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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

Welcome to the year 2021!

New Website Look for the New Year

Please be sure to head over to the newly designed website! It is a living document and will be updated monthly with new content for your viewing pleasure. We decided to give it a bit of a facelift to make sure WWA makes a fresh presentation to the waterfowling community and to be more focused on our primary mission — **Waterfowl, Waterfowl Habitat Conservation, and Hunters' Rights!**

Annual WWA All-Chapter (Virtual) Meeting

In a few days, an email will be sent out to all Chapter Chairmen about the All-Chapter Virtual Meeting. We will likely host it sometime this Spring, and we will want to hear about all of the great plans — habitat and otherwise — that each Chapter has for 2021. So please, engage with your chapter leadership if you want to do something new and exciting this year!

Member Feedback Welcome

I would love to personally get any member's feedback on ideas they think could help grow the WWA as well.

Thank you for everything you do, and I hope your season is still going strong!

Ramon Guel

WWA President

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PROMOTE WATERFOWL, WATERFOWL HABITAT, & WATERFOWL HUNTING IN WASHINGTON STATE

News for the Flock

2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Mon, Jan 25 Seattle Chapter Meeting
Kenmore Gun Range
 Trap Shooting 4-6 p.m., followed by short outside business meeting.
Covid Restrictions Apply (i.e., Masks)
 See [Page 5](#) for more info.
- Weds, Jan 27 Seattle Chapter Meeting
Online Only — 7 p.m.
 See [Page 5](#) for WebEx Invitation.
- Thurs, Jan 28 Usual Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting Night
No online or in person gatherings scheduled. Notice otherwise, will come by Email to LC members.
- Tues, Feb 2 Usual Whatcom Chapter Meeting Night. **No online or in person gatherings scheduled.** Notice otherwise, will come by Email to Whatcom Chapter members.
- Thurs, Feb 4 WWA BOD Meeting
Online Only — 8:30 p.m.
 All WWA Members Welcome to attend.
- Thurs, Feb 4 GH Chapter Meeting, **in person;** Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock; 7 pm, [See Page 7.](#)
- Weds, Feb 10 NW Chapter Meeting **in person;** Twin Cities Sportsmens Club Stanwood, WA
- Tues, Feb 23 Usual SW Chapter Meeting
No online or in person gatherings scheduled. Notice otherwise, will come by Email to SW members.
- Weds, Feb 24 Seattle Chapter Meeting
Online Only — 7 p.m.
 Program
- Thurs, Feb 25 Usual LC Chapter Meeting Night

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Well, here we are in a New Year but not much change in our ability to gather in person for meetings and projects. We hope you were able to get out and enjoy our northwest waterfowl season. As things progress, we hope to move towards normalization and resume activities. We may try some virtual meetings. Until then, keep your eyes open for deeply discounted gear for our banquet!

Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt 10/31/20

Our chapter provided a **WWA** logo'd **Buck Gardner Double Nasty** hen mallard call; a **WWA** logo'd whistle with lanyard; and a blind bag and a box of shells to each Youth participating in our annual October Youth Shoot at the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**. Due to Covid restrictions, we dropped off the gear and let the Refuge hand out the \$75 worth of gifts for each youth. No BBQ was provided per agreement due to the virus.

Refuge Assistant Complex Manger Eric Anderson indicated there were 19 reservations issued with 12 reservation holders showing up. There were 14 youth hunters and 3 youth observers. Adults accompanying the youth were allowed to join in the hunt starting at noon. There was a combined total of 25 hunters taking 35 ducks and 5 geese for the day!

Rare Hybrid

Member **Dion Hess** hunted the **Ridgefield NWR** a few weeks ago taking blind #3 at the 10 am walk-on draw. His party took 12 ducks one of which was a rare mallard/pintail hybrid (see photo below). Refuge check station operator **Dave Lescalleet** rarely sees these — maybe one every couple of years. "Lucky Dog" **Dion** was also able to harvest a Eurasian widgeon this season!

Boat Donation for LC Chapter Fundraising!



