck stamps and that this list can be accessed through the **Freedom of Information Act**. We cannot use info from this list to solicit money, but we can use it to gain more members. **Mark** suggested dividing the list by zip code and providing it to our various chapters for a phone call or email campaign.

James Ono emphasized that contact needs to be made with lapsed members to find out why they failed to renew. A chicken/egg discussion followed regarding whether it was best to first contact lapsed members personally via phone and then follow up with a letter with hand addressed envelope or vice versa; no consensus was reached.

Jason Bolser stated that current **Hunter Ed** classes run by the State tend to be boring as they focus almost exclusively on hunter safety. As a result, a large percentage of folks attending these courses fail to buy a hunting license. He suggested contacting **Steve Dazey, WDFW Region 4 Hunter Education Field Coordinator**, and offering to spruce up his

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classes a bit by offering hunting tips as well. **Lyle Galloway** knows **Steve** and offered to do this.

Insurance: Rates have been climbing and as a result, in October of last year the **WWA Board of Directors** passed a resolution to assess all chapters with over \$1,000 in their bank account \$116/annum to assist in paying general liability insurance since such insurance covers all chapters during meetings, work parties, banquets, etc. **John Arrabito** pointed out that many of these activities, such as any work on state owned land, are already covered by the State and that such general liability insurance might be redundant.

Discussion: Most attendees felt that, with elimination of fees for **Wild Apricot**, we should focus on building membership instead of cutting costs on insurance. While many of our activities are already covered by the State or other liability insurance carried by a facility, etc. attendees were leery of a possibility that some activity might not be covered.

Life Membership Levels: We currently have only two levels of life membership, one at \$500 that will garner the donor a belt buckle, and a \$750 level that provides a WWA logo'd jacket as a reward. The group was asked about possible membership levels at \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000, and \$10,000.

Discussion: Nobody was opposed to this idea but suitable award/gifts need to be rendered for these various membership levels. This is to be discussed at the next **WWA Board** meeting.

Additional Revenue Generation: Ideas discussed here included online auctions, raffles, and banquets.

Discussion: The local **Northwest Safari Club International** recently raised \$65,000 with an online raffled costing a flat fee of \$2,800 to the online auction house. **Jason Bolser** said he was familiar with that chapter, that they had quite a few well-healed members willing to open their wallets, and that their banquets usually garnered hundreds of thousands of dollars. He cautioned that our results with an online auction might not be nearly as lucrative.

Others opined that raffles might be a better bet for **WWA** instead of auctions as most of our members would be willing to shell out a couple of \$20 bills for raffle tickets but not several hundreds or thousands of dollars for a big ticket auction item. However, do to some interesting state gambling laws, raffles may not be conducted online in the **State of Washington**. Even the **WDFW** has to sell raffle

tickets for their special hunts through their own offices or through vendors.

Al O'Connor mentioned that the **National Wild Turkey Federation** has an interesting raffle in which one buys a "box" with a \$20 bill. Most boxes won't contain a \$20 value, but a few will contain much more. Another raffle idea was to include a **WWA Membership** as one of several items to be raffled together. Such a mix could include a guided hunt, **WWA Membership**, some decoys, etc.

Mark Pidgeon and others also expressed concern about offering firearms as raffle items. In the present environment, the State is intending to come down like a ton of bricks on anyone raffling a firearm without a proper gambling license. Fines will be heavy and can jeopardize the entire **WWA** organization as well any chapter engaging in such a raffle.

Update on Chapter Banquets:

As for banquets, the **Northwest Chapter** has cancelled their banquet for the year due to questions about whether the State would even allow such an event this fall. **Rick Billieu** also mentioned that garnering prizes in the present environment is difficult as most local businesses are struggling and face-to-face contact is discouraged.

Bob Taylor wasn't sure of the intentions of the **Local Columbia Chapter** regarding their annual banquet but suspected it would likely be cancelled as well.



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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

Is it duck season yet? LOL

I'm beginning to wonder how the **WDFW** is going to use the Covid virus to change our season. This virus has changed the way we are doing everything. Saturday, June 6, the **WWA** had it's first online **All Chapters Meeting**. Any chapter meetings around the state have up to now been either online or cancelled altogether. Our Chapter has cancelled it's last three. Hopefully more people are washing their hands.

