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## Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, Legal

Hey Y'all,

Ducks in Washington AND huntin' em. That's what the **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)** is about. **Our ultimate goal is to have enough ducks, the right to hunt them, and publically accessible places to hunt them.** Whether we like it or not, the mission and goal of **WWA** opens the door to **Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, and Legal** issues. Another way of looking at it, in a single word, is **HERITAGE**. Hence, the slogan:

## ***Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, Legal – Heritage***

Whether we like it or not, our mission and goal creates conflict. If we were just in the habitat business, our lives in **WWA** would be much simpler. But we are not just about habitat. **We are about shooting, making noise, bringing home food, and having safe fun in the process.**

It is precisely the "having fun while killing" our own food that makes our heritage unacceptable to many. It is this "feeling" that killing one's food is wrong (along with noise and perceived safety concerns), creating the most contention that **WWA** deals with every year. And it is the core of **WWA** that deals most directly with this contention, for our members, so that we all can continue to hunt.

It isn't "fun" to deal with the contention, but it is important. And any member can become a part of the core group dealing directly with the issues. But, In fact, it is up to all members to become a "part" of the organization, all members representing in their own way, so we, as a group, make a difference. The Officers, Board of Directors, and Chapter Chairs of **WWA** make a big difference, but we only succeed when the members get involved and support the issues, albeit, each in their own way.

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

## EVENTS CALENDAR

(See Page One for Contact Phone Numbers)

Saturday, Sept 19	NW Chapter Banquet and LC Chapter Banquet, See Respective Flyers on Pages 9 and 13, respectively.
Saturday, Sept 19	Third Annual Moses Lake DU Greenwing Barbeque, @ Mar Don Resort, Othello, WA., in conjunction with Youth Only Hunting weekend. Greenwings are youth under 18. Contact Tom O'Dell, 206-465-6943. See Flyer on Page 5.
Saturday, Sept 19	First Annual WWA Youth Only Hunt @ Willapa NWR, Ilwaco, WA., in conjunction with WDFW Youth Only Hunting weekend. Contact John Arrabito, 425.894-4080. See Flyer on Page 7.
Saturday, Sept 19	Youth Only Weekend Hunt at the mouth of the Stillaquamish River sponsored by the WWA-NW Chapter. See NW Chapter News on Page 8.
Wednesday, Sept 23	WWA-Seattle Chapter Meeting; 5:30 p.m. @ Kenmore Gun Club, in Bothell. Contact John Arrabito. Special Africa Hunt Power Point Presentation.
Thursday, Sept 24	WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter Meeting 7 p.m. @ Vancouver Trap Club. Contact Rick Scott.
Tuesday, Sept 29 (New Time)	WWA-Southwest Chapter Meeting; 6:30 p.m. @ Tacoma Sportsmen's Club. Contact Bruce Burns.
Thursday, Oct 1	WWA Corp Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m., @ Canyon Park Denny's. All WWA members welcome.
Tuesday, Oct 6	WWA-Whatcom County Chapter Meeting 5-7 p.m. @ the Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, Ferndale. Contact Scott O'Day.
Wednesday, Oct 7	WWA-Kitsap County Chapter Meeting @ Bremerton Trap and Skeet. Contact Les Hollister.
Thursday, Oct 8	WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter Meeting @ The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Little Rock, WA. Contact Kurt Snyder.
Tuesday, Oct 13	WWA-NW Chapter Meeting 7 P.M. @ the Conway Firehouse, Conway, WA. Contact Reb Broker.
Tuesday, Oct 13	WWA-Tri-Cities Chapter Meeting 6 PM @ Kiko's Tacos, 1014 S Washington Street, Kennewick. Contact Jason Oliver.
Thursday, Feb 11	WWA-Yakima Valley Chapter Meeting will not be held again until after the hunting season. See YV News on Adjacent Page 3. Contact Abel Cortina.

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When you sign up as a member, or ask others to sign up as a **WWA** member, what we are asking of you is the knowledge that the **WWA** chapter actions and **WWA Corporate** decisions are all made allowing us to represent ducks in Washington and Hunting' 'Em.

We **MUST** be involved in **Habitat, Hunting, Legislation, and Legal issues**. We must represent the waterfowling Heritage. It is contentious, and people get mad at us, yell at us, and whether you know or not, are writing legislation and taking legal action to stop us from hunting... in reality, to stop us from killing.

As an example, recently a private university on the east coast was funded to the tune of millions of dollars, by the **Humane Society of the United States**, to create a whole new division of college education, providing the legal background to establish "human" rights for animals. As a member of **WWA**, some of the things you are saying to others is:

- ◆ That killing my own food is okay.
- ◆ Continuing the heritage of hunting and conservation is okay.
- ◆ Involving my family directly in nature is okay.
- ◆ Preserving nature for our own benefit is okay.
- ◆ Using guns as a tool for obtaining food is okay...
- ◆ I, a hunter, am okay; and
- ◆ I, a hunter, want to be part of nature, not an observer.

With the above in mind, I hope you take part in our annual membership drive starting now. The grand prize the winner gets a matching set of two shotguns to share with the person that signed them up. The shotguns will be engraved with a **WWA 70<sup>th</sup>** year commemorative logo. We think this is an exceptional way to thank someone for contributing the most valuable asset we have, members.

Be safe...shoot well...and have fun out there this season.

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Rone Brewer*

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SEE RESULTS

## Yakima Valley Chapter News

By Roger Bennett

### Banding Results

Banding season in the **Yakima Valley** is winding down. When one considers that the water levels earlier in the summer made it look like there might be no banding possible at all, the results ended up being very positive.

