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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

This past Saturday traveled with **John Arrabito (SE)** and **Art Kendall (NW)** — both members of **WDFW's Citizen Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG)** — to Ellensburg to attend the group's spring meeting. We heard some great conversations regarding **Duck Stamp (er, Migratory Bird Hunt Authorization)** expenditures on **Washington** state habitat projects. There was also some discussion on season setting, though that will be finalized at the group's August meeting, and **Harlequin** populations and how this impacts our ability to hunt them here in Washington.

I learned about how the **WAG** functions and how it contributes to waterfowl conservation in **Washington**. The **Washington Waterfowl Advisory Group (WWAG)** was formed by **WDFW** in early 2003 to increase citizen involvement in the management of Washington's diverse waterfowl resources.

Here is the [link](#) to the **WAG** page on the **WDFW** website, and with a new three-year cycle of membership on the **WAG** beginning this June/July, I would encourage all of you to get involved with contributing your voice to this group if you are so inclined.

Other **WWA** members currently on the **WAG** include **Scotty Allenton (SP)**, **Captain Dave Drewry (KP)**, and **Dick Price (ML)**. Thanks gentlemen, for your willingness to give up a couple of long, long, indoor Saturdays per year for the Resource!

Hands-On Conservation Work at the Chapter Level

As we get into nesting season for ducks, it's nice to see us continue to do habitat and conservation work at the chapter levels. There is a scheduled cleanup at **Smith Island** this morning and may be happening as you read this, sponsored by the **NW Chapter**. The **Grays Harbor Chapter** reports in this Newsletter about a couple of its work parties in March at the **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area**, and the **Lower Columbia, Chapter** reports on a March clean-up of the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**. Thanks to all the hardworking volunteers in our membership.

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2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat, April 15	Opening Day of Turkey Hunting Season
Thurs, April 20	Moses Lake Chapter Quarterly Meet Mar Don Resort at Potholes See Page 10
Tues, April 25	SW Chapter Meeting Tacoma Sportsmen's Club New Location — Main Lodge
Weds, April 26	Seattle Chapter Meeting Kenmore Gun Club
Thurs, April 27	Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting Vancouver Trap and Gun Club
Sat, Apr 29	Pheasants Forever Banquet, at Tacoma Sportmen's Club Doors Open at 5:30 pm See Flyer on Page 17
Weds, May 3	WWA Board Meeting Online Only — 7:00 pm. All WWA Members welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor , for a <i>WebEx</i> Online invitation. See Page 1
Thurs, May 4	Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting Evergreen Sportsmen's Club
Tues, May 9	Whatcom County Chapter Meeting Ferndale Public Library
Weds, May 10	NW Chapter Meeting Twin Cities Sportsmens Club
Sat, May 20	Puget Sound Decoy Carving Contest sponsored by WA Brant Foundation 9 am, Maiben Park, Burlington, WA See story on Page 7
Sat, May 27	WWA Co-Sponsored Family Fun Shoot at Quincy See Flyer on Page 11
Sat, Aug 5	WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling Contest, Orting Station, Orting, WA See FlyerS on Pages 12 and 13

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Lastly, on Friday the 14th I had a meeting with the **City of Kenmore Parks Manager** to discuss nesting boxes in the new kayak launch park, called *TI' awh-ah-dees* on the **Sammamish River Slough — Swamp Creek** shoreline. They've built a nice new park that's loaded with waterfowl, and you can find a link [here](#) to the project on the **City of Kenmore** website. I can't wait to see nesting wood ducks in **Kenmore** using our boxes with a **WWA** logo.

For the Resource,

Paul McGovern

WWA President

News for the Flock

As Hunting Participation Declines, a Question of Ethics Arises

By Eli Francovich, The Spokesman-Review
First Published: October 30, 2022

SPOKANE — In late August, the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** hosted a handful of youth for a mentored deer hunt in northeast Washington. The weekend camp aimed to introduce a new generation of hunters to an outdoor activity that's been on the decline for decades. In particular, the weekend focused on exposing the kids to mentors who could help them navigate an activity with a dizzying array of regulations, required skill sets and norms of behavior, said **Dave Whipple**, the **Hunter Education Division Manager for WDFW**.

While teaching the technical components of hunting is certainly important, a key to any successful mentorship program is imparting the ethics and norms of the activity to new participants.

When it comes to hunting, there has been rigorous and sometimes acrimonious debate about what is appropriate and what is not.

For example, in the past several years the **WDFW Commission** banned coyote hunting contests, which some consider barbaric and suspended indefinitely a spring bear hunt. Those actions in turn have prompted hunters and one **WDFW Commissioner** to proclaim that "hunting is under attack" in the **Evergreen State**.

At the same time, a survey commissioned by WDFW found that more Washingtonians than ever don't care one way or the other about hunting — a concerning trend for an agency which gets about one-third of its annual operating budget from hunting and fishing license fees and associated federal money. It's worth noting that a vast majority — 75% in fact — still support legal and regulated hunting.

At the core of much of this is a question of ethics, mainly when and how is the appropriate way to kill a wild animal? This chafes many professional wildlife biologists and managers, who point to the voluminous science supporting most modern hunting regulations.