As for the **All Chapters Meeting**, I think it went very well!. We stuck to the subject matter and some great ideas came out into the open. I won't hide the fact that the **WWA** is in a bit of trouble. The news has been published in this Newsletter since January when **WWA** first learned that the **Minnesota Waterfowl Association** — with almost as many years under its belt as **WWA** — folded its tent forever. See article [here](#). The **California** and **Wisconsin Waterfowl Associations** are also having financial troubles. Everywhere Membership is down, especially among the up and coming younger waterfowl hunters. And with that income is suffering across the board and less conservation work is getting done.

The price of our member database software, Wild Apricot, use has gone up considerably from \$540/year when we first started with them in 2010 to over \$2,300/year today! I personally think that the **WWA** will survive. We may have fewer members, but the mission and purpose remain the same. In the meeting we talked about advertising more with a big push within various avenues of social media popular with younger hunters as well as reaching out personally to new and old members alike. Planning more events. Raising the dues was discussed at length. Seems most members polled are okay with a dues increase.

Obtaining lower cost member database software as well as getting back to a volunteer data base was also discussed. After all we are a volunteer organization., but our volunteer base is getting older without many young members stepping up and taking over. A few have but not enough. We need you younger members to volunteer to take on just one task! Just one! Your time is the most valuable resource we have. With it we can continue our waterfowl conservation and hunters' rights missions, grow and be more effective in our endeavors.

Many thanks to all of you that have bought or sold our **Hunt For Two Raffle** tickets. Our Chapter has yet to have a fundraising banquet, so this raffle is our main money maker. If you are unable to give your time please consider buying some of these tickets.

The hunts are always fun and adventurous. Remember each ticket gets you **TWO (2)** chances to win a hunt for you and a guest! **Cedarville Farms Hunt Club** has offered free lodging the night before your hunt! Check out the flier on **Page 9**. Your Chapter Chairman should have tickets available. If not contact me, and I'll get you fixed up.

Our Chapter's "Hands-On" conservation efforts have been rewarded by having several successful hatches this season. Almost all of our goose platforms had broods. Five (5) total. Many of our woody nesting boxes have also had successful hatches. Nothing feels better than seeing this success! This is what it all comes down to. I can only imagine how many ducks and geese we could hatch with 100 new chapter members.

Next Chapter Meeting Still Questionable

Our next Chapter business meeting is still up in the air. I'll contact you all when we make the decision to have one or not. IF we do it will be on the 2nd of July!

Our **Colton Smith Memorial Youth Shotgun Event** will be either on the 22nd or 29th of August 2020. Our planning will continue and hopefully the darn virus won't take that from us also. As usual it will be at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock. I'll put out a flyer as soon as the date is finalized.

Thanks All
Kurt Snyder



GH Chapter News Continued

Companion Raffle to the Hunt for Two Raffle

By Jon McAninch & the Cedarville Farms Hunt Club

19th Legislative District Representative **Brian Blake** carved and painted a really cool Tundra Swan (aka Whistling Swan). If you follow **Brian** on Facebook you may have seen pictures of it on some of his posts.

The body was carved out of a remnant of a pine log that originated in Idaho and migrated to Washington to be used in the construction of a log home in Grays Harbor

connected to the Tundra Swan carving, I have the pleasure to announce that **Brian** has graciously donated his finished carving to be raffled off with all proceeds to go to **The Seattle Children's Hospital**.

Cedarville Farms will administer the raffle by selling tickets for \$1.00 each up until the date of the drawing which shall be held at **The Cedarville Farms Annual Clambake** on August 15th. You need not be present to win, but an out of area winner would be respon-

sible to pay for shipping. To purchase your raffle tickets for this original carving please send checks made payable to:

**Cedarville Farms
15 White Oak Lane
Oakville, WA 98568**

Please include your name and a contact phone number and reference **Swan Raffle** on your check. All funds shall be deposited in a dedicated account and dispersed to **The Seattle Children's Hospital** along with our annual **Children's Hospital Fund Raiser** donations collected at the upcoming Clambake event.

When we receive your raffle check we will place your name and phone number on the tickets purchased, and enter them into the raffle. We will also post confirmation of receipt of payment on our Facebook Page.

Hunt for Two Raffle Update

With **Governor Inslee's** Lockdown Orders stopping all Chapter Meetings, the **Hunt for Two Raffle** tickets sales have pretty much dropped off. Oh well, still have time to buy them up until the drawing on October 1st.

(See Flyer on adjacent Page 9)



County. The head & neck were carved out of Alaskan yellow cedar **Brian** had been saving for many years. Both the pine and yellow cedar were stored away all these years with it in mind that they would one day be utilized in a carving project.