There were nearly 500 ducks banded at the **Sunnyside Wildlife Area**, with a number of banding days still planned. Though the numbers are an estimate, it looks like close to that number of birds were also banded on the **Yakama Reservation**. **WWA-YV Chapter** members were frequent volunteers in these efforts. If you get a bird banded this year from either of these locations, there is a very good chance that that bird has already been in the hands of a **WWA volunteer!**



**Brooke Bennett, daughter of YV member Tim Bennett, releases a banded bird.**

### First Regional WDFW Meeting in Selah

As many of you may know, **WDFW** is holding six (6) regional meetings around the state to gather input on wildlife issues. The first of these was held on Thursday, September 10th, at the **Selah Civic Center**. There was a very good turnout.

The **Yakima Valley Chapter** had a very strong presence at this regional meeting. We were able to hear from new **WDFW Director Jim Unsworth**, who seems to have a strong focus on improving **WDFW's** image, as well as its communication lines with all Washingtonians that enjoy the outdoors.

**WWA-YV** members spent quite a bit of time in a small group gathering with **WDFW's Jeff Davis**, who is involved with the state's **Habitat Program**. Jeff wrote down several pages of thoughts and ideas that were shared by our committee members, mostly about waterfowl hunting opportunities and habitat issues in the Yakima Valley. It was encouraging to have **WDFW** listening to our ideas and concerns.

### Finishing the Gun Raffle

The **Yakima Valley Chapter** is down to the final 60 tickets on our **CZ Mallard** shotgun raffle. We hope to finish these tickets off in the next couple of weeks, and get the winner announced by early October.

### Our Next Chapter Meeting Won't Be Until 2016

After our September 10th meeting, our Chapter is on **"Hunting Season Hiatus"** during the fall and winter. Our next meeting will be the second Thursday of February.

For more information, call or text **YV Chapter Chairman Abel Cortina** at 509-786-9196.



**YV Chapter Member, Hugh Carney with a freshly banded Green Wing Teal.**

## Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Our **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** capable blinds were brushed up for the season on Friday and Saturday, September 11 and 12 at the **Frenchman Ponds**. Water availability for the start of the season in those ponds is questionable, however they should have some water in most of the ponds by the 1st of November. **WDFW** is working to get the mowing complete in the ponds and leaving enough around the shorelines to help conceal hunters.

Hot weather has finally abated and we're seeing cooler weather at night and the possibility of much needed rain which should help improve the hunting prospects for all species in the Columbia Basin.

### Another ADA Project

On another note **WDFW's Rich Finger** has requested us to help build another **ADA** hunting blind to be placed in the **Middle Crab Creek** hunting area. This area should be good for waterfowl hunting this Fall provided the **U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)** continues with the planned water feed. Several years ago when they did the first test run, the area contained a lot of ducks. There should be a lot of new ponds from **Road 16 N.E. North to Road 19 N.E.**

I'll get the word out on the blind build date when I get it firmed up with **Rich**.

### Youth Hunt Events This Weekend

Don't forget the **D.U. Youth Shoot Weekend** event on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at **Mar Don Resort**. **See the Flyer on the Adjacent Page 5**. To register for the event go to [ducks.org](http://ducks.org), select Washington state, select local events, select events for kids, and the September 19th **Moses Lake Green-wing BBQ** will come up on the screen. When ordering tickets just press the select key 1 time! **Col Tom O'Dell** thanks all for their help with the event.

### Youth Pheasant Hunting Anyone?

Along with the **Green Wing** event here's another event going on for youths that might want to include a pheasant hunt on Saturday. The **Columbia Basin Chapter of**

**Pheasants Forever** — of which both **Robin Hickok** and I, are board members — are buying 100 pheasants to be released on the site for the youths to hunt. **See that Flyer and a map for directions on Page 14.**

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## Southwest Chapter News

By Terry Satre

The Southwest Chapter is looking for some new leadership. Many of us have been doing it for quite sometime and would like to see newer members get more involved.

Also how do you feel about meeting on the weekend rather than after work? Come to a meeting and let's talk about the Chapter and what we can do to get more folks involved in **"Giving Back to the Resource."**

The **SW Chapter** meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** on Canyon Road in Puyallup. Next meeting is September 29th at 6:30 p.m. **Notice we revised the start time to 6:30 p.m., giving members time to have a bite to eat at the Club prior to meeting.**

Any questions contact:

**Terry Satre @ 253-845-2398** or [Teltim@comcast.net](mailto:Teltim@comcast.net)

**Bruce Burns 253-961-8802** or [bwburns36@gmail.com](mailto:bwburns36@gmail.com)

**Howard Hicks -253-847-6274** [hkhicks1302@gmail.com](mailto:hkhicks1302@gmail.com)

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## Whatcom Chapter News

Just a reminder the **WWA-Whatcom County Chapter** meets at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center, 5236 Nielsen Avenue, Ferndale, WA** on the first Tuesday of every month! Our next meeting is Tuesday, **October 6th**. Come and join us! Any questions call **Scott O'Day** at 360.966-4112.



Tacoma Sportsmen's Club

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





## **Moses Lake Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Event**

Hosted by  
The Moses Lake DU Committee

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2015**

MARDON RESORT  
8198 HWY 262 SE  
Othello WA, 99344

**Hot Dogs - Calling Seminar - Door Prizes**

Doors open at 11am- \$5 Youth ~ \$10 Adult

For more information contact

Tom O'Dell  
509.764.8557

Troy Wiley  
509.989.3536

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# Seattle Chapter News

By John Arrabito

## September Program to be Special

If you can't make the August meeting, be sure to put **September 23rd** on your calendar as **WWA-Seattle Chapter** members, **Dick Schweiter** and **Rich Smith**, will put on a joint audio/visual presentation about their respective trips/hunts in Africa.