LC Chapter member **Bob Taylor** has generously donated his boat to our chapter for a fund raiser. The vessel is a **Cackler 14** kit boat **Bob** built from **Devlin Design and Boat Building**. It's a fiberglass and epoxy boat with an **Evinrude 30hp E-Tec** outboard motor, **Lowrance Fish Finder** on an **EZ Loader** trailer (see photos). The boat's claim to fame is safety and stability in big water even in nasty conditions. Thank you, **Bob**, for your generous donation!



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Southwest Chapter News



Hanna Neideigh (left) and Hanna and her brother, Aidan, children of WWA Board member, Nathan Neideigh, showing off some “Feast” in this seemingly Feast or Famine 2020-21 waterfowl hunting season.

WWA Hoodies For Sale

The Southwest Chapter still has Hoodies for sale at \$35 each. Make check out to **WWA Southwest Chapter**. Unfortunately **SW Chapter Chair Bruce Burns** has had some recent health issues that have curtailed his waterfowl hunting season, so email jarrabito@comcast.net with your size, color and your address, and it will be mailed to you. **Bruce** will be undergoing heart by-pass surgery on Jan. 26. If you're so inclined, say a prayer and keep him in your thoughts that day!



WWA Hoodies, Gray Front



WWA Hoodies, Green Back

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Seattle Chapter News

By: James Ono

2021 Kickoff!

As the season is coming to a close, it is an important time to plan for the upcoming year for the **Seattle Chapter**. We will be holding an in-person and an online kickoff meeting. This will give an opportunity for chapter members to propose projects and events for the year. This is incredibly important to engage our members and raise some funds.

In-Person Meeting

On **MONDAY, JANUARY 25th**, we will be having an in-person meeting at the Shotgun Range of the **Kenmore Gun Club** with trap shooting from 4-6 pm, and the business meeting beginning at 6 pm.. Due to covid restrictions we cannot gather inside, but we can sit at the benches just outside the clubhouse.

Online Meeting

We will also be holding an online business meeting via **WebEx** at **7 pm WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27th**. This will be for members who were unable to attend the in-person meeting to also contribute their ideas. Please find meeting login information below.

WebEx Meeting Details

January Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 7:00 pm

<https://jamesono.my.webex.com/jamesono.my/j.php?>

[MTID=mb858cb081874225e5b24ffd8d9ed1e05](https://jamesono.my.webex.com/jamesono.my/j.php?MTID=mb858cb081874225e5b24ffd8d9ed1e05)

Meeting number: 142 646 5033

Password: **WAduck** (923825 from phones and video systems)

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Amazon Prime

Amazon recently updated their app so that you can link your Amazon Smile preferences to your IOS or Android Amazon Shopping app. You can set up your account to contribute 0.5% of your purchases to the **WWA** at www.smile.amazon.com

Once you have set up on **Amazon Smile**, you can change the settings within your Amazon Shopping app to link your **Amazon Smile** preferences. Every cent counts, and this is a free and easy way to support the **WWA**.

See more on **Page 2**.

Chapter Multiplies its \$500 Donation to E WA Habitat

Our donation to this 300 acre project provided part of the partner match to obtain about \$700k in funds from the **WA Duck Stamp Program**, and another \$200k from federal **North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)** (2 grants). See **Moses Lake News** at **Page 6**.



Mentorship Success

This is Sean Williams — A first year waterfowler who joined the WWA so that he could participate in the Mentorship Program. His mentor Timothy Tinghino got him on his first drake Pintail. Congrats Sean!

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

There are a lot of waterfowl in the area, but with the warm weather and lots of rain there is also water everywhere. If you can find a spot being used by ducks and/or geese, the chances are good you will be successful!

Winchester Habitat Project

With a \$500 donation from the **Moses Lake Chapter** and a matching \$500 from the **Seattle Chapter**, which were used to leverage **North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)** funds, shrubs were purchased to complete this 300 acre **WDFW** habitat project. This project is located North of the **Winchester Refuge** and on the East and West side of the **Winchester Wasteway**.