Now that you are familiar with some of the history

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OCTOBER 1ST, 2020 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

Presented by; 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.



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Ticket price is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 per five (5)

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!

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

July Chapter Meeting

Our last three chapter meetings were cancelled due to social distancing restrictions. **We are on for July!**



(Above)
Kurt Benson at work with his electric Fordham carving tool.

(Right)
The sculpting of the wing pockets and paint detail are Kurt Benson specialties as shown in a pair of Greater Scaup carved and donated by Kurt for fundraising at a past WWA Corporate Banquet.



Want to see a master carver transform a block of Cork, Balsa or Cedar into a life size decoy that can be used for hunting or display? **WWA member Kurt Benson**, will be sharing his carving skills at our July meeting. **Kurt** has routinely supported organizations like the **WWA**, and others by sharing his unique decoy carving skills.

Not only an artist and craftsman, but a teacher as well, hosting carving classes at the Burlington Parks Department and other public seminars. In addition **Kurt** has also donated many exquisitely hand carved and functional works of art for fund raising events for **WWA**, **DU**, and the **Washington Brant Foundation** among others. This is a meeting not to miss!

Prepping for the next season

For the avid waterfowl hunter, decoys and other equipment can take a beating from use and weather (ok maybe an occasional shot or two). With the increasing cost of equipment it pays to do a little maintenance each season, preferably prior to the season opener.

WWA member Joel Meeteer spent a few weekends in the decoy refresh lab (garage) on a repaint and flocking mission. The 12 Tanglefree/Homer Brant decoys are one of six (6) dozen to get the royal treatment. The Canvasback decoys received a new top coat and flocking. Nice job **Joel!**

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NW Chapter News Continued



WWA Duck Mount Display

One of the activities that I truly enjoy is a **WWA** promotional event that includes the **WWA Trailer**, all of our membership information and the **Duck Mount Display**. The **Duck Mount Display** is a focus of attention that always sparks the interest of folks just because they're so cool to look at.

The original 31 mounts were created by the **Otto brothers, John and Jason**, of Marysville. Several were damaged in a flood of the Puyallup River

several years ago when the trailer was parked at the **Sumner Gun Club**. Many of those have been replaced/repared through the years by others including **WWA**

member **Dan Heasley of Pacific County**. However there are still several mounts that have seen better days and need to be replaced.

The **NW Chapter** has provided and purchased a Harlequin Drake mount through **WWA member Matt Klope of Whidbey Taxidermy** and soon will also acquire a **Northern Spoonbill** from **WWA Grays Harbor Chapter Chair Kurt Snyder**. Both mounts will be used to replace existing mounts in the display with plans to replace others in the near future.

Like our FB page, **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at: <https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org/>



Willapa NWR Complex Manager Jackie Ferrier helping two youth hunt participants identify waterfowl using the WWA Duck Mount Display in the background. Standing in front of the Wood Duck Nesting Box are (from left) WWA members Jack Westerfield (SW) and Dan Heasley.

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Three (3) months ago, on March 14th we had planned to be cleaning and shutting down the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. The day prior acting **Complex Manager Eric Anderson** cancelled the work party out of caution for the just beginning stay-at-home recommendations. We were disappointed until we woke up that Saturday morning to snow on the ground!

Our original two week shut down has finally morphed into Phase 2 openings in many counties in this strange new landscape. Meetings, work parties and banquets are currently reduced to 5 persons or less unless you're involved in a protest! We are one day closer to normalcy and a little "Love your Neighbor as Yourself" would go a long way right now!

Vancouver Trap Club

Our meeting place — the Vancouver Trap Club — is not open yet for trap shooting or gatherings. **Club manager Doug Dinsmore** stated that they are projecting a possible July 1st move into Phase 3 barring in spikes in the virus. The trap club board is meeting to work out protocols to comply with the Covid health regulations for opening up. So theoretically we could start meeting next month (July) but no guarantees.

Thanks Dino Mastrri

We have a feature story this month on member **Dino** relating to his decoy creations. Those of you who have been around him much appreciate his dry humor and passion for hunting and fishing. **Dino** came to the north-west 20 years ago from SW Michigan. He has worked for large accounting and software firms as a supply chain systems consultant and most recently **Dino** has taken a position as **Associate Director, Functional Implements at Vineti Healthcare** software company.

In 2012 **Dino** joined **WWA** and has been an active member helping in all work parties, banquets youth/veteran events since that time. He has volunteers his time teaching **Hunters Education** for eight (8) years now. **Dino** recently was married in March of this year. We have appreciated his friendship willingness to pitch in for any project. **Dino** says he is always willing to part with his past decoys to fund his next creations!