In addition I am sure they'll answer all of your questions from costs; to how to; to guide and safari recommendations. I'm also sure they will provide a unique perspective to the recent "**Cecil the Lion**" media hysteria. Come out and join us in the [hopefully] cool, summer, evening air and enjoy some off-season shooting.

"Hopefully our presentation will illustrate the role that sport/trophy hunting plays in conservation, and the economies in these poor areas in Africa. This is what I mean by going on the offensive about getting this message out to the public. Simply reacting to negative reporting by the Anti's is a losing strategy. Relegating ourselves to being only on the defensive is a surefire recipe for disaster. We need this kind of information to get out to the public at large. Otherwise we are only 'preaching to the choir,' says **Dick Schweiter**.

## Youth Only Hunt Weekend at Ilwaco

The Seattle Chapter is "adopting" the **Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)** — much like the **Lower Columbia Chapter** has adopted the **Ridgefield NWR** — for our habitat and other projects. This Saturday, September 19th, members from our Chapter will be helping the Refuge put on their **First Ever Youth Only Hunt** at the **Porter Point Unit** of the Refuge. **See Flyer on Adjacent Page 7.**

Tides are a bit strange for Saturday morning, but the event kicks off at 7 a.m., with plenty of "freebie" hunt gear for the kids, and a catered lunch for all! Come and be part of it. Call me [info on Page 1] if you want to participate.

## Congrats to the 2015 Ferd Nist Shooting Champion

Congrats to **Seattle Chapter Shooting Chairman** and **new Chapter Treasurer David Hanson**, who successfully defended his 2014 trophy from some great competition, including former 6-time winner, **Gary Webster**, now living in Idaho, and his uncle **John Hanson**, a winner of the event in **2000**.

## Another Successful BJ Brown Memorial Shoot

The overcast and sometime drizzly weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm for the **9th Annual BJ Brown Memorial Shoot** on past Sunday, September 13th, at the **Kenmore Shotgun Range**.

**BJ BROWN**, was a Trapper at the **Kenmore Range** and was lost in a tragic auto accident several years ago. His parents, **WWA-Seattle Chapter** and **Life Members, Jenny and Mike Lutz**, utilize this event to keep his memory alive with family and friends and **WWA** members. Since 2007 they have donated to **WWA** over \$10,500 from the monies raised with this shoot in the memory of their son who so loved waterfowl and upland bird hunting.

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# Kitsap County Chapter News

Just a reminder the **WWA-Kitsap County Chapter** meets at the **Bremerton Trap and Skeet Club, 4956 State Highway 3 SW in Bremerton**, on the first Wednesday of every month! Our next meeting is Wednesday, **October 7th** Come and join us!

Any questions call **Les Hollister** at 210.410-3037.  
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# Spokane Chapter News


**Chairman wanted!**

**Do you know anyone in the Spokane area interested in spreading the waterfowling**

**heritage?**

**Let us know!!!**

**OLD SKAGIT GUN CLUB**  
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# Youth Waterfowl Hunt Event

at

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, September 19, 2015

**Event starts at 7:00 am**

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

Porter Point Unit

Follow signs to S. Bay Units/Riekkola Unit

Located off of Sandridge Road at the east end of 67<sup>th</sup> Place in Long Beach, WA

**Fun! Prizes! Food! Hunter Education!**

Hosted by

Washington Waterfowl Association,

Ducks Unlimited, and

Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

**RSVP by September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

360-484-3482

[Willapa@fws.gov](mailto:Willapa@fws.gov)

*Special youth hunting season (ducks only) is open to hunters under 16 years of age and must be accompanied by an adult who is not hunting on September 19 and 20, 2015. Hunters must have a valid state hunting license; any required stamps and hunter education course certificate.*



## Northwest Chapter News

By Reb Broker

### Youth-Only Hunt Weekend of September 19-20

Rick Skiba only has one slot left (at least as I'm

writing this) for the youth hunts. Tides are a little wacky this year, but we are going to have some good shoots. So if you have a young hunter and don't have a place to go, give **Rick** a shout to get out for the day at **(253) 293-4637**.

What it is Sept already!!!!

Goose hunting???

The boys are just getting going on the doves, and we are supposed to be chasing geese... Again time is making fun of us — well me really!!! Have enjoyed a few dove shoot here around the house. Made it out after school for a few poppers to have on hand for the opener game this weekend.

The boys trying to play it cool, but had lots of fun shooting something that was just out the door and not a drive to get there! Would like to say they were all ours but met up with a few other **NW Chapter** members to get the job done. Thanks to **Geoff Bush** and **Everett Wardlaw** for the fun shoot!

### Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant?

Yeap our guys got it done! The blind that we were approved for is completed, other than waiting on **WDFW** to get the gravel access done. Everything that we needed to get finished is framed, walled, doored, painted and looking good enough to put the stamp of approval on it. Well done to **Art Kendell** on putting the proposal together, administering and working this project!

The thing I liked most about working on this one is the joy of Air Tools! Who would have known they work as hammers just as good as wrenches!!!!

### WWA NW Banquet on Saturday, September 19th

Join us this Saturday for the **1st Annual NW Chapter Banquet** on Saturday, September 19th. **[See Flyer on the Adjacent Page 9]!**



### Skagit Wildlife Area Pre-Season Tour

The last thing I'm going to twist your ear about is the October 3rd tour of the **Skagit Wildlife Area and Farmed Island Area!**

We will meet up at 9am to do tours of the area (Saltmarsh, Island) and show you where the blinds are and might even tell you a trick or two to help out.