WWA member Steve Page, who with his wife, Debbie, owns Midnight Valley Labradors in Paulsbo, WA got in some "Feast" hunting with WWA BOD member and Potholes guide, Bruce Feagan, and WWA member Jeff Waltz with 21 "nothing but mallards" on Saturday, December 19th. An extra bonus for Steve was watching his British Labrador, Kiera, retrieve them all!!! Sunday was "famine" — only 7 ducks for the same 3 guns.

Do you know the difference between British Labs and English Labs? Call Steve or Debbie for the answer!

The shrubs are part of the landscaping for nesting cover around the ponds which have been re-excavated and the blow-in sand removed. This is a **WA Duck Stamp & Print Project** for the **second** time. These ponds were the first Stamp & Print project in the WA State 25 years ago and were highly productive! Hopefully they will be productive again for both hunting and waterfowl reproduction.

This is an example of your **Migratory Waterfowl "Duck" Stamp** funds at work and demonstrates what can be accomplished when local donation are used to leverage funds from other sources, including national grants.

According to **Sean Dougherty, WDFW District Biologist** based out of Ephrata, WA, as of January 8, 2021: "Excavations are essentially complete, grasses and forbs have been seeded, [and] we are gearing up to start removing *Russian* olive trees from about 50 acres of wetlands in the next month, and shrubs will all be planted by the end of February. All told there is going to be about 300 acres that we have improved for migrating and breeding waterfowl, using about \$700k funds from **WA Duck Stamp**, \$200k from **federal NAWCA** (2 grants), and another ~\$25k in partner match (including **WWA** and **DU**)."

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all. I will make this month's news short as I forgot to send it in and am late as can be!

I have yet to schedule the **Scatter Creek** Wood Duck Nest Box servicing. It will again have to wait until after the duck season and will most probably be the first week of February. The water there is kind of high and I think it will recede in the next few weeks.

We have some big work parties coming up this spring and summer. Along with our usual business we will be restoring the blinds in **Lynch Cove** near Belfair in **Mason County**. This area is called the **Union River Wildlife Area Unit**.

Anthony Novak, biologist for the **WDFW** is looking into possibly getting some of that "**Waterfowl State Endorsement**" (**duck stamp**) money as a grant to pay for it and to blind builds at the **Davis Creek Unit** of the **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area** located in **Grays Harbor County** just outside of **Oakville**.

Big stuff and good for waterfowl conservation! Keep your eye on your email to get the exact dates and such. I can add you to the notification list if you just message me at kurtsnyder@outdrs.net We cannot have enough volunteers so SIGN UP!

Next Chapter Meeting

We are scheduling our first Chapter meeting of the year for Thursday, the 4th of February, at the **Evergreen Sportsmens Club** near Littlerock, WA beginning at 7:00 pm sharp! I hope to see many of you there!