As any biologist will tell you, however, the hard part of wildlife management is not the animals, it's the people. And people make morality and ethically based decisions — often decoupled from 'the science' — all the time.

The following two opinion pieces explore a central question when it comes to hunting: **Is trophy hunting detrimental, or beneficial, to new hunter recruitment efforts?**

Whichever side of the debate you fall on, it's a conversation that must be had. The vast majority of conservation and habitat restoration work in Washington, and the United States, is funded by hunters. So far, no equally reliable and impassioned funding source has been found.

All of which means a decline in hunting — for whatever reason — should concern us all.

Trophy Hunting Driving Away Would-be Hunters

By Paul Lindholdt
For The Spokesman-Review

*This is an opinion piece written by **Paul Linholdt**, a professor, writer and former hunter.*

With admirable objectivity, outdoors editor **Eli Francovich** recapped a survey about hunting that the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)**.

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Oft-Maligned Trophy Hunting Actually Key to Conservation

By Bart George
For The Spokesman-Review

*This is an opinion piece written by **Bart George**, a wildlife biologist and hunter in northeast Washington.*

When it comes to wildlife management and hunting, I cannot wax poetic and quote **Shakespeare** or ponder philosophical conundrums while drawing abstract

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Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Hi all.

I hope all you turkey hunters have safe and fun hunts this season. Just stay away from my area and everything will be alright! lol I heard a rumor that the turkey in the **Coleville** area didn't have such a good winter, and the numbers will be lower than last season. Wolf have been spotted in that corner of paradise, and they may have something to do with it. Many of the ranches there have been getting wolfhounds to fend off the threat, and that may have an impact too. Time will tell.

Youth Shoot Tentatively Set for September

At the last **Grays Harbor Chapter** meeting we set the date for this year's **Colton Smith Memorial Youth Shoot**. It is tentatively scheduled for the 19th of September, and again will be held at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club (ESC)**. I say tentatively, because I have yet to hear back from the President of the **ESC** making it a solid date. I'm pretty sure it will be good, but I am holding off advertising with a Flyer until I hear from him.

We voted to provide shotshells for the kids 15 and under, making it a totally **FREE** event for them. We still have some prizes to give out on top of that. And a potluck lunch to boot!

The set up this year will differ as we won't be setting it up in various hunting situations with decoys and blinds. This will allow us to give our total attention to the shooting! It will still be a **FREE 50 round course for the kids** with buybacks available. Adults can shoot the course for the price of targets which is yet to be determined. I am dead set on making this a non-profit event, so that price will be as low as we can get it.

Report on March Work Parties

In two hands-on conservation work parties last month we managed to get six nest boxes replaced and the rest serviced at the **Scatter Creek Wildlife Area** linked [here](#). Many thanks to members **Tom Irwin, Bud Malpass, Ben Harrison, Frank Lyman and Jon McAninch**. You guys made the job easy, and it will benefit the **Woodies** quite well! to be on that notification list, please let me know.

Also thank you to the members that volunteered for the third work party that I cancelled because we got everything done in two! *(Continued on Page 5)*



Bud Malpass performing his high-ladder act.

GH Chapter News Continued

On that subject, I am still building a volunteer base, so if any of you would like to be on that notification list, please let me know.

Our next Chapter meeting will be on Thursday the 4th of May. Same place — the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** at 7:00 pm sharp! We will be finalizing our plans for the

Youth shotgun event then and scheduling the last of our work parties.

I would like to take some time to thank a bunch of you for being members and supporting the **Grays Harbor Chapter**. We have come a long way now and hopefully with your help it will go a lot further. We would be nothing without you all.

Thanks for your support!

Kurt Snyder
kurtsnyder@outdrs.net



**Tom Irwin
 and
 Bud Malpass
 double teaming
 this Wood Duck
 Nest Box
 located at the
 Scatter Creek
 Wildlife Area.**

**Doing
 ground duty is
 Ben Harrison.**

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The Northwest Chapter Team making it happen once again!

Thanks to these volunteers for their outstanding level of effort supporting this yearly cleanup effort:

Greg Huggins, Steve Billieu, Joe Molitor, Matt & Charlie Browder, Tony Nelson, Chuck Wilson, Paul McGovern, Ryan & Nolan McQuoid, Tobin Rippo, Bradley Tormey, Jason, Evelyn & Andrew VanRoeyen, and Tom Elliott.

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Samish Unit Cleanup

A cool and breezy morning didn't hinder the volunteers at our annual cleanup of the **Skagit Wildlife Areas Samish Unit**, on Saturday, March 25th. These volunteers swept through all areas of the unit including the 10 Blinds. We collected plenty of trash, shells (spent and un-spent), beer cans, bottles, old decoys. You name it, it was discarded at the **Samish!**

Drainage of the unit by **WDFW** personnel was well under way so access to all areas and a thorough cleanup was made easy. We did an assessment of the blind conditions, and made a plan to return in August for some needed repairs.

Maps of the unit with blind locations were passed out to the volunteers. All donuts were timely consumed and in the future I'll bring coffee to go with them!



Nolan McQuoid with Andrew and Evelyn VanRoeyen on a collection mission.