### Calling Practice Every Wednesday

If you would like to know how to work your duck [and goose] calls a little better so that you can get closer shots, **WWA-NW** hosts calling classes on Wednesday nights at 6pm at the **Skagit Wildlife Area**. Contact me (info on Page 1) for more details.





# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association Banquet

Please come join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Banquet of the Northwest Chapter of Washington Waterfowl Association on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in 2015. We will be enjoying the evening with family fun, auctions, raffles, and delicious food.



**September 19th**  
**Location: 19299 Rexville Grange Road**  
**Mt. Vernon, WA**  
**Doors Open: 5:00 PM**  
**Dinner served 6:30 PM**

Washington Waterfowl Association is a leader in waterfowl and wetlands conservation, protecting the rights of waterfowl hunters and land conservation across the state of Washington and beyond.

**Single: \$35**

**Couple: \$60**

**Youth: \$20**

**Hunting Party Table: \$500**

**Includes: 8 Tickets, WWA Memberships, WWA Commemorative Beer Glasses and FREE Beer, Hats, \$200 in Raffle Tickets.**

**Corporate Party Table: \$1000**

**Includes: Name on the table and seating in the front row, 8 Tickets, a special table only drawing for either a shotgun for a .22 rifle, WWA memberships, WWA Commemorative Beer Glasses and FREE Beer, Hats, \$300 in Raffle Tickets.**

Please Mark selection and amount of tickets. Make all checks payable to: **NW Washington Waterfowl Association.** All credit cards will be processed at event.

**Youth: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Single: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Couple: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hunting Party Table: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Corporate Table: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Questions?**  
**Contact Reb Broker: (760) 859-7442**

## Grays Harbor Chapter News

By Kurt Snyder

Hi everyone.

Last Saturday, September 12th, we had our **Fourth Annual Youth Pre-Season Shooting Event** at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club in Rochester**. Word has it that the 12 kids that shot had a pretty good time.

Also that the adults that shot the course had some fun too. This is what it's all about! The kids got to shoot on the sporting clays range out of a boat, stand up blinds and layout blinds. The poison bird targets were a favorite as it's challenging yet easy for most of the kids. The kids all left with some pretty good prizes.

These kids are the future of all things hunting, and I'm happy to say that what we are doing will give them the push they need to go on and have a great lifetime of water fowling!

I have dozens of people to thank for supporting this annual event. I hope I haven't forgot someone.

- ◆ It starts with everyone in our Chapter that sold and or bought Hunt Raffle tickets.
- ◆ The volunteers for giving their time to help make it happen.
- ◆ Those that have donated the money, prizes and equipment.
- ◆ The **WWA-SW Chapter** for paying for and making a BBQ lunch for all. [It was really good, BTW]!
- ◆ **Cabela's Lacey** for their donation of prizes.
- ◆ The **WWA-LC Chapter** for a \$200.00 check.

- ◆ The **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** for the use of their facility and their year around support.
- ◆ The **Oregon Waterfowl Festival** for the donation of a dozen **Zink Power Hen and Power Cluck** duck calls.
- ◆ Special thanks to member **Dirk Farrar** for organizing the event, donating 800 targets and buying and selling dozens of raffle tickets.
- ◆ Finally I want to express my gratitude to our **WWA-Grays Harbor Chapter** members! You all pull through every time with your time, effort and money to make our functions not just successful but fun and productive too. With your help we can and will continue to slowly exceed our goals.

As Chapter Chairman I feel very fortunate to have such great members! Their continuing generosity amazes and humbles me every time!

**Don't forget the Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle is in full swing. See Flyer on Adjacent Page 11. This year we added an alternate sea duck hunt! The winners will have their choice of an inland waterfowl hunt at Cedarville Farms Hunt Club or a Puget Sound trophy sea duck hunt hosted by yours truly!!! Hurry and get your tickets, the drawing is October 2nd.**

I hope to see some of you out in the hunt this year!

Kurt Snyder

[Kurtsnyder@outdrs.net](mailto:Kurtsnyder@outdrs.net)

360-485-9353



**An un-named shooter takes a boat blind shot at our Grays Harbor Chapter annual Youth Shooting Event as members Diane, Will and Jim Goldsmith observe. The kids all thought the boat blind was pretty cool!**

## News for the Flock

# *Hunt for Two Raffle* CEDARVILLE FARMS WATERFOWL CLUB



**Drawing Date October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

**Two Chances to Win with every ticket!**

**Two Drawings and Two Winners – Each for a Two-Person Hunt!**

**Hunts will be on either:**

- the Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive hunting properties or
- on Puget Sound
- during the 2015/2016 waterfowl season.

**Overnight lodging included at the Cedarville Farms Lodge near Oakville, WA.**

**Winner has choice of: *Inland Waterfowl Hunt or Puget Sound Trophy Sea Duck Hunt!***

**Ticket price is \$5.00 per single ticket or \$20.00 for Five (5) tickets.**

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

*Contact your WWA Chapter Chairman for ticket purchase and contact [kurtsnyder@outdrs.net](mailto:kurtsnyder@outdrs.net) or 360-485-9353 for purchase, raffle rules and information.*

## Lower Columbia Chapter News

By Doug Hargin

### Chapter Fund Raising Banquet September 19<sup>th</sup>

We are looking forward to seeing you, your family and friends at our annual fund raising banquet on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>. The doors will open at 5:30 at Club Green Meadows. [See Flyer on the Adjacent Page 13].

The goods are collected, and we need is you to be a part of it! We now need you to round up friends, extended family and hunting buddies to make this a success. Our event has always been a fun, family-friendly event for a great cause. For tickets or for donation info contact **Arlan Hackett** at (360) 600-9484 or **Doug Hargin** at (360) 903-6951.