Kurt Snyder

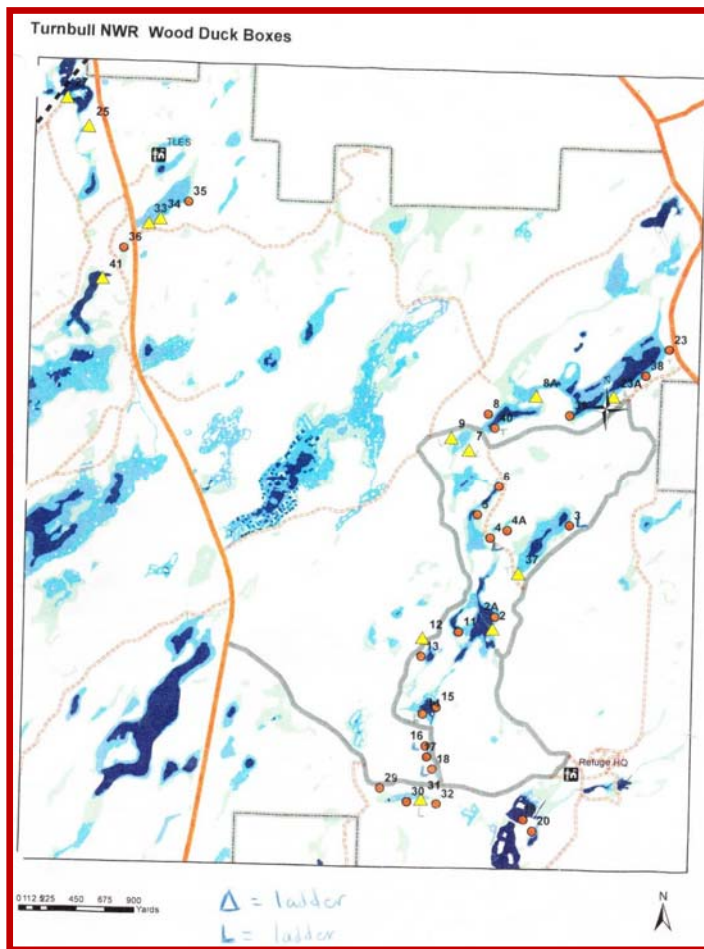
Spokane Chapter News

By: Ramon Guel

As you know, **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** has asked us to manage their Wood Duck nest boxes starting this year. As you can see (expand on map attached) we have roughly 40 boxes to maintain. Last month, I scouted each box and noted only 2-4 needed to be fully replaced. The rest will need to be cleaned out with new bedding installed.

This is our chance to solidify our existence in the **Spokane** region and I will need all hands on deck. Current plans are to complete this project sometime in April before the ticks fully awaken. We can either knock this out in one Saturday if we have enough people or a couple of Saturdays depending on the volunteer sign-up.

Please email me at ramon.guel@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering!



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NW Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Yes the waterfowl hunting season is once again coming to a close. Bird counts have been up and down all season. Mild weather in the far north and plenty of local rain water made for a slow trickle of birds that were spread throughout the region. On a positive note, I had the pleasure of hunting with family, good friends and some new members during the season. I hope all of your hunting adventures went well and safe this season.

Veteran/Youth Waterfowl Hunt Feb 6th

The NW Chapter will be sponsoring a **Veterans/ Youth Waterfowl Hunt** at private properties and public locations in the north **Puget Sound** area on February 6th. [Link here to Page 14](#) of the **WDFW Game Bird & Small Game Hunting Regulations** for more information on eligibility and requirements.

Active duty military and military veterans will have an extra day to pursue waterfowl this season under federal guidelines. The same date as the **Washington Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt**.

This special waterfowl hunting day for veterans was established to show support for men and women who have served or are serving their country in the armed forces. We are also **seeking volunteers** from our membership to take youth and veterans out hunting. Last year we received requests to hunt from across the state. If you would like to volunteer see contact info below.

Reservations Absolutely Required

Contact our Chapter's **Veteran/Youth Hunt Coordinator Rick Skiba** at (360) 387-2225 or reskiba@msn.com or **Rick Billieu** (360) 653-8571 or rgbillieu@frontier.com



A Successful Veteran/Active Military Hunt sponsored by the WWA-NW Chapter last season!

December Chapter Meeting

Our Guest Speaker for December's meeting was **Barry Brown** from **Whistling Wings Hunting Retriever Club**. The club is part of the national Hunting Retriever Club and is located in the Monroe area. It's formed under the United Kennel Club Inc. **Barry** provided the members with information about the clubs activities and yearly events.

The club provides weekly training opportunities for teaching your dog how to retrieve on land or water. The club also provides realistic **Hunt Tests** used to evaluate dogs and handlers against a standard, which the national organization establishes. Additionally seminars for handling dogs are provided to the members to help improve your dog's field work. **Barry** fielded plenty of questions from the chapter's members. **Thank you Barry** and the **Whistling Wings Hunting Retriever Club**.

Upcoming Chapter Calendar

The **NW Chapter** has a full calendar of Activities and Events planned for the year. At our December meeting we solidified our list and will continue to add more. A few upcoming activities include Wood Duck Nest Box building at our February chapter meeting. We will also spend a couple days after the season at the **Skagit Farmed Island Unit** and **Samish Unit** for cleanup and a blind maintenance assessment.

We are always looking for more events and activities that support the **WWA** mission. If you have an idea just let me know or better yet come to a monthly meeting to talk about it.