Dad's Suggestion Started It All

By: Dino Mastrri

A couple of months before turning 16, I asked my Dad for a little financial help to buy a few plastic duck decoys for hunting. My buddy and I were ready to have two very important things: (1) our driver's licenses and (2) our own decoys. Dad replied, "Make your own." So began my interest in decoy carving.

Trouble was I had no idea how to get started. Dad had an answer for that, too. He asked an old time duck hunter, who also happened to carve decoys, if he would give me a couple of lessons. Armed with two pieces of white pine, an X-ACTO knife, and high hopes, I began to carve decoys.

My first decoy was a drake redhead that I painted using artist oils provided by a friend. I had no idea oil paints took forever to dry, so I ended up making quite a mess.



There is always a beginning step.

But I kept at it and slowly improved my carving and painting techniques and expanded my subject matter from ducks to geese, small bears, songbirds, fish, loons, and shorebirds. However, I always came back to decorative dabblers, divers, and sea ducks.

Over the years, I've always had carving on the mind but not always the time or a dedicated space. When visiting my parents for holidays or vacations, I would spend at least a few hours in their garage working on whatever block of wood I had started on during a past visit. Last summer my travel for work lightened up, and I started getting back into carving. And this spring, with the Covid-19 pandemic, my time really freed up allowing me to crank up my carving efforts.

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Lower Columbia Chapter News Continued

I still have that first X-ACTO but my knife collection has expanded considerably, and last summer I treated myself to a Fordham rotary tool to further speed things along. I work with whatever material I can find including: white pine, basswood, cedar and a few others. While the drying time of oil paint is annoying, I still use it once in a while but now I'm mainly an acrylics guy. I also use various glues, putties, screws, and glass eyes for finishing touches.

For me carving is a relaxing hands-on escape from working at a computer all day. Sitting in the garage working on a decoy helps me forget about the emails and video meetings. I can zone out and think about decoys, ducks, and sitting in a blind.



Red Breasted Mergie
Dino's first fully detailed wood burned decoy.

As I write this, I have a handful of high-density, cork-bodied duck decoys ready to be painted and a dozen basswood decorative blocks in various stages of carving.

Next up is my first attempt at true, working decoys in low-density cork with weighted keels -- mostly widgeon but a buddy says his favorite birds are hen shovelers so I have a few of those planned, too. If I'm lucky the whole flock will be done before the season begins.

I have setup a Facebook page where I will be sharing more of my carving information and pictures, and maybe -- just maybe -- inspire someone else to "Make your own!"

You can follow **Dino** at:

[https://
www.facebook.com/
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Some of Dino's Decoys

News for the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

June Chapter Meeting Online Only

As of press time of this Newsletter on June 15th, **The Kenmore Gun Range** has opened to "Members, Law Enforcement Agencies, and the Military, but is still **closed to the public and guests.** (See Range Notice Below). Accordingly the **WWA-Seattle Chapter** will be meeting online only. See information for the online meeting from **James Ono**, below.

Meanwhile Chapter members are encouraged to use the Official Ballot on the adjacent Page 15 and get me their votes for Chapter Chair and for Secretary Treasurer before June 24th deadline. Email them to me at:

jarrabito@comcast.net.

Kenmore Range Opening Update (as of June 15th)

THE KENMORE RANGE WILL BE REOPENING ON JUNE 12 TO OUR MEMBERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND THE MILITARY.

STILL CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND GUESTS.

NEW HOURS RIFLE, PISTOL, ARCHERY 12PM TO 7PM,
SHOTGUN 12PM TO 5PM, FRI SAT SUN MON.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MASK AND WEAR IT.

Seattle Chapter Zoom Meeting

Assuming we are unable to get into the **Kenmore Shotgun Range** for our June meeting, we will be hosting our monthly chapter meeting on Zoom. The best experience is with the desktop or phone app, but you can join straight from your browser as well. Anyone from any other chapter is welcome to join as well.

Meeting info

www.Zoom.us

Meeting ID: **783 5017 9733**

Password: **WAduck**

June 24, 2020, beginning at 7pm

You Know What They Say About Sausage Making; Better to See the Final Product!

By: James Ono



And here's the final Brat product from Seattle Chapter members Nick Brown and James Ono. James, I certainly hope the mask is necessary for the 'Rona, and not your sausage making!!! LOL

Nick Brown and I got together to try our hand at sausage making. We made beer brats using the recipe for **Hunter Style Sausage out of Hank Shaw's "Duck Duck Goose"** cookbook as a loose guide, and made chorizo using **Nick's** past experience with pork making chorizo.