### Ridgefield NWR Brush Up September 26<sup>th</sup>

Join us at 8 AM on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the hunter check station to camouflage blinds and prepare the **River S Unit** hunt area for the season. Bring your waders, gloves and appetite!

This event is always a great way to get yourself "in the zone" for the new waterfowl season. Bring your friends and family and check out the changes completed this Summer — a great opportunity to make your favorite hunting blind "disappear" in preparation for those crisp fall mornings! A BBQ lunch will be provided.

### Ridgefield Birdfest October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

WWA will have our trailer set up just past the **Kiwa Trail** parking lot at the trailhead from **11AM to 3PM Saturday and Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will be there to answer questions and provide information about hunting on the Refuge. We will also have members giving retriever demonstrations with their dogs at blind #11. Please contact us if you can help staff either end of the event.

### MTech Black Box Blinds Completed

WWA Lower Columbia members met at **Rick Scott's** shop on Thursday eve, August 13<sup>th</sup>

to prepare the two (2) **Co-Polymer Black Box** blinds for installation at the **Ridgefield NWR**. In one night the group sanded and camo painted both blinds. They also installed dog boxes for each blind. Great job on the project guys!

Thanks go to **Rick Scott** for the use of his shop. Thanks to **Bob Taylor, Rick Erickson, Dan Hafenbrack, Ted Blade, Dave Westin, Bob Esperto** and son **Justin, Jerry Piazza** and **Arlan Hackett**.

**Doug Hargin** and **Rick Scott** delivered the blinds to the Refuge not long after they were finished. Blind #4 will get installed prior to the season. The second blind was going to be installed in **South Lake** but unfortunately permitting issues stalled any work for this year.

### Refuge Youth Hunt Early this Year

The **Ridgefield NWR Youth Hunt** will take place on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> this year. This should provide for the best shoot ever for our young up and coming hunters. Our chapter will provide calls, prizes, decoys and assistance to the hunters. A BBQ lunch will also be provided.

To request a reservation send in a post card with the name and age of the youth hunter to **PO Box 457, Ridgefield, WA 98642**, or deliver to the Refuge office by **October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants will be notified by mail about their reservation status. Only youth hunters (15 and under) will be issued reservations for the morning hunt.

The general public can resume hunting at noon with a ping-pong ball lottery to determine blind assignment for unoccupied blinds.

**Bob Esperto and son, Justin helping to camo and prepare the Black Box Blinds for installation at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.**



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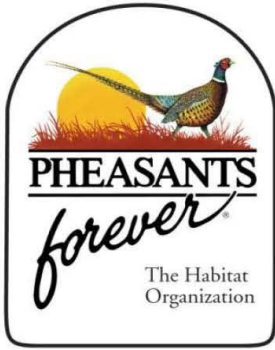
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**Robert Strong (left) receiving his trophy July 18th from WA Waterfowl Assn., President, Rone Brewer, as the new WA State Duck Calling Champion. Next stop is Stuttgart, AR during Thanksgiving week to participate in the World Championships representing WA. Look for all the WA Final Results in below.**

### 2015 WA DUCK and GOOSE CALLING CONTEST RESULTS

A big thanks to all the callers that turned out for our annual duck and goose calling contest. Overall we had more contestants than usual, but no junior and youth callers. The competition was very close, with few points separating the first three places... and tie breaker in two of the contests. Big thanks to **Avery Outdoors, Bill Saunder's Calls, Pacific Calls, and Buck Gardner Calls** for their contributions making the event a success. The final results were:

#### State Sanctioned Duck Calling:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Robert Strong 780 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Shane Rossen 778 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Michael Mitchell 766 points

#### Open Duck:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Cortney Nalley 759 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Mitchel 756 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Josh Cook 753 points

#### Open Goose:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew Graham 778 Points (293 points in tie breaker)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Plughoff 778 points (286 points in tie breaker)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dusty Brown 765 points

#### State Goose:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew Graham 780 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Cullian 778 points (294 points in tie breaker)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – John Plughoff 778 points (291 points in tie breaker)

## Tri-Cities Chapter News

By Charles Jones

The new and revitalized **WWA-Tri Cities Chapter** will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, **October 13th at Kiko's Tacos**, 1014 S. Washington Street, Kennewick, WA 99337 — that's down from **Red Apple** and across the street from **Burger King**.

We will be hosting a local game warden, so bring your questions about whatever bee[s] are in your bonnet.

Contact your duck hunting buddies and help us get the **WWA-Tri-Cities** up and running strong again!

We will be meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, year round, at **Kiko's**, beginning at 6 p.m.

**Again, our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th.**

Contact new **Chapter Chairman, Jason Oliver** at 509.366-9914 or [megan-oliver@hotmail.com](mailto:megan-oliver@hotmail.com) or