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on February 10th, at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club** in **Stanwood**, starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your Passion – Get Involved

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

Rick Billieu
rgbillieu@frontier.com

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 **October 2020 Newsletter**.

WWA Youth Fund — \$2,600

John Farrow/Nancy Fernelius — \$35

WWA Legal Fund — \$19,282

Bob Hazelbrook — \$90

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,140

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

WWA General Fund — \$1,532

Dennis Fisk — \$250

John & Karen Martinis (in memory of Larry Gordon) — \$200

Francis Jacobs (in honor of the wedding of Nick Elliott & Carlee Elke) — \$100

Julie Beard (in memory of Larry Gordon) — \$40

You can contribute in so many ways to the **WWA**, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the **WWA** carry on! Many donations are tax deductible.

TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMISTRY

Award winning bird taxidermy now **ON SALE** from now until Valentine's Day, 2021! Good for all clients across the U.S. This is a one-time-only offer for the 2020/2021 season only. Base quotes are custom, and the customer is tasked with deciding a habitat and pose for their bird and a final quote can be decided once the habitat is narrowed down. Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom!

Regular prices for the bird mount only (without a base) are:

- One duck mount was \$300. On sale, it is now \$240
- One goose mount was \$450. On sale, it is now \$400
- One pheasant mount was \$250. On sale it is now \$210

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the outer bag. Pen ink can bleed onto the bird.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



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Active Link to >>>: [Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy FB Page](#)

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WWA Legislative News

WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon

[Editor's Note:] This article is written entirely by the Hunters Heritage Council (HHC), a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington. The Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA) had no input into this article. This article is in this newsletter because of WWA's membership in Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC). WWC is a member organization of HHC. The opinions contained in this article are entirely those of the author, and the Hunters Heritage Council.

This session became a lot tougher because we lost two of our best friends in the last election in Representative **Brian Blake** and **Senator Dean Takko**. Both were initial class inductees into the **Hunters Heritage Council's Hall of Fame**, our organization's highest honor. They both won **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation's highest honor, their Honorary Lifetime Member Award**. I have been President of the **Hunters Heritage Council** for 10 years, and both these fine legislators have been **HHC's "Legislator of the Year"** every year that I have been President. It is hard to lose that caliber of legislators. Both **Brian** and **Dean** are men of impeccable character and have been superheroes for the hunting community.

More importantly though, the real power, where it be in Olympia or Washington, DC, is the committee chairmanships. Representative **Blake** chaired the most important committee to hunters in the state house — the **House Natural Resources Committee**. **Brian** killed so many bad bills as chair of the that Committee and killed other things before they ever happened. He did so much good for Hunters in that position.

Losing that chairmanship can't be understated. We are going to start to feel the pain of losing the Chairmanship of that Committee. We had a chance to get a friendly Democrat as chair in Representative **Debra Lekanoff**, who is an **Alaska Native American**, an avid hunter and fisher, but the Democrats selected an anti-hunter, animal-rights person in Representative **Mike Chapman** to that Chairmanship. That now means both the state House and the Senate Natural Resources Committees will be chaired by animal-rights friendly people.

On the Senate side our good friend **Mark Schoesler** stepped down from his role as Republican Leader. As Republican Leader it was such a big bonus to have someone who understood our issues to lead the Republican caucus. He, like **Blake** and **Takko**, was an initial inductee to the **HHC Hall of Fame** and an initial winner of **WWC's Conservation Honorary Lifetime Member Award**, and like **Blake** and **Takko**, he was a "Legislator of the Year," every year that I have been President. **Senator Schoesler** is an avid waterfowl hunter, and I want to thank him for all that he has done for us in leadership and look forward to continuing to work with him. He has helped **WWA** when we have gone to Olympia, and he is gracious with his time. He is a champion of the hunting community, a superhero, a man of impeccable character, and a good friend.