The mix used was about 70% duck (with a few coots mixed in) and 30% pork fat. The beer brats were seasoned with Kosher salt, coarse ground pepper, mustard powder, oregano, garlic powder, onion powder, and of course a little
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Seattle Chapter News Continued

Rainier beer. The chorizo was seasoned with garlic powder, fresh ground pepper, ancho chili powder, smoked paprika, oregano, and dark chili powder.

Using the **Kitchen Aid** meat grinding attachment, we ground the meat and fat through the coarse grinding plate. Once all the meat was ground, it was split into 2 batches, seasoned, mixed and tested (again and again). To ensure the seasoning is right, we took a small sample and made it into a patty and fried it in a pan. The brat meat was ground through the coarse plate a second time and then using the sausage stuffer attachment, we stuffed the mixture into the hog casing. The cased sausage is then twisted into links and then separated into shorter strings for easier freezer storage.

The chorizo meat was kept cold in the refrigerator until the brats were done. That mixture was then run



through the coarse plate a second time and portioned into convenient sizes for freezing. After setting for a day to let the flavors really set in, everything was ready to be cooked or vac-sealed and frozen for a later date. In hindsight we would have liked to grind it twice with a coarser plate than we did as we both like chunkier sausage. We also think that a little bit more fat would

have been good. Overall, the brats and chorizo turned out delicious and Nick and I each ended up with over four (4) pounds of home-made sausage!

Call to Action – Messaging and Communication Team

As a result from the **WWA All Chapter Meeting**, it has become apparent that we need to have a team in charge of messaging and promotion for our organization. We are trying to create a cohesive message and provide tools for all chapters to be able to use to help recruit, retain, and re-activate members. While this is a social media heavy campaign, you do not need to be tech savvy to be extremely helpful to this group. We are hoping to get at least one representative from each chapter.

If you are interested in helping, please contact **Jason Bolser** at Jasonbolser@hotmail.com or **James Ono** at Ohnoitsono2009@hotmail.com

Seattle Chapter Social Media Presence

The **Seattle Chapter** is attempting to create a greater online presence. This month we created a public **Facebook** page and started an **Instagram** page. Previously, we had a closed **Facebook** group, but in the interest of visibility, recruitment, education, and engagement we have decided to shift to something that is more accessible to prospective members.

Our **Instagram** has been getting some attention, and we have received direct messages from some users who are interested in joining the club. Check out our **Youtube channel WWA Seattle**. We just posted a video of the sausage making process. Soon we will also be doing a series of **Waterfowling 101** on how to get into the sport as a beginner.

Snoqualmie Valley Duck Nest Boxes

Bob Hazelbrook runs the duck nest box program for the **Seattle Chapter** in the **Snoqualmie Valley**. This year he was joined by **Todd and Caden** in checking the boxes for utilization and changing out the nesting material for next year’s spring nesting season.

On March 1, the group checked cleaned, and tabulated the boxes in the **Stillwater Wildlife Area** just outside of **Carnation**. Out of the 27 boxes that have been placed and maintained by the **WWA-Seattle**, 16 were used by wood ducks, and two (2) by hooded mergansers.

On March 11, the group attempted to check the boxes located at the **Cherry Valley Wildlife Area** outside of **Duvall**, but the floodwaters limited their ability to access seven (7) of the boxes on the east side. However, they were able to get to the seven (7) boxes on the west side, and of those seven (7), wood ducks had utilized four (4). The highwater did not recede until after the nesting season began, so we will have to wait until next year to check the remaining boxes. A BIG THANKS to **Bob, Todd, and Caden!**

WWA-Seattle Official Chapter Ballot

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- James Ono**
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- Timothy Tinghino**
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Spokane Chapter News

By: Ramon Guel

WWA-Spokane Chapter will hold a virtual meeting June 25th beginning at 7:00 pm to talk about getting together once Phase 3 is approved for Spokane County. The link will be sent out next week.

Check our Facebook page for updates on our future meetings at: <https://www.facebook.com/wwaspokane/>

Whatcom County Chapter News

Photos by Brad Otto

WA Duck Hunters, Inc.,
Wood Duck Nest Box of "Days of Future Past"



Moses Lake Chapter News

By: Dick Price

Youth Trap Shoot

We have a tentative scheduled free trap and Merchandise/gear giveaway for Saturday August 29th 2020. This is all scheduled to happen if the Governor of the state allows social gatherings. See Flyer on adjacent **Page 17.**

We have a bunch of stuff to give away including 10 dozen Goose decoys, and a Goose decoy trailer to some lucky individual.