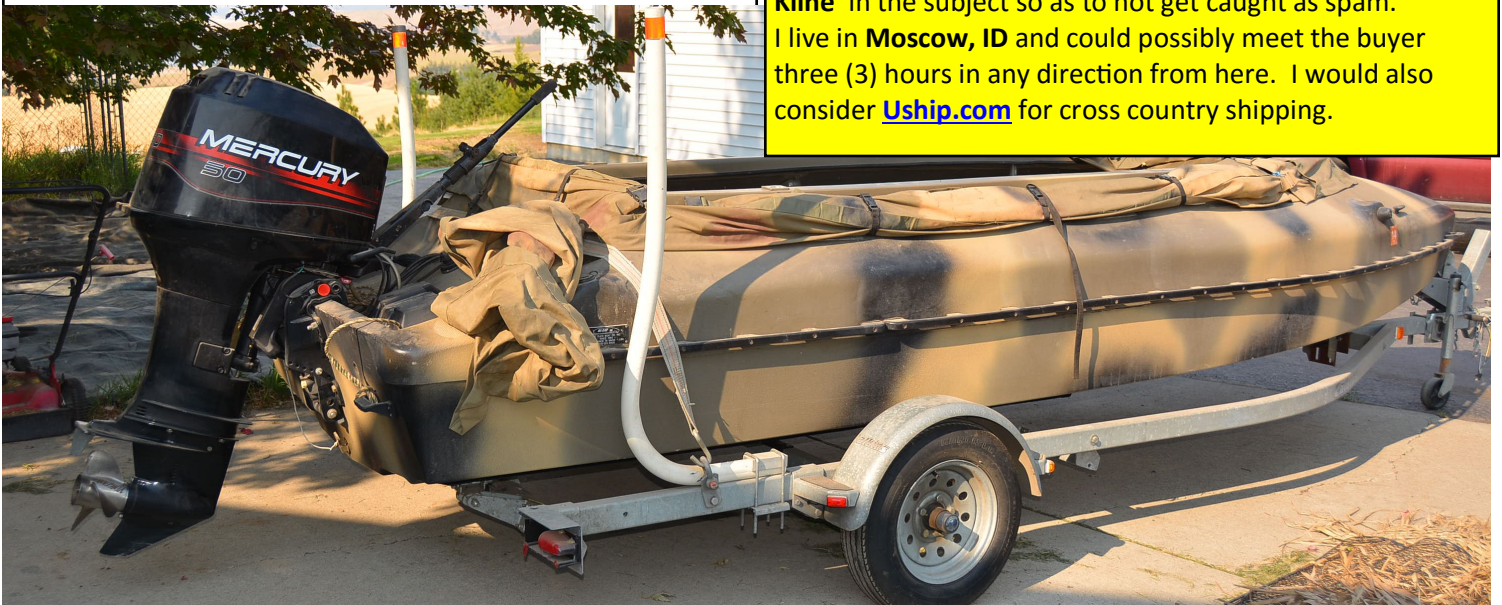
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WWA Youth Fund — \$1,545

WWA Legal Fund — \$17,492

Monthly Recurring Donation — John Arrabito, September 2015 — \$5

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WWA Habitat Fund — \$785

WWA Jay Koetje Memorial Fund for Skagit Farmed Island — \$1,980

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Buley	Parker	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Cohee	Jordan	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Cohee	Michael	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Dollarhide	Dyson	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Schoo	Samey	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Smith	Evan	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Smith	Ryan	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Steffen	Piper	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Verrall	Charles	Moses Lake	Junior Membership (Under 18yo)
Lisser	Kevin	Northwest	Individual membership
Pepper	Clifford	Southwest	Family membership

# News for the Flock

## TREASURERS. REPORT (9-3-2015)

Corporate Checking (BAC)	\$ 15,410.25
Corporate Checking (AW)	\$ 498.00
Jay Koetje Trust for	
Skagit Farmed Island	\$ 1,975.00
Duck Stamp Account	\$ 10,404.49
Merchandise Account	\$ 3,368.20
Corporate C.D.	\$ <u>17,609.05</u>
Corporate Total	\$ 49,264.99

## CHAPTER FINANCES

GH Checking	\$ 1,632.41
Kitsap Chapter	(To Be Funded)
LC Checking	\$ 19,120.67
ML Checking	\$ 10,829.24
NW Checking	\$ 2,790.71
SEA Checking	\$ 26,599.13
SEA CD Amount	\$ 9,751.42
SEA Robert Hickok Fund	\$ 1,316.83
SPO Checking	\$ Closed 5/19/2014
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# STATE OF WILLAPA BAY

Update #3, August 2015

Produced by RP Barkhurst

## Life in the Dead Zone- The 2015 Eelgrass Die Off

As previous readers may be aware, the insecticide imidacloprid and its permit have been removed from Gray's Harbor and Willapa Bay. Many folks saw the headlines and had the impression that "spraying has stopped". It has not. In Willapa Bay we are undergoing the aftermath of a new wide open spraying program to eradicate eelgrass. The result is a "Dead Zone" is developing in the south near the mouth of the Nemah River.

You may remember the Four deadly N's, "No baseline, No monitoring, No limits, No problem". Over 3,000



The "Nemah Flats" as it appeared in the first part of May 2015 is typically covered with eelgrass that provides shelter and feed for fish, birds, and other wildlife.

can retard growth at strengths 10,000 times less.

This ALS inhibitor is believed to be accumulating in the south end of the bay where circulation is known to be poor. As a result, the dilution assumed by Ecology when issuing the spraying permit is apparently not incurring. Imazamox is carried into the Dead Zone from the north part of the bay as well.

This die-off was predicted in an appeal filed of Ecology's spraying permit based on oceanographic principles known since the 1950's and reaffirmed recently in a UW detailed study and explanation of Willapa's vertical boundary flow pattern. When Ecology ignores certain physical principals and allows chemical injections of this type into a low flow marine area, the picture to the right shows what we get is accurately labeled as a "Dead Zone" (see page 4 for explanation).

acres of duckgrass (*Zostera japonica*) have been approved for spraying by the Dept of Ecology (Ecology) for this year. In the name of eliminating duckgrass (*Zostera japonica*), all other eelgrass species are allowed to be killed where a permittee says duckgrass is present. A review of old baseline maps shows this can take up to 1,000 acres of protected *Zostera marina* eelgrass with it this year alone.

