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Letter from the President



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June is election month for **WWA Directors and Officers**, be sure to fulfill your responsibility.

VOTE!!!!

HB 1134: Banning the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines. Sponsored by:

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By Request of Attorney General Bob Ferguson, D

HB 5050: Banning the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

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By Request: Attorney General Bob Ferguson, D

(More from the President on **Page 3**)

Vote for Officers & Directors!

Proposed ballot on page 5.

Final position nominations are due May 31, 2018

Ballots are due June 30, 2018

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

News for the Flock

EVENTS CALENDAR

2018 Events

- May 15 Spring Turkey Season remains open Statewide thru May 31st. See the link to the Regs [here](#).
- May 19 Shillapoo Blind Repair and Replacement of blinds. Lunch provided. **More info page 16.**
- May 22 Southwest Chapter Monthly Meeting at 6:30pm at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club - **NOTE — CHANGE of DATE!**
- May 23 Seattle Chapter Monthly Meeting at 6:30pm at Kenmore Shotgun Range with guest speaker Cole Caldwell, WDFW's head of their Private Lands Program in Region 4. **More info on page 12.**
- May 31 Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors due.
- May 31 Lower Columbia Chapter Monthly Meeting with guest speaker Larry Hoff. **More info on page 16.**
- June 7 Grays Harbor Chapter Monthly Meeting at Evergreen Sportsmen's Club.
- June 5 Whatcom County Chapter monthly meeting at the Ferndale Public Library
- June 12 NW Chapter Monthly Meeting at Conway Fire Station at 7pm.
- June 12, 19 & 26 Clinic with Two-Time Washington State Duck Calling Champion - Troy Taylor at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club. **More info on page 7.**
- June 23 & 24 Oregon Waterfowl Festival at Polk County Fairgrounds. **Learn more [here](#).** Interested in volunteering? Please contact Doug Hargin.

- July 21 Shotgun Shooting Clinic at the Evergreen Sportmen's Club. **More info on page 9.**
- July 21 Youth interested in competing in the WA State Duck and Goose Calling Championships must pre-register by today. **More info on page 15.**
- Aug 2-3 17th Annual Western Open at the Top Gun Club in Mt Vernon. Volunteers needed to man the WWA booth. **More info on page 13.**
- Aug 4 The 2018 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships at Sumner Sportsman's Club in Sumner, WA. **More information on page 15.**
- Aug 18 Free Annual Youth Shooting Event at Evergreen Sportsmen's Club. **More info on page 10.**
- Aug 25 Free Trap Shoot for Youth with the Moses Lake WWA Chapter. **More info on page 8.**
- Sept 22 & 23 Nora Ross Trap Shooting Clinic: Nora Ross, 34 Time ATA All American and a member of the ATA Trap Shooting Hall of Fame, will be returning to the **Old Skagit Gun Club** for a two-day trap shooting clinic. **Learn more [here](#).**
- Sept 30 Lower Columbia Chapter Annual Banquet. Mark your calendar and donate your items.

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



Letter from the President Continued from Page 1

As waterfowlers and gun owners you owe to yourself and your families the knowledge of knowing who sponsored the bills above in this just past legislative session.

There is little doubt in MY mind that the aforementioned legislators seek the ban of all firearms in Washington State.

One of the best and most memorable people I ever worked for was a white haired Irishman named **Jack Casey**. He had what seemed like countless anecdotes for just about every situation. One of those applies to those listed above. He would tell me occasionally, "Jimmy, you need to remember the 11th Commandment 'Know Thy Enemy'" .

For the purpose of this application and in the interest of Political Correctness, I'll amend that to read, "Know Thy Friends."

Commencing with this newsletter, you will be seeing ongoing ads to join **NRA** each month. If you are not a member, please consider joining. As Americans, outdoors enthusiasts, and people who believe we need to maintain the right to protect ourselves, our property, and those we love. We do not want **Our Country** to go the route of Canada or Australia. [Click here to join NRA today.](#)

I make donations to causes and people I believe in. Sometimes I even do a little work on behalf of my candidates and causes. That said, part of the joy for doing my good deeds is an ongoing onslaught of requests for help... financial and other.