NW Chapter News Continued



Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Competition

When: Saturday, May 20th

Where: Maiben Park, Burlington, WA.

The **Decoy Carving Festival** and contest the **“Puget Sound Open”** is an opportunity for you to show off your carving skills or just have fun enjoying the hand carved decoys of others on display; the vendors, raffles, silent and live auctions.

The carving competition features entries from all across the U.S. Carving contest classes include, **Brant Division, Open Working Decoys, WA State Ducks Unlimited Carving contest, Novice/Youth** and a mini decoy swap.

For more information or registration for the festival, use this active link:
<http://www.wabrant.org/>

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on May 9th, at the **Twin Cities Sportsmens Club** (linked below in their Ad). Trap shooting starts at 6 pm, followed by our business meeting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

Support your passion — Get Involved

Rick Billieu
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Full bags for these volunteers Chuck Wilson, Tom Elliot, Greg Huggins, Joe Molitor & Steve Billieu.



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Seattle Chapter News

By Nick Brown

Earl Swap Meet a Success

Glad to see some turnout for our annual swap meet last month. I would like to apologize for the confusion surrounding our last meeting. With the range's schedule adjustments it has taken me longer than expected to get in routine. Looking ahead I am planning on lining up some speakers for our upcoming spring and summer meetings. We will most likely be hosting our usuals, but if there is a topic or speaker you would like me to reach out to please feel free to contact me with suggestions.

I wanted to inform chapter members, We are working on making a sandwich board with the **WWA** logo to put outside of the chalet at the range to better direct people to the meeting space. This also will be a nice advertising tool because it will display our logo to the public shooting at the rifle range on our meeting days.

Our next chapter meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 26th at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**. Trap and/or 5 Stand Shooting (along with the public) will start at 5 pm with our business meeting down in the **Chalet** at 7 pm. Please remember the \$5 donation to the pizza fund.

New Day and Location for Meetings

The Seattle Chapter has decided to meet the LAST WEDNESDAY of each month moving forward.

Unfortunately, this means we will no longer have the range to ourselves; we will be shooting with the public those nights. However, by shooting on a public night, our meetings will no longer cost the chapter any "range rental."

Following shooting we will move to the CHALET instead of the shotgun clubhouse. Our monthly meetings will be held there for the foreseeable future. I know that this is a lot of changes and differences, the one thing we have been able to keep is the current timelines of our evenings there with shooting at 5 pm followed by our business meeting at 7 pm.



New Seattle Chapter member Tim Jenkins recently moved to Washington last year for work. A big game hunter, he quickly learned how great waterfowl hunting is in our state. Here is his first harvest, hen Canvasback.

Finally, just a reminder — If you get a chance please support those businesses that supported our Banquet last October. See **Flyer** on **Page 24**.

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

Ridgefield NWR Close Down and Clean Up March

We had a good turnout for the up the **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** on Saturday, March 18th. Representing the **US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** was **Josie Finley**. Also, **Chadd Smith** helped our group with the endeavor. Our **VP, Phil Proper**, submitted the following report:

“The cleanup went well. We had a pretty good showing and got the blinds cleaned up in a few hours. Blinds 8-14 were deemed off limits by Chadd and his USFWS team as there are nesting cranes in the area. From the roster, it appeared about 10 of us from WWA showed up and got to work with Chadd and Josie.

Frogs, snakes, salamanders, shells, and hulls were a common theme in the blinds we cleaned and buttoned up for the season.”

Thanks to all of our members for your efforts to keep the refuge in top shape!

We will be working with the refuge through the summer on some cleanup projects and potential coordination for public outreach opportunities. Keep an eye out for information on dates and times of these events.

April Chapter Meeting

Please join us Thursday, April 27th, at the **Vancouver Trap Club** for our monthly chapter meeting for trap shooting — and featuring this month, the return of **Arlan's Prime Rib Roast**. We have lots of project planning to do! Please join us and contribute to our line up of hands-on habitat projects for this year!

Always Looking For Your Input!

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences, recipes and/or photos. Where do you hunt? Did you have a good hunt or memorable event? New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter.

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Moses Lake Chapter News

From: Bruce Feagan and Dick Price

Upcoming Quarterly Meeting, April 20th

Don't forget. Mark your calendars. The next Quarterly meeting of the **Moses Lake Chapter** will be held this coming **Thursday, April 20th** beginning at 6 pm at the **O'Sullivan Sportsman Resort Clubhouse** (near **Potholes State Park** — 6897 Hwy 262 SE, Othello, WA 99344 for **GPS** purposes). Hope to see you there. Bring a friend.

FREE Trap Shoot – New Format

This year's first shoot will be on Saturday, May 27th, 2023, and it will have a different flavor. It will be a family event with the youth shooting for **FREE** as usual, and family members can purchase shells from the host for \$5 a box and shoot for **FREE** also!

As always **Tom O'Dell** will have a ton of free stuff for the kids, and **WWA-ML** will provide a lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water.

See Flyer on Adjacent **Page 11**.

Southwest Chapter News

Planning Continues for State Calling Contest

The SW Chapter is back on schedule for a Tuesday, April 25th meeting at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**. Once again the main agenda will be continued planning for the scheduled August 5th **Washington State Duck Calling Contest** to be hosted in Oregon, WA.