We will start at 10 A.M. and be done by 2 P.M.

Any updated information will be in the **WWA July 2020 Newsletter.**

Tri-Cities Chapter News

No News This Month

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month

News for the Flock

MOSES LAKE FNRA **FREE** TRAP SHOOT

When: Saturday August 29th, 2020,

Time: From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: **American Legion Quincy Gun Club**

14550 Road Q, N.W. Quincy, WA 98848

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.

Prizes, Give Aways and Food:

There will be 10 dozen Duck and Goose decoys to be given away. Lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages, and chips will be provided, also at no cost.

In addition to the decoys, there will also be other free merchandise given out to the Youth Shooters.

So we will know how much food is needed to be provided, please sign up with either;

Dick Price: 509-762-9027 or **Tom O'Dell:** 509-764-8557
dickprice@nctv.com Mallard1@qosi.net

This event is sponsored by the Moses Lake
**Friends of the NRA, Brownells,
Washington Waterfowl Association
and the Quincy Gun Club.**

WWA Legislative News

WA Legislative Report

By: Mark Pidgeon

[Editor's Note: WWA is a voting member of the Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC). WWC is a member organization of the Hunter's Heritage Council (HHC), a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington].

A Look at the "Friendlies" on the WDFW Commission

In the May issue of the **WWA** Newsletter, I covered the mandate of the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** and its **Commission**. I talked a little bit about **Commissioner Jim Anderson**, describing him as possibly the best person ever to serve on the Commission. With his diverse background, education, and the fact he understands our issues because he actually hunts and fishes, I firmly believe that to be true.

Commissioner Donald "Don" McIsaac may be the smartest person ever to serve on the Commission. He received his Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science degrees from the **University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences** and his Bachelor of Science degree from **Humboldt State University**. He is incredibly well-educated, and he is brilliant on the science end of things. As a bonus, he hunts and fishes. He is a true asset on the Commission.

The commercials have always had one person on the Commission, and we couldn't do better than **Robert "Bob" Kehoe**. **Bob** is an attorney, and he has practiced maritime law for over 20 years. **Bob** is great at really listening, and he is very fair. He is been an excellent member of the Commission during his tenure.

Molly Linville represents the ranching industry on the Commission. She has previously worked for the **US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)** as a wildlife biologist and a wildlife refuge manager. I worked with her for five (5) years on the **Wolf Advisory Group**, where I found her to be intelligent and fair. She attended the **University of Montana** where she completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology, so she understands hunting issues from the wildlife perspective.

Finally, we have **Larry Carpenter**, the Chairman of the Commission. As **Commission Chair, Carpenter** has been rock-solid. He is a lifelong outdoor enthusiast, and he has been great on the Commission. These five (5) members give us control of the Commission.

It is important to know who the "friendlies" are on the Commission. Having a majority is such a great thing. We have to be ever vigilant.

WDFW is Facing a Huge Fiscal Crisis

When this **COVID-19** pandemic hit, it came at the worst possible time. **WDFW** lost out on the biggest revenue producing weekend of the year — the fourth Saturday in April, the opening of lowland lake fishing! **WDFW** also lost all of youth spring turkey hunting season and a week of general spring turkey (and their associated revenues). They also lost a lot of people not buying spring bear licenses as the spring bear hunting season got delayed.

The **Office of Financial Management (OFM)** has ordered **WDFW** submit \$12.8 million in cuts. As a member of the **Budget and Policy Advisory Group (BPAG)**, I did get to see a list of the cuts. Those cuts will be submitted to the Commission for approval.

When action does need to be taken, we can direct our emphasis to these five (5) Commission members and have our family members and friends do the same. There are no rules against a **501(c)(3) organization** lobbying a Commission or regulatory body when said effort is in line with their mission statement.



WDFW News for the Flock

Nine St. John and Colfax Area Men to be Charged with Illegal Elk Killings

SPOKANE – On June 11th, 2020, **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** Police officers referred charges to the **Whitman County Prosecutor's Office** on nine men from the **St. John** and **Colfax** area for their roles in the illegal take of at least three elk on October 5th, 2019.