There was no net gain by either party in the Legislature, but the loss of incumbent **Representative Luanne Van Werven** to an extremely anti-hunting Democrat in **Alicia Rule** especially hurt. **Rule** was on the **Blaine City Council** and tried to push through a no-shooting zone that would have eliminated waterfowl hunting in **Drayton Harbor**. A coalition of groups including, including **WWA**, came to the **Whatcom County Commissioners** to defeat this draconian proposal. Unfortunately having **Alicia Rule** in the Legislature is just one more anti-hunting voice.

Still Time to Voice Your Preference for the WDFW Commission

Finally, I want to talk about the Governor's two Recent appointments to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**. These two (2) were in violation of RCW 77.04.040!

1. When **Bob Kehoe** was removed from the **Commission**, he was not replaced with a person from the commercial fishing industry, which was **Kehoe's** main constituency. Now they have no representation on the Commission. This is in violation of RCW 77.04.040.
2. The hunting community was not sought out for our recommendation on these two (2) appointments, also in violation of RCW 77.04.040.
3. By appointing two more animal-rights/environmental minded Commissioners it throws the Commission out of balance, again in violation of RCW 77.04.040.
4. RCW 77.04.040 was put in place to keep balance on the Commission, so all Washingtonians have a fair shot at enjoying the outdoors. The Commission is the citizens' representation on wildlife management.

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Legislative News Continued

Please help us restore “fair citizens” representation on the Commission.

Support one of our own for the Commission, support **Rylan Weythman**. Support someone who has sat in the same blinds, glassed the same clearcuts, fished the same holes, and, more importantly, who shares the same core values as the Washington Hunting and Fishing Community.



Rylan Weythman (left) with Mitch Myers

Rylan is an avid hunter and fisher, and not just waterfowl but also big game, turkey, and upland birds. His personal background gives him unique personal knowledge of both sides of the Cascades. He and his wife **Sara**, a school teacher, currently live in Okanogan County, after spending the better part of the last 10 years in King County.

He was raised and schooled near **Wenatchee** -- specifically **Cashmere** -- where he spent most of his summers (and more) fishing for salmon on the nearby **Columbia River**. He left **Cashmere** to go to college and law school in California. In 2012 he returned to Washington and is currently a Partner at the prominent law firm of **Foster Garvey**, where he is a litigation attorney.

Rylan is a very attractive Commission candidate because in one sole appointment he is the perfect replacement for **Dave Graybill**, who was from **Wenatchee**, and **Rylan** would maintain representation of that part of the state on the Commission. Take a few moments to express your support of **Rylan** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the following WA State Government portal.

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/boards-commissions/boards-commissions/recommend-applicant>

Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for **Rylan's** email address, he has given consent to use his business email at:

Rylan.Weythman@Foster.com

Make sure you add in your comments to bring back balance to the Commission per **RCW 77.04.040**. Link to the full statute [here](#).



**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2020-2021
Upland and "Migratory" Upland Game Bird Seasons**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Mourning Dove	Statewide	September 1 thru October 30	NOW CLOSED	
Band-tailed Pigeon	Statewide	September 15 thru September 23	NOW CLOSED	
Coot	Statewide	Daily thru Jan 31, 2021	25	75
	Youth, Veteran & Active Military	February 6, 2021	25	25
Snipe	Statewide	Daily thru Jan 31, 2021	8	24

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Forest Grouse (*Blue, Ruffed & Spruce) (*Includes Sooty & Dusky)	Statewide	Sept 1 thru Dec 31	NOW CLOSED	

SAGE, SHARPTAILED GROUSE & PTARMIGAN CLOSED STATEWIDE

Pheasant

Western WA	CLOSED		
Eastern WA	Daily thru Jan 18, 2021	3 cocks only	15 cocks only
Regular Season			

California (Valley) and Northern Bobwhite	Western WA	CLOSED		
	Eastern WA			

Mountain Quail	Western WA	CLOSED		
	Eastern WA	SEASON CLOSED throughout E WA		

Chukar & Gray Partridge	Eastern WA	Daily thru Jan 18, 2021	6 of each	18 of each
Crow	Statewide	CLOSED		

EDITOR'S NOTE: CHECK THE COMPLETE 2020-2021 REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFICS LINKED [HERE](#).