We're still looking for donations of prizes for the event, and have already secured a shotgun; electronic dog collar, and a matching set of custom made duck and goose call made from tiger maple.

See Flyers on **Pages 12 and 13**.

Spokane Chapter News

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No News This Month

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10:00AM TO 3:00PM

Quincy Gun Club

American Legion Quincy Gun Club 14550 Road Q N.W.,
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Youth Shooters

Shooters under 18 years need to have a valid hunters safety card or hunting license and **MUST** be accompanied by an Adult. Ammunition & targets will be provided at no charge to those under 18. Youth shooters will receive an assortment of **FREE** merchandise & Prizes.



Shooting for Everyone

Targets provided free for all participants. Trap ammunition available for \$5 a box (1/2 Price). There will be instructors available to teach you the amazing sport of trap shooting. Come out for a great family event with lots of prizes, giveaways, and tons of Fun.



Lunch Provided

Lunch of Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies, & Water will be provided at no cost. (Donations Accepted)

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Saturday, August 5th, 2023

9:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Competition Begins
at Orting Station

101 Washington Avenue NW
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The 2023 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships

Competitions Include:

Kids 12 and Under Duck – **FREE** (do NOT need to pre-register)
Novice Duck – 13 and up (have not previously competed) -- \$25
Washington State Sanction Duck -- \$50
Open Goose -- \$40

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Washington State 2023 Sanctioned Duck and Goose Calling Championships



Where: Orting Station, 101 Washington Avenue NW, Orting, Washington 98360

When: Saturday, August 5th, 2023

Notes: Four contests: Kids under 12, Novice Duck Calling (have not previously competed), Washington State Sanctioned Duck Calling (winner goes to Stuttgart, Arkansas, to compete in the World's Championship), and Open Goose Calling.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in all classes are awarded prizes to be disclosed prior to the contest.

Our State's champ will receive \$1,000 to help defray costs in attending the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Contest hosted by the **Washington Waterfowl Association**.

Why we're asking for donations: The **Washington Waterfowl Association** stands all costs for this contest and the event's success is dependent on the generous contributions of those wishing to help with our conservation efforts and to instill a love of nature in our folk. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-profit. Your donations are tax-deductible, and we will gladly issue a Tax Receipt upon request. In addition, all donations will be recognized during the contest and in our newsletter. Our motto is "Hunters for Conservation" to which we've been true for 77 years.

How To Donate: please contact: **Bruce Burns** ~ (253) 961-8802

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WWA Legislative News

WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon
President, Hunters Heritage Council

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 is 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 (HHC)**.

Session Wrap-Up

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”
--Second Amendment, United States Constitution

“The right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state, shall not be impaired, but nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing individuals or corporations to organize, maintain or employ an armed body of men.”
--Washington State Constitution,
Article I, Section 24

I will wrap-up the hunting portion of the session in one paragraph. The **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** maintained its perfect record of killing every piece of anti-hunting legislation. With the passage of the gray wolf management bill out of the **House Natural Resources Committee** with a unanimous vote, the **animal-rights (A-R)** groups were put on the defensive all session and their agenda halted. The hunting community had a very good session.

I want to concentrate my report on **Second Amendment** legislation. While I do this, I have to stress that the **HHC** is **NOT** a **Second Amendment** organization. It is a hunting-rights organization and only a hunting-rights organization. That is how it is set up under its **IRS Charter** and its **Articles of Incorporation**. We cannot lead the charge on **Second Amendment** issues. We follow a **Second Amendment** organizations on firearms issues. The **Second Amendment** organizations follow the lead of the **HHC** on

hunting issues. This leads to legislative victories and where we do not step on each other's toes.

In fact, in an issue of **GOAL**, a reader asked why they never commented on hunting issues, and the answer was, **Title 77 [RCW]** was under the preview of the **HHC**. I am writing this as **Mark Pidgeon**, only.

There were four (4) major pieces of gun control legislation — all of which passed and are currently sitting on the desk of Governor Jay Inslee. I will cover all four bills. All four are linked should the reader care to view the entire legislation.

The first bill I will go over briefly since we covered it in a previous newsletter, and that is the **SHB 1240**, the so-called assault weapons ban. Violation of **SHB 1240** is a gross misdemeanor. For a complete list of which firearms are banned, follow this [link](#).

All four of these bills are really bad!

The second **E2SHB 1143** that passed basically on a party-line vote. This bill provides that

- A dealer may not transfer a firearm to a purchaser or a transferee until completion of a background check indicating the person is eligible to possess firearms and 10 business days have elapsed since the dealer requested the background check.
- Prohibits a dealer from transferring a firearm to a purchaser or transferee unless the person provides the dealer with proof of completion of a recognized firearm safety training program at the cost to the purchaser or the transferee.
- Updates firearm transfer and background check processes, including updates to conform to implementation of a state firearms background check program. This is just a terrible bill, an intrusive bill.