An investigation by **WDFW Police Officers**, along with a **Whitman County Sheriff's Office Deputy**, shows that the men illegally used vehicles to chase, corral, and prevent the escape of a large herd of elk near **Endicott-St. John Road** and **Mulkey Road**, before they shot multiple elk with muzzleloaders from the road and out of their vehicles.

WDFW Officers had received multiple complaints over the past several years about this group of hunters for similar incidents, however the "hunts" usually took place behind locked gates on private property, so the officers were unsuccessful in pursuing these tips. In this case, two (2) witnesses saw the event, and contacted **WDFW Police** while the elk were still on the ground. As a result of the investigation, three (3) vehicles were seized for forfeiture, along with three (3) poached elk.

WDFW asks Public for Input on 25 Year Plan

On June 10, 2020 **WDFW** released a draft strategic plan designed to help **WDFW** invest in connections with communities and partners to improve fish, wildlife and habitat outcomes. It's a need that members of the **WDFW Commission** and **Director Kelly Susewind** identified a year ago in light of Washington's growing human population, a changing climate, and shifting public expectations.

To craft the plan, **Jeff Davis, WDFW Director of Conservation Policy**, has been reaching out internally and externally to an array of diverse interests.

The draft plan focuses on five key areas of change:

- Proactively address conservation challenges,
- Build passionate constituencies through community engagement,
- Connect people to nature and conservation through recreation and stewardship,

- Deliver science that informs Washington's most pressing fish and wildlife questions, and
- Move WDFW toward operational and environmental excellence.

The 25-year plan will also help the Department take a longer view of its work, said **Davis**.

Deadlines:

The **Commission** is inviting the public to share their thoughts at upcoming digital meetings **June 12**, currently scheduled for 1:50 p.m., and **July 17, 2020**. Department staff are also encouraging feedback online through **July 10, 2020**. To view a copy of the draft plan and provide feedback, visit:

wdfw.wa.gov/about/administration/strategic-planning.

The Commission intends to consider adoption of the plan at their Aug. 21 meeting.

WDFW Awarded \$2.7 Million Grant to Enhance Access to Private Lands

OLYMPIA – In March, **WDFW** was awarded a \$2.7 million **Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) grant**. The award will enhance access to private lands for recreational public use and will fund several Department infrastructure enhancements, such as the **Hunt by Reservation System** and outreach opportunities. The funds will add hunting opportunities for big game, turkey, dove, waterfowl, and upland game as well as improved access to forestland, fishing, and wildlife viewing in Washington.

Private landowners interested in allowing hunting on their property, may enroll their property in **Feel Free to Hunt, Register to Hunt, Hunt by Reservation or Hunt by Written Permission** programs.

The grant also provides funding available for landowners who are interested in providing fishing or wildlife viewing opportunities on their lands. "In addition to adding opportunity and access, we will improve our existing programs by adding waterfowl blinds, viewing platforms, better signage, and informational kiosks," said **Ciera Strickland, Private Lands Access Program Manager**.

WDFW will implement the improvements over the next three (3) years. Projects and contracts are planned to begin this summer.

2019/20 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The **Washington Waterfowl Association** is pleased to present the 2019
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by Catherine Temple.



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WWA and RRGC News Briefs

RRGC Wood Duck Box Program

By Arlan Hackett

Please find pasted below an e-mail received yesterday from **Richland Rod & Gun Club** with another Wood Duck Box Camera.

The **WWA** system that we are using will tell us if you opened the e-mail and also if you clicked on and opened the link. From this, we know that these e-mails are of high interest to the **WWA** Group.

If you are hunkered down at home, this may give you something to watch. If you do not have an interest, please just humor us and delete it. This is a group e-mail, and it goes out to all in the system.

We hope you are all well, and please stay safe.

Please find pasted below the most recent e-mail from **Richland Rod & Gun Club (RRGC)** with a recording of this June 5, 2020 Wood Duck Jump from Box S South with Hen 30200, at about 9:25 a.m.

After the jump, Hen 30200 — who was banded in 2019 when she nested in an adjacent box — will lead the ducklings to places where they can feed on invertebrates, small plants, and mosquito larva. The recording has some skips and blurs because of the internet buffering resulting from limited bandwidth. Here is the recording:

<https://youtu.be/wYQ1dCAxqaE>

Sorry we did not have an outside camera for you at this box.

Thanks for watching, and thanks to our landowners for all their support in providing Wi-Fi and power to make the live streams possible.