Still, these on-site mixed beds are just half the problem. The other problem half relates to the powerful nature of the chemical of choice, imazamox. It is an ALS inhibitor. Minute amounts of ALS inhibitor, sometimes less than detectable, can seriously retard plant growth. It goes on at 600 parts per million and



The newly created "Dead Zone" (Nemah Flats) as it looked on July 25th is approximately 3,500 yards from the nearest area Ecology approved for spraying in 2015



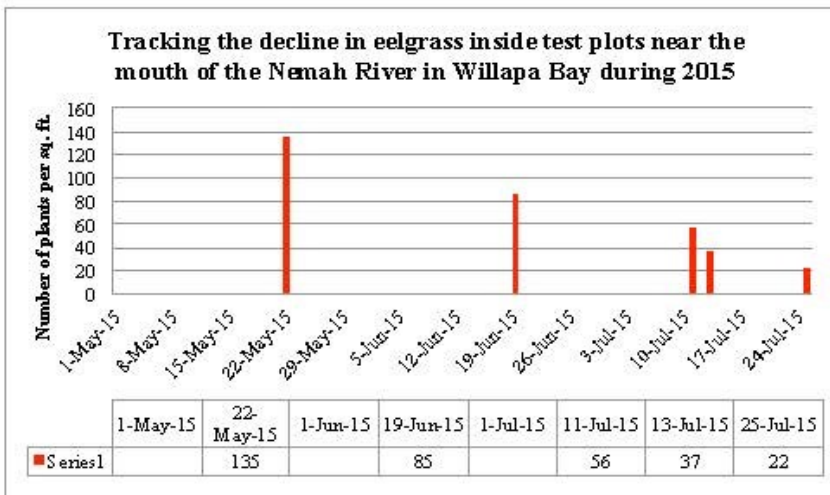
Test plots were established in the Nemah Flats and the number of eelgrass plants (per square foot) were carefully counted and recorded from May through July.



The same test plot as seen on July 25, 2015 showed a dramatic reduction in the number of plants.

The author has placed a few benchmarks on the Nemah Flats and taken pictures. Sampling with careful counting was done periodically five times between May 22 through July 25. Ecology’s spraying permit notes a buffer around a sprayed area of 30 feet would protect other properties from chemical migration. The bottom line, 3,500 yards from the nearest legal spraying, at a time when significant growth should have been occurring, the sampling and counting showed:

1. An 82% decrease in numbers of duckgrass branches
2. A 50% decrease in the robustness of the branches
3. An estimated 90% reduction in volume of vegetative material available for waterfowl forage
4. The ability to harbor invertebrates is 90% reduced, or more
5. Rhizomes are now almost nonexistent where previously numerous.



6. *Z. marina* seems to have held steady in a period when it should have been growing.

In summary, the Fish & Wildlife Commission has passed a new salmon management policy for Willapa Bay. It only addresses the hatchery production and harvest part of the equation. The policy remains nearly silent regarding another huge ingredient, the quality of estuarine habitat.

The fisheries harvest sacrifices that will be made as a result of the policy’s attempt to protect natural spawning salmon populations will be for naught unless the state of Washington recognizes the degradation of key marine estuary habitat that is occurring from spraying in Willapa by the shellfish growers. Then, one needs to consider the bay’s fading ability to host shorebirds and waterfowl resulting from the spraying.

At this point, a “Dead in the Water” agency, ironically called the Department of Ecology has taken a flawed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) drafted by the shellfish industry and used it to issue the same industry a

permit plagued by the deadly Four N's referenced earlier. This permit allows unlimited acreage, now far greater than the flawed EIS assumed, to have all eelgrass removed, with no restoration, by injection of a chemical pollutant throughout the waters of Willapa Bay. The permit ignores proven lower flow water circulation patterns and the ALS inhibitor effect. Then, in the event sprouts of duckgrass are spotted by the shellfish growers, all vegetation on the bed can be sprayed year after year until all vegetation of any kind disappears permanently.

Ecology says it is just a "clearinghouse" and that it got no major concerns or comments from other agencies when writing this permit. This is somewhat short of reality. It got plenty concerns from citizens and some agencies as well and ignored all but those representing the shellfish growers. There is an appeal of this disastrous permit filed before the Pollution Control Hearings Board of our state and the outcome is unknown at this point.

Now that all can see with their own eyes what is happening (Dead Zone creation), it is time for state agencies to speak up. WDFW and DNR must rise up further than they did during the old comment period for the permit issued by Ecology. Ecology should recognize the errors of its way and stop enabling the spraying of these chemicals in the Willapa Bay estuary. Until corrective action is taken, the only effective means to object that citizens have available is to cease buying clams and oysters produced in Willapa by those determined to defoliate our major coastal estuary.

Natural spawning salmon in Willapa are in constant decline, but at least the Commission recognized the fact and took action to protect the fish from over harvesting. Without a functioning estuary, the fish will continue to suffer right along with the shorebirds, waterfowl, and raptors that rely upon the habitat found in the estuary. Goals for all wildlife carrying capacity in the bay are needed and should be generated under an open public process like the Commission used for its new salmon policy.