This bill isn't the big red flag as the other firearms bills, **SSB 5006**. It is a clarifying waiver of firearms rights. It permits:

- Voluntary waiver of firearm rights to be submitted or revoked either in writing or electronically, and
- Requires the Clerk of the Court to immediately notify a filer and contact persons when a voluntary waiver of firearm rights has been accepted.

This bill is very complicated, and I urge you to take a look at the bill using the link above. This bill is ripe for abuse to take away someone's firearms rights.

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Legislative Report Continued

The worst may have passed last. One day before bill cut-off, [SSB 5708](#), protecting public safety by establishing duties of firearm industry members. Or in real terms, being able to sue gun manufacturers out of existence! The ghastly summary of this bill:

- Requires firearm industry members to establish, implement and enforce reasonable controls regarding the manufacture, sale, distribution, import, use, and marketing of the firearm industry members' firearm and firearms related products.
- Prohibits firearm industry members from creating or maintaining a public nuisance, and
- Authorizes the attorney general to investigate suspected violations of firearm industry members' duties and to enforce actions against such firearm industry members.

Even the sponsor of the bill, **Senator Jamie Pedersen (D)** of Seattle, said he knows the bill will be challenged in court.

I believe all four of these bills will be challenged in court. At what expense to the taxpayers to the state? This will drag on for years, and all these bills will eventually be overturned. Have these lawmakers ever read our state constitution? Isn't **Article I, Section 24** of the **Washington State Constitution** clear?



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Ross Barkhurst, Put his Knowledge, Experience on the Commission

Since at least 2015 **WWA Board** and **Life Member**, **Ross Barkhurst**, has been sounding the alarm about the deteriorating ecosystem in his back yard of **Willapa Bay**. He has previously written extensive articles on this issue in the **WWA Newsletter** — “*Life in the Dead Zone—The 2015 Eelgrass Die Off*” in September of 2015 linked [here](#), and “*Continuing*



Eelgrass Issues in Willapa Bay Affect Waterfowl” more recently in January of 2022 and linked [here](#).

The **WDFW Commission** is well acquainted with the science talents of **Ross**. In 2019 used his major degree in **Oceanography** to study and understand circulation and effects of water in **Willapa Bay**. At request of the **WDFW Commission Chair**, **Ross** formed the citizen’s advisory group **Willapa Basin Ecosystem Review Team (WBERT)** which in turn the submitted the “**WBERT Report**” with seven recommendations for habitat improvement in **Willapa Bay** based on the best science available. Unfortunately there was no response by **WDFW** to the **WBERT** reports, and subsequently the waterfowl numbers in **Willapa Bay** have crashed.

Ross has frequented **Willapa Bay** since the late 1970’s when he purchased land there. He has lived on the bay full time since his retirement in 2002. Despite his efforts over the years as **Vice Chair** of the **Columbia County Oregon Planning Commission** and serving on the **Pacific County Marine Resource Committee**, he unfortunately has continued to witness the slow, ecological degradation of the bay. “On the **Commission** I would be better able to apply my experience, education, and knowledge not only to **Willapa Bay**, but to the entire **Outer Washington Coast in Toto**,” **Ross** says.

Education & Employment Background: Born in March of 1945, **Ross** grew up in southern Oregon; graduated the **US Naval Academy** in 1967 followed by six years in **US Navy Nuclear Submarine Service**. **Ross** spent his civilian working career in the nuclear industry from system engineer at **Trojan Nuclear Plant**; to **Plant Manager** and **Vice President** at the **Waterford Three Nuclear Plant** in Louisiana; to **President** and **CEO** of the **Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp**.

Fishing and Hunting Background:

Ross describes himself as “a conservation and habitat person first — a fishing and waterfowl observation and hunting person, second.” While working in the South, **Ross** was **President of Louisiana Tarpon Club** where he successfully advocated for “tag and release” **Tarpon** contests, not just kill and weigh-in.

Ross has fished the **Lower Columbia River**, **Multnomah Channel**, and **Willamette River** “since age fifteen.” While stationed in **Idaho** in the **Navy**, **Ross** learned a lot about **Sage Grouse** and other upland birds “which need to be kept in the **Commission’s** mind in **Eastern WA.**,” he says.

Please take a few moments to express your support of **Ross** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the **WA State Government Portal** linked [here](#).

Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for the Applicant’s email address, **Ross** has given his consent to use his email at: rp.barkhurst@hotmail.com

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commissioned in July. We Washingtonians returned 965 of the agency surveys.

The agency concluded that “approval of legal, regulated hunting has decreased substantially.” Moreover, **a mere 4% of Washington residents hunted in the past year.** The agency promises to analyze those findings. As a former hunter and native Washingtonian, I have some analyses of my own.

The College of Natural Resources at North Carolina State University reported last year that “Hunting participation peaked in 1982, when nearly 17 million hunters purchased 28.3 million licenses. Today, however, only 11.5 million people in the United States actually hunt.” Such a decline in hunters nationwide is dizzying when we consider that the nation had 100 million fewer people in 1982 than today.

Sex, race and age offer explanations. Research in 2020 by the Pew Charitable Trusts found “90% of hunters are men; 97% are white; and most are 45 and older” – a sign that future funding losses could be steep as more age out of the sport and as the country becomes more racially diverse.” (Emphasis Added).