**Selected (and Incomplete) Summary of 2020-2021
Migratory Game Bird Seasons (**Significant Changes in Red**)**

SPECIES	AREA	SEASON DATES (inclusive)	DAILY		POSSESSION			
			BAG LIMIT		LIMIT			
Ducks	Statewide	Daily thru Jan. 31, 2021	7 (b)		21 (b)			
		INCLUDING Scaup	2 (b)		6 (b)			
	Statewide (Youth, Veterans & Active Military)	<u>February 6, 2021</u>	7 (b)		7 (b)			
		Coots (E WA; Feb 6)	25		25			
(b) Bag Limits:	Statewide	7 ducks to include not more than 2 hen mallards; 1 pintail; 2 scaup ; 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead;						
	Western WA	To include not more than 1 harlequin (season limit); 2 scoter, 2 long tailed duck; and 2 goldeneye in W WA						
(b) <u>Possession Limits Statewide</u>		3 pintail; 6 scaup ; 6 canvasback; 6 redhead & 6 hen mallards 6 scoter; 6 long tailed duck; & 6 goldeneye in Western WA			21(b)			
		Coots, (statewide); and	25		75			
		Snipe	8		24			
AUTHORIZATION & HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SEA DUCKS, BRANT & SNOW GEESE			Canada White Front White Canada WF White					
Geese (except Brant) Goose Mgmt. Area 1	Regular Season,	4	10	6	12	30	18	
	Daily thru Jan 31, 2021							
NOTE: (White Geese are Snow & Ross' Geese)	Late Season, Feb 13-23, 2021 (White Geese Only)			6			18	
Goose (except Brant)	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 Coast	All Areas EXCEPT Willapa NWR	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
* Refer to specific Willapa NWR Rules		Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY thru Jan 24, 2021	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
		and Feb 13-24 2021.	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
Goose — Saturday, Sunday & Weds ONLY		Thru Jan 24) and Feb 13—24	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
		Willapa NWR Only — Weds, Saturdays & Sundays ONLY						
		(Goose CLOSED in ALL NWR and WDFW Wildlife Areas Feb 13—24)						
		(Dusky Canada Goose Season is CLOSED in ALL of Area 2 October thru March 2021)						
Goose (except Brant)	Goose Mgmt. Area 2 Inland	All Areas EXCEPT Ridgefield NWR	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
Goose (except Brant)		Saturdays, Sundays & Wednesdays ONLY thru—Jan 17, 2021; and	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
		Feb 13—March 10, 2021.	4(g)	10	6	12(g)	30	18
		Ridgefield NWR Only (Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays ONLY), Jan 16, 2021 ONLY						
Geese (except Brant) Goose Mgmt, Area 3	thru Jan. 31, 2021	4	10	6	12	30	18	
Canada & White Front Geese Only (Delayed White Goose Opener)	Area 4	thru Jan 31, 2021; Everyday, Jan 25-31st;	4	10	6	12	30	18
		Additional days, Jan 1 and 18						
Late Season (White Geese Only)		Feb 13th thru Mar 3, 2021			6		18	
Statewide (Youth, Veterans & Active Mil.)	February 6, 2021	4	10	6	4	10	6	
Brant (See story on Page 14)								
For authorization	Skagit County	Jan. 16, 20, and 23, 2021			2		6	
	Clallam & Whatcom	Jan. 16, 20, and 23, 2021			2		6	
	Pacific County	Jan. 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 30 & 31			2		6	
Youth, Veterans & Active Military (Skagit, Clallam, Whatcom & Pacific)	Feb. 6, 2021				2		6	

EDITOR'S NOTE:**CHECK THE COMPLETE 2020-2021 REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFICS LINKED [HERE](#).**

WDFW News Briefs

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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Limited Brant Season in Skagit County

OLYMPIA -- The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) today announced continuing hunts in Clallam, Pacific, and Whatcom counties and a three-day hunting season for brant geese in Skagit County.

Continued stable winter counts of brant have allowed for continued hunting opportunities in

- Clallam and Whatcom counties -- Jan.16, 20, and 23; and in
- Pacific County -- Jan. 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 31.