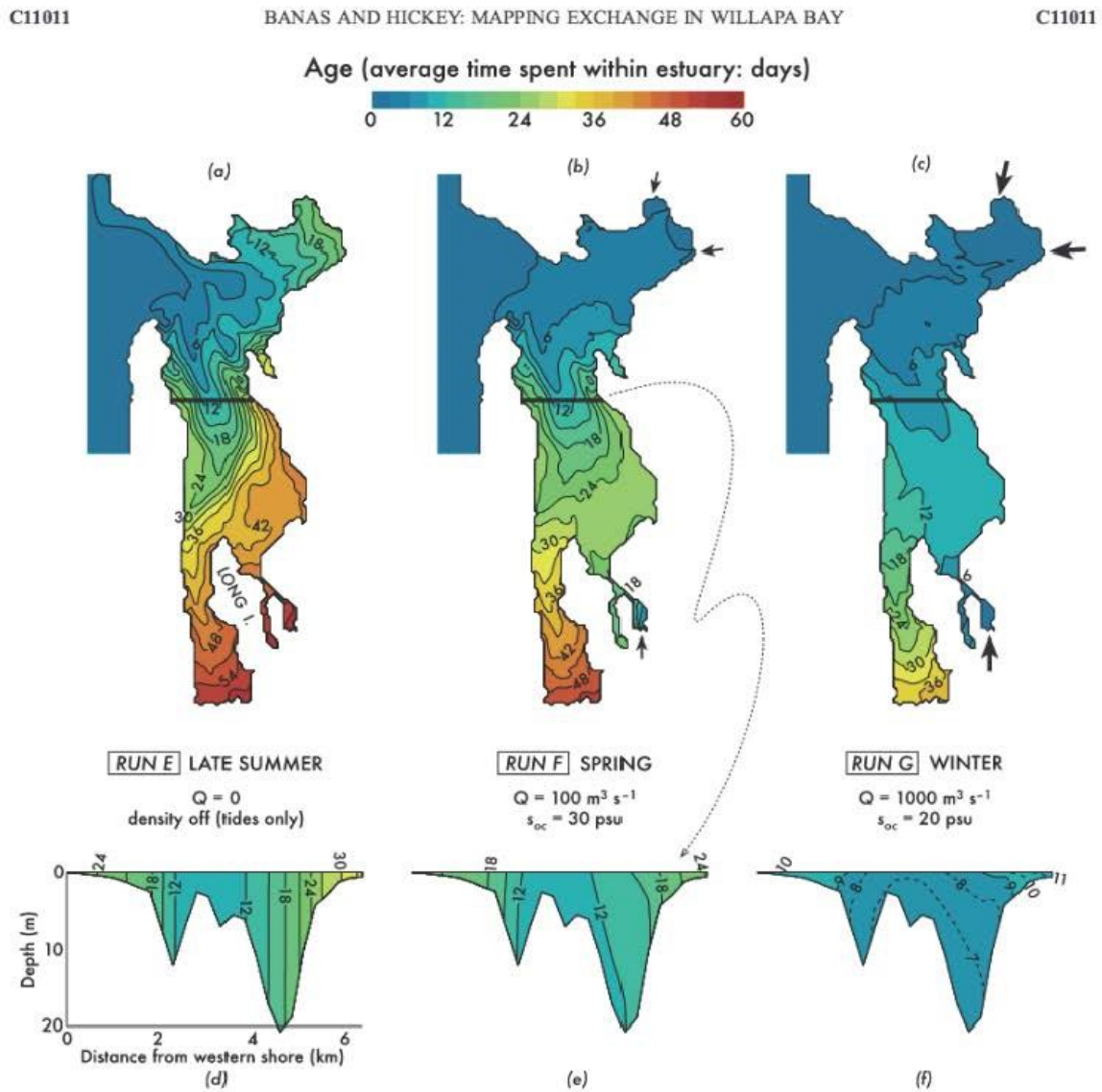
If action is not taken, Willapa Bay will shortly lose its claim as the state's most pristine bay. The name will present an image in people's mind of barren mud flats that are loaded up with chemicals sprayed by shellfish growers. Pointing out that the fact that not all the chemicals stayed behind in the mud might be one defense. After all, an adjustment could be considered for the amount of chemicals absorbed by the clams, oysters, and crabs that were shipped out for consumption by unsuspecting consumers.



Low tide shows the area that was approved for spraying by Ecology that is approximately 3,500 yards from the test plots in the Nemah Flats is nearly barren of vegetation in July of 2015

## While fully aware of the problem, Ecology has failed to recognize the water exchange in Willapa Bay when granting spray permits

A key factor in the creation of the “Dead Zone” is the low rate of exchange of water flow coming in from the Pacific to the southern portion of the bay. The graphic below is taken from a study published in by N. S. Banas and B. M. Hickey, School of Oceanography, University of Washington in 2005. The study showed the water in the south stays in the estuary for up to 54 days (red areas) while to the north, the water flushes from exchange with the Pacific in less than 12 days. The “Dead Zone” documented in this report is located just east of the tip of Long Island where the average time spent in the estuary for the water is 45 days. The low rate of exchange is not adequately addressed in the permit issued by Ecology and as a result, the spraying is believed to be the cause that is creating the “Dead Zone” in the south.



**Figure 9.** Maps of water age (average time that the water in each grid cell has spent within the estuary) under three constant forcing scenarios (runs E–G, Table 2). River flow  $Q$  and ocean salinity  $s_{oc}$  are given for each case where they are applied. (a–c) Depth-averaged age; arrows mark river inputs. (d–f) Vertical sections of age at mid-estuary.

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

- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (Feb – Oct) at **Bremerton Skeet & Trap Club**.
- 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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Tacoma Sportsman's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E, Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** – Vacant
- Tri Cities Chapter** — meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Kiko's Tacos**, 1014 S Washington Street, Kennewick, WA 99337.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at the **Tenant Lake Interpretive Center**.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (Feb – Sept) alternating between restaurants in Either **Prosser** or **Zillah**. See Page 2 for this month's meeting location.

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**A few facts about the WWA:**

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

**Our projects include:**

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