The **WDFW** results alarmed a Spokane-based organization – the **Inland Northwest Wildlife Council (INWC)**. Its executive director, **Marie Neumiller** — when she heard about the vanishing approval of hunting — responded, “The hunting community needs to do more outreach.”

Her response was a head-scratcher for me in several ways. The **INWC’s** annual **Big Horn Show**, its “premier event,” is all outreach already, as I know from attending and seeing its sad horn displays and games.

Big horns and antlers are the trophies that so many hunters chase and crave. Around the **American West**, thousands of pickup-truck drivers fetishize antlers and horns with window decals. In Asia, horns believed to enhance potency and vigor are powdered and eaten or taken in drinks.

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conclusions that fit my predetermined bias. No, as a professional scientist, I am required to suspend my opinions and rely on hard data, historical knowledge and field observations to direct my course of action and management decisions.

The science of wildlife management is guided by research and data generated over the past several decades. Population dynamics, birth and mortality rates, carrying capacity and ecosystem-wide habitat composition are just a few variables we consider when managing predator and prey species, as well as their relationship to each other and humans. Wildlife managers are not gambling with outcomes. We take a very cautious approach. Further, we have 100 years’ worth of data from which to draw. In short, we know what works and what does not. And we continue to improve our understanding of complex biological relationships and adjust management schema as new technology increases our ability to collect more and new data.

To deny modern wildlife management is to deny science and history in favor of rhetoric and emotion. Thankfully, most reasonable Washingtonians understand this, even if they personally don’t hunt. While it’s perfectly acceptable for a philosopher to cherry-pick data to bolster hypothetical musings, a scientist must look at the context of the data comprehensively.

For instance, while a survey commissioned by the **WDFW** did find a substantial decrease in the approval of hunting (which was at an awe-inspiring 88% in 2014), the full context of that paper found that an overwhelming 75% of Washington residents approve of legal, regulated hunting (with 44% strongly approving) in 2022. The survey found a mere 10% disapproved. Further context reveals that the small minority of disapproving residents feel that way because they are against the killing of animals for any reason.

Unfortunately for science, emotion usually wins. People today believe what they want to believe and sadly, confirmation bias tends to win the day.

We’re seeing this very paradigm unfold at the highest levels in **Washington**. Professional biologists from the **WDFW** have presented overwhelming data supporting a permit-only spring bear hunt that would remove 160

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If the **INWC** hopes to promote more than trophy hunting, it would be wise to dump the name of its premier event. The falling approval of all hunting overlaps with disapproval of trophy hunting. In trophy hunting, souvenirs made from animal parts memorialize the experience.

Trophy hunters leave a bitter taste. Everyone knows about the dentist in **Minneapolis** who shot **Cecil the Lion** in **Zimbabwe** in 2015. His guides lured the semi-tame animal out of the park where it attracted tourists. We also know about **Jimmy John Liataud** and his namesake sandwich chain. **Liataud** has been hunting rhinos, elephants, lynx and zebras for more than 20 years. He gained bad fame by posing on a dead elephant and flashing a thumbs-up. A 2019 boycott of his shops ensued.

To try to outlaw trophy hunting in the U.K. and the U.S., people are supporting alternative groups and projects such as **Ban Trophy Hunting** and **Born Free**. Unlike the sacred right to bear arms, the right to kill big animals for sport and trophies enjoys no constitutional guarantee.

One of the reasons I gave up hunting is the dirty conduct I saw. Protected species such as owls and grebes were slaughtered; the carcasses of legal species let go to waste; and plenty of shots fired illegally from roads.

This newspaper reported on a robotic deer that national officials see the need to deploy on private lands to bust poachers. It twitches its head and tail like an undercover female detective sending out come-hither vibes.

At a symposium in **Paris**, I spoke alongside an Englishman who wrote a book that championed foxhunting. He and I locked horns hard. In his favorite sport, costumed men on horseback and hounds kill wild foxes. English author **T.H. White**, who wrote the great novel **"The Once and Future King,"** saw men dig up a fox and toss it to hounds that had chased it to its burrow. A circle of hunters "screeched them on," he noted with sad disapproval.

Early in this millennium, **Scotland, Wales** and **England** banned the sport of foxhunting. Late in the last millennium, by popular vote, we Washingtonians banned baiting and hounding of cougars and bears. Those unfair and unsustainable practices continue nonetheless as "management."

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bears (from a total population nearing 30,000) from specific areas to avoid property damage and conflict with humans. However, those trained wildlife biologists with years of schooling and decades of cumulative experience have been overruled by political appointees with ideological or financial conflicts of interest.

That's a loss for science. That's a loss for wildlife.

I understand it's hard for most people to wrap their head around the fact that killing wildlife saves wildlife. It is a logical challenge and as a simple wildlife biologist, I'm not sure I can explain it ... but I'll try.

The **North American Model of Conservation** is borne from our historical acknowledgment of what not to do. We know where we erred in the past: unsustainable harvest of natural resources and wildlife during westward expansion and the industrial revolution.

From that, we have created a sustainable model that produces funding for wildlife management, habitat conservation, biological studies, law enforcement and more. For the past century, this model has reversed the unsustainable practices of our forefathers while producing abundant populations of wildlife for future generations.