Reduced brant counts in Skagit County mean that hunters will have a **limited three-day season on January 16, 20, and 23.**

"We conducted aerial brant counts in Skagit County that indicate numbers fell short of our 6,000-bird requirement for an eight-day season," said Kyle Spragens, WDFW Waterfowl Section Manager. The reduced schedule is necessary to restrict harvest of western high arctic brant, which primarily overwinter in Skagit County. Spragens said population surveys conducted in Skagit County over Padilla, Samish, and Fidalgo Bays tallied 3,430 birds, prompted this year's three-day limited season.

"This is the fourth consecutive year of fewer than 6,000 brant in Skagit County bays, and while we strive to provide a harvest opportunity when appropriate, these types of historically low counts require us to prioritize our conservation responsibilities for this iconic coastal waterfowl species, said Spragens.

WDFW reminds hunters to familiarize themselves with local regulations and boundaries. Specifically, hunters in Clallam County are advised to consult the closed zones of [Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge](#) and hunters in Whatcom County are advised to review boundaries relevant to Bellingham and Lummi Bays.

Information on brant seasons is available in [WDFWs Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons hunting pamphlet](#).

Brant hunters are reminded they must possess a valid migratory bird authorization and brant harvest report card.

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:

Ammo — PRICE DROP, \$10/box— Eight (8) boxes of new Remington (case) hypersonic steel (1700 FPS), 12 gauge, 3 inch, Number 4's. ~~\$15.00/box.~~
Contact Al, H: 360-892-4479 or M: 360-907-9244.

Ammo —
6 boxes 30-06 Rem. Core Lokt 180 gr. SP @ \$14/box.
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1,660 Rds. 7.62 x 39 AK ammo @55¢/rd.
Contact Robert, 206-909-7189

Ammo —
10 boxes Hevi- Metal 12 ga 3.5" Speedball 1.5 oz. BBs, 1650 fps , \$45/box;
One Box Hevi-Metal 12 ga 3.5" BBs, 1.5 oz, 25 rounds \$45/box.
19 boxes Hevi-Metal 20 ga 2 3/4", 7/8 oz 5's for ducks and pheasants. 25 shells per box, \$29/ box.
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Everything is for steel shot reloading: Mec 12 gauge steel reloader 2 3/4 and 3 inch NOT 3 1/2. Like new.
Alliance Steel powder 2 1/2 lbs.; Wads 300; 50 lbs of shot #2 and others; 700 felt spacers; 600 + empty shells, Rem, Win, Kent fast steel, Activ; 2 adjustable charge bars
2 steel charge bars.
\$350 for all — \$50 goes to the Grays Harbor Youth Activity fund. Contact Dick, 360-491-3761

Avery Pro Grade 3-D silhouette Canada goose decoys, 1 dozen, 6 active, 6 feeders with flocked heads and motion stakes. New in box, \$125.00.
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Parker 12 gauge, Titan SxS, GHE on No. 2 Frame size, has ejectors, modern steel, a shooter—not a collector in used condition w/ re-blued metal \$1,500. FFL transfer only.
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Browning A5 "Humpback" 12 ga. Magnum with rib and Full Choke, good condition. - \$1200.
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Mojo VooDoo Dove Decoy, NIB, \$30
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Ithaca Model Mag-10, 10Ga Magnum, Standard Grade Shot very little. Little bit of surface rust. \$500
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Winchester - Super X Model 2, 12 gauge 3-3 1/2" Black composite - 28" barrel, \$500
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Tri-Cities Chapter News Whatcom County Chapter Yakima Valley Chapter

No News This Month

2020/21 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2020
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and
Limited Edition Print.

Artist Timothy Turenne



Revenue received through this program will be used by the Washington Waterfowl Association and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

To order your print(s) and accompanying stamps, please complete the application.

REMINDER TO LIFE MEMBERS

Order your 2020 prints now to secure your multi-years matching print numbers!

2020 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

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Please Ship Prints to:

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For additional information please contact:

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- (2-year memberships not available online)**

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.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets 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
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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

Our projects include:

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