As president of **WWA**, I don't believe I have ever sought donations for a particular cause. In this, my last newsletter article, I'm going to depart from that record.

Over the past couple of years, as you are well aware, **WWA** has been embroiled in a dispute with **WDFW** over the destruction of **Shillapoo Wildlife Area** in southwest Washington. The Directors and Officers have made the decision in recent months to expound too much on neither our efforts nor our successes.

You need to know that your directors and officers have burned the candles at both ends filing **Public Disclosure Requests (PDR's)**, sifting and researching documents, driving up and down the highways, meeting with Legislators during the week and on weekends to educate them as to our viewpoint on the **Shillapoo** Dispute. **WWA** members and officers have attended at least four (4) public and private meetings with **WDFW**.

As a result, the Washington State Legislature "pulled the funding" for the project from the coming budget period.

Your leadership is now moving into a new phase of the **defense of Shillapoo** and the other dozen or so wildlife areas created and maintained for specific purposes around Washington. It is important for all of you to understand the basics of the [Pittman-Robertson Act](#). That being that all hunting and fishing equipment in the U.S. has an additional tax tacked on that goes to the **Department of the Interior** to be spent on the creation and maintenance of areas such as **Shillapoo**.

Shillapoo was , in part, created and maintained for the **express benefit and purpose of waterfowl**.

Washington State and **WDFW** entered into contracts and obligations with the **Department of the Interior — the U.S. Government** — to create **Shillapoo**. **Shillapoo** is in fact a public trust managed by **WDFW**.

They do not have the right to back out of the deal with we sportsmen and women who have been paying into the trust for over 70 years. They do not have the right to sacrifice the 80 plus species who use the area in the "hope" that they will be able to re-create a Salmon fishery from over 100 years ago.

Please consider a donation to the WWA Legal Fund today!

Lastly, *it has been an honor* to have attempted to set direction for **WWA** over the past few years. I wish I could have done more. That said, I want to acknowledge all of you members that make a difference on behalf of waterfowl and waterfowling. I especially want to acknowledge the **directors and officers** for their many efforts...and for putting up with me. And, I want to say thank you so much **Matty Moore** for helping get our newsletter out each month... I still owe you a lunch.

For the Resource,
Jim Cortines

Candidate Bio's for Board Positions

Bio for Rick Holt– Candidate for WWA President

My name is **Richard (Rick) Holt**, I am a retired union carpenter. I have lived in Washington state for 40 years. I joined the **WWA Northwest Chapter** in April 2014. I was elected to the Board of Directors (BOD) in 2015. I am currently the Vice President. As our current BOD president is stepping down from his position as President, I would like to be elected the next President of **WWA**. I believe in the goals we are trying to accomplish and will do my best to keep us going in the same direction.

Bio for Bruce Burns: Candidate for WWA Board of Directors

I am running for election to one of the **WWA Board of Directors** positions in the upcoming June 2018 Election. I have been a member of **Southwest Chapter** of the **WWA** for the past 10 years, two (2) years ago I took over the Chairperson of the **Southwest Chapter**. During my time with the organization I have been involved in setting up and running the **WWA** booth at the annual **Puyallup Sportsman Show**; maintaining the duck blinds at **Rapjohn Lake**; plus other volunteer projects with this Chapter.

About six (6) months ago I was appointed to the **WWA Board of Directors** to fill a open position, around the same time I was invited to the newly formed **Pierce County Sports and Recreation Council**.

Bio for Mark Pidgeon: Candidate for WWA Board of Directors

My name is **Mark Pidgeon**, I joined **WWA Grays Harbor Chapter** in April of 2016. I was appointed to the Board of Directors in January of 2018. I am currently the President of the **Hunters Heritage Council** and also **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation**. I have been active in the political process in Washington for 42 years. I believe in **WWA** and its mission.