In fact, most people today don't remember a time when there was a lack of wildlife. But not long ago our wildlife hung in the balance. If not for people like **Theodore Roosevelt** and **George Bird Grinnell**, many species of America's wildlife would be extinct.

Roosevelt and **Grinnell**, recognizing our unsustainable harvest of wildlife, founded the **Boone and Crockett Club**. The organization, comprised of hunters, initiated legislation for our national parks system and the first science-based wildlife management laws, including the **Lacey Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act**, as well as conservation-based funding which created the **Federal Duck Stamp Act and Wildlife Restoration Act**.

This model has only improved over the past century, and those historic legislative achievements are still used today and fund the scientific wildlife management model in the U.S.

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My misgivings about hunting extend beyond trophies and hounding. Slob hunters, or illicit shooters, chafe me most of all.

My friend **Rich Landers** and I traded views in these pages in 2014. **Rich** pointed out that conservation efforts suffer massively when license revenues are lost. That fact ought to concern everyone who cares about ecological sustainability in these United States. For the sake of the environment, I agree, we need to keep the ethical hunters on board.

A major problem facing hunting since 1982 is a lack of access to prime wildlife habitat. Illicit shooters mean fewer acres of private lands will be accessible. Who wants to enable poaching or undergo property damage?

The downward trajectory of hunters is easy to puzzle out if you have much experience afield. The rising cost of gas, shells, licenses, tags and guns compounds the supply-chain shortfalls that grew from the pandemic. Those shortfalls raised the cost of shells and made them difficult to get.

Fred Zitterkopf is a hunter, a **Vietnam** vet, a retired military engineer and a volunteer for the **INWC** in this region. He works out at my gym where we met. One in every three hunters, I said to **Fred**, is a scofflaw. He told me I was wrong, and I yielded to his authority.

Fred's solution is to get away from it all to remote counties like **Pend Oreille** in **Eastern Washington**. That massive pocket of undeveloped lands borders vast tracts of **British Columbia** to the north and the wilds of **North Idaho** to the east. Some 58% of **Pend Oreille County** is federal land.

Those same public lands right-of-center commissioners and legislators would sell to the highest bidders to bring in commerce and increase the tax base.

Aristotle wrote in his *Nicomachean Ethics*, "As well as plain, unthinking brutishness and vice, which are the opposite of virtue, people may also do wrong through incontinence, or a lack of self-control." There lies the nub of a conundrum: Some hunters have too little self-control.

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And while hunter numbers are dropping nationwide (although, contrary to some claims, numbers spiked during the pandemic), sportsmen contributed \$1.5 billion to conservation (nearly \$1 billion from hunting), which equated to more than \$11 million for **Washington** state conservation from just hunting taxes. In addition to those, excise taxes — purchases of hunting-related gear — contributed \$343 million to **Washington's GDP** and supported 4,700 jobs.

I agree wholeheartedly with **Mr. Lindholdt's** assessment, "For the sake of the environment, we need to keep the ethical hunters on board."

Perhaps one of the greatest misnomers related to hunting is the word "**trophy**." This word has been hijacked by 10% of the population that philosophically oppose hunting to advance their ideological beliefs. In truth, "trophy hunting" is responsible for the preservation of wildlife globally.

Roosevelt and **Grinnell**, recognizing unrestrained killing of wildlife, upon creating the **Boone and Crockett Club** hunting club, espoused forgoing the killing of females and young males of the species they pursued. To incentivize hunters to pass on these specimens, which would be left to reproduce and recover depleted populations of deer, turkey, elk, bear, cougar and more, they created a book of records that acknowledged the most mature examples taken each year. They were the "**trophy**" animals that were killed while younger animals were left to ensure sustainability of a species.

Genetically speaking, a mature animal has served its biological purpose. It has passed on its DNA for many breeding seasons, thereby ensuring survival of the species.

As a hunter, pursuing an older animal means I pass on opportunities at "legal" animals that do not meet my personal standards for size or maturity and, as a result, might not kill any animal during the season. By choosing to be selective and pursue a personal "trophy," fewer numbers of animals are killed.

The term "trophy" often implies the animal is not eaten. That's not true. Trophy deer, cougars and elk are eaten here while elephants, lions and more are eaten

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As I considered this topic, I promised I would not offend friends, generate enemies or advance a holier-than-thou attitude. I would not scold, dictate, guilt-trip or impugn.

A favorite line from **Shakespeare's** plays appears in ***Twelfth Night***. There, **Sir Toby Belch** poses the question, "Dost thou think, because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale?"

In other words, it is fruitless to impose one's values, no matter how virtuous, on others.

Hunting will continue, no matter what. The best we can hope is that it is done ethically, sustainably, and by diverse people besides us white males.

Paul Lindholdt is Professor of English and Philosophy at **Eastern Washington University** and the author of the forthcoming book ***Interrogating Travel***.

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abroad. In fact, there are "wanton waste" laws requiring hunters to use all edible portions of game animals and laws that protect against senseless waste of useful portions of harvested wildlife.