Dale Schielke
RRGC Wood Duck Project Coordinator

Some History of the RRGC Nesting Box Program

We have accomplished performing the annual maintenance of all 474 nesting boxes that were available for wood ducks last nesting season. We have replaced some of those boxes that have reached the end of their life with boxes built by youth at the Sportsman Show or Kids Duck Day, and by students at Libby Middle School or Homeschool students.

The data collected during the effort shows 56.5 % of boxes were used by wood ducks, 86 boxes were used by Western Screech Owls, cooperative banding with **WDFW** installed 17 new bands on owls and had 24 owls recaptured having been banded in previous years.

There were 186 nest boxes that had successful hatching of ducklings evidenced by us counting 1214 membranes. We believe this number is a very conservative estimate of the actual number of ducklings that were hatched and jumped from the nest boxes. The reason we feel the number is lower than actual is because many membranes are "lost" between the hatch and when the box cleaning is performed months later.

Now that all the boxes are ready for hens, we will start to survey boxes for banding efforts. A few selected checks indicate the early nesting activities have started.

In one box checked on March 22, 2020 we found and recaptured a hen sitting on 10 eggs. This hen is a banded hen that has returned to this same box or adjacent boxes since 2016 when she was first banded. Additionally we had deployed a geo-locator on this hen last year on April 23, 2019. Her nest hatched out and jumped from the box on May 19, 2019.

Apparently the ducklings perished and she re-nested in the same nest box which jumped on July 15, 2019. The geo-locator has been recovered/ removed to download the mini data logger data and we will report on the migration data after the data is processed and analyzed. We are hopeful that we will recover more of the 16 geo-locators that were deployed last spring when we get further into the nesting season.

Thanks for watching,

Dale Schielke
RRGC Wood Duck Project Coordinator

Classified Ads – For Sale

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.

Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- For sale items only, not for business ads.
- Submit your classified ad each month (*we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not*).
- Include your contact info. Phone and/or email.

For Sale:

Herter's Magnum Diver Decoys For Sale

Three (3) dozen magnum Herter's foam body diver decoys! A mix of bluebills and canvasbacks. Includes mother line and weights. Plus two expandable decoy bags. Ready to hunt over. Asking \$225 for decoys, lines, weights, and bags. I am in Snohomish County, WA.

Contact: Guy, 206-618-1345

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Renew Online at www.waduck.org

By: Mark Pidgeon

If you have not received your membership card or decal. Please contact **Mark**. As well, if you have questions or changes to your address please contact **Mark** at marpwwa@gmail.com or call 425-221-3986.

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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 five (5) primary funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **May Newsletter**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565

WWA Legal Fund — \$19,192

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,140

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

WWA General Fund — \$943

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TREASURER's REPORT

At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website[www.waduck.org].

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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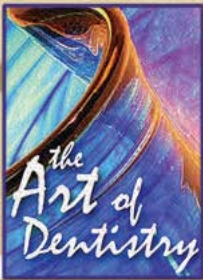
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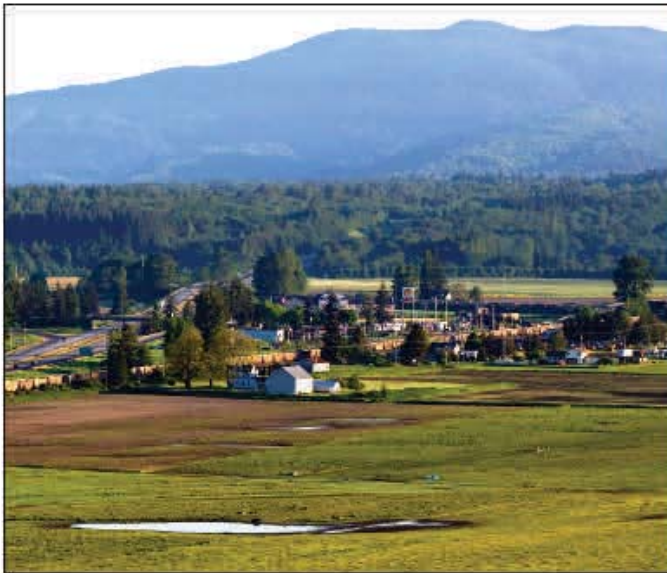
Heritage Lands



FARMLAND AND PUBLIC ACCESS PRESERVATION

The WWA is launching a private land/public access program called *Heritage Lands*. The goal is farmland preservation and public outdoor recreation opportunity, with the initial implementation in the Skagit and Stillaguamish River valleys.

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Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)Newsletter by email or hard copy

- 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** — Vacant.
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- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA
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A few facts about the WWA:

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

Our projects include:

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