The inaccurate use of the word "**trophy**" goes hand in hand with other loaded words, such as "**sport**" and "**game**." Again, context matters. Historically, the word "**sport hunting**" was used to differentiate hunters who obeyed newly developed restrictions guiding hunting seasons, methods, bag limitations and selective harvest of only mature males from the market hunters of yesteryear who provided meat, feathers and hides in an unsustainable and unregulated manner to city dwellers for food and fashion. As "**sport**" hunters, we strive to use the animal in its entirety – meat, hides, bones, antlers, feathers – on our dinner plate and, we hope, on display for decades.

As a hound handler who contracts for **Washington** state, I can tell you this: When cougars are killed due to a human-wildlife conflict call, that animal is wasted. It is killed and summarily thrown in the dump, its meat, hide and skull rot unused – and at a cost to taxpayers.

A mount on display might seem a barbaric "**trophy**" to some, but everyone should agree that using every portion of a killed animal is more respectful and ethical than the alternative. Today's "**sport hunters**" do that; when agencies kill animals, they are wasted. I know, I have been involved in dozens of agency removals and can recognize the shameful waste of an animal discarded as trash.

I can't quote 400-year-old English sonnets, but I can promise one thing when it comes to wildlife management and the use of emotional arguments instead of science: Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Bart George is a professional wildlife biologist in northeast Washington who specializes in the study of cougars and human-wildlife conflict avoidance.

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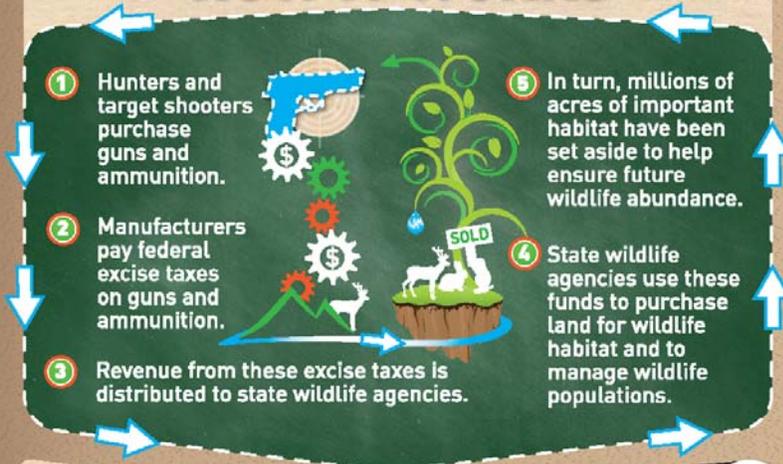
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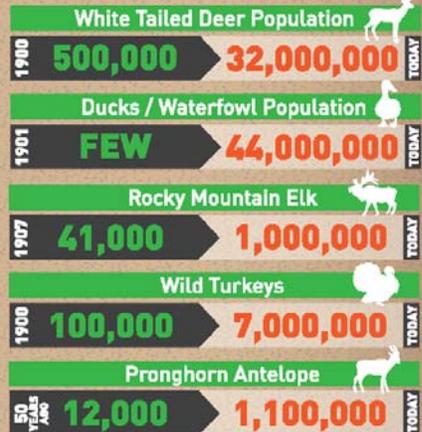
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S & W Model 622 Target Semi-Auto .22 Cal., # UAB1205, Alum. Frame, 10 shot clip.....**\$ 475**

SIG P220 in .45 ACP w/ Laser grip, pouch, holster, 3 mags, black finish, exc. cond.,**\$ 765**

S & W Model 17 K-22 In .22 LR, #K937650, blued 6" bbl., wood grips As-NIB,**\$1100**

SIG P365 SAS in 9mm, #66A581961, compact carry gun with optic fiber sight, 2 mags, as-new.....**\$510**

S & W Model 19 .357 Combat Magnum, #BET6887, 2.5" bbl., wood grips as new in box.....**\$ 850**

For all guns in the white space — Legal FFL Transfers Only,
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AR-7 Rifle .22LR. Breaks down into its floatable stock. Extra all-steel barrel included. Members only. Lots of fun to shoot. Great for kids!

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(See Photos at Right)



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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.

2023 Spring Turkey Regulations are Linked [Here](#).



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Membership Type:

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|--------------------------|--|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (immediate family up to age 18) — | \$ | 35.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular — | \$ | 30.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bronze Lifetime* — | \$ | 500.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Silver Lifetime* — | \$ | 1,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gold Lifetime* — | \$ | 2,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Platinum Lifetime* — | \$ | 5,000.00 | (New, 5/4/2022) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ** Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65 or over) - | \$ | 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (under age 18) -- | \$ | 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Regular | \$ | 50.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Family | \$ | 60.00 | |
- (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 Quarterly TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen's Club**, 26933 64th Avenue NW in Stanwood.
- Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Monday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- 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 — VACANT**
- Wenatchee Chapter** – Dates and Places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 2nd Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Ferndale Public Library**, 2125 Main Street in Ferndale.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- Nine (9) active 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 Hunter Mentor one-on-one waterfowl hunting activities for those new to the sport
- 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 Sportsmens' Shows painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing full 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 waterfowling hunt 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 Sportsmens' Shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and volunteer 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, boots on the ground" conservation projects.