Bio for Jim Goldsmith: Candidate for WWA Board of Directors

I have hunted big game, small game, and birds (including waterfowl) since I was about 10-years-old. Much of my hunting background was in Arizona; however, I have also hunted in Washington, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and South Africa as well. I am very passionate about protecting our rights and ability to hunt, and our Second Amendment rights. I was the hunter representative in the workgroup formed to review the proposed Thurston County No Shooting Zone Ordinance in 2011 and 2012 and worked diligently to the defeat of TCNSZO.

My family and I have been members of the **WWA** since 2011. I have been on the **WWA** Board of Directors from mid-2017 to present. I have been on the **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation** Board of Directors from 2014 to present, and Westside Vice-President from 2015 to present.

Other organization affiliations (to name a few): **Delta Waterfowl, Safari Club International, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Rifle Association, Second Amendment Foundation, Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms**. Professionally, I worked as a manufacturing engineer for over two decades. I have a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master's degree in Geographic Information Systems.

NOMINATIONS remain open for Organization-wide **WWA** Officers and Board of Directors are open until May 31, with a final **WWA Ballot** to be published in the June 15, 2018 Newsletter. See the proposed ballot on page 5.

If needed, please use the ballot on page 5 as an absentee ballot. Instructions are included on page 5 on how to submit an absentee ballot.

Officer and Board Member Elections

NOMINATIONS remain open for Organization-wide **WWA** Officers and Board of Directors are open through the month of May, with a final **WWA Ballot** to be published in the June 15, 2018 Newsletter. All Officer positions are up for election because of mid-term appointments and end of two-year terms.

BOARD MEMBERS OPEN POSITIONS:

In addition, [per Article III, Section 4, of the current **WWA By-Laws**] six (6) new directors were appointed by **President Jim Cortines** for various reasons to fill vacancies that occurred in the **Board of Directors** in 2017 and 2018. Those new Board Members in alphabetical order are: **Bruce Burns, Jim Goldsmith, David Irons, Earl Mikkelson, Mark Pidgeon, and Kurt Snyder**, and their appointments are valid until the next annual election in June.

Only Board Member **Rod Boyer** is not up for election as he is in the last year of a 2-year term.

The current suggested ballot of the **WWA-Corporate** offices and board positions is set forth to the right. **WWA by-laws encourage a board member from each Chapter, who may participate in board meetings electronically.**

**The adjacent ballot is ADVISORY ONLY.
The official and final ballot will be published in the June 2018 WWA Newsletter.**

Absentee Ballot — This ballot may be used as an Absentee Ballot. To vote by Absentee Ballot, first mark your ballot and place it in a blank envelope without any identification of the sender, and seal it. Place the unmarked envelope in an envelope identifying the voting member with a return address. In order to be counted, absentee ballots will only be counted from members who have paid their 2018 dues.

Ballots must be emailed to outgoing President **Jim Cortines** at: wawtrfwlr@comcast.net, or postmarked and addressed to:

WWA,
P.O. Box 2131
Auburn, WA 98071

by **June 30, 2018.**

WWA Corporate Sample Ballot

Corporate Offices: (One Vote For Each Office)

President

Rick Holt

(Write In)

Vice President

(Write In)

Secretary

Bob Taylor

(Write In)

Treasurer

John Arrabito

(Write In)

**[Board of Directors: (Vote For No More than 8)
(Listed In Alphabetical Order with Chapter Designations)**

- Abel Cortina (YV)**
- Bruce Burns (SW)**
- Jim Goldsmith (GH)**
- Bruce Feagan (ML)**
- David Irons (SEA)**
- Earl Mikkelson (SW)**
- Mark Pidgeon (SW)**
- Kurt Snyder (GH)**

(Write In)

News for the Flock

Southwest Chapter News

By: Bruce Burns

CHANGE OF DATE to May Chapter Meeting:

This month's meeting has been changed to Tuesday, May 22. It is still at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** in the Education Building at 6:30pm. Come early and shoot a round of trap or skeet plus the kitchen is open for a bite to eat.

Up Coming June Events:

We will be hosting duck calling clinics starting Tuesday June 12, 19 and 26 it will be at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club Education Building** from 6:30 to 8 pm conducted by **SW Chapter member, Troy Taylor**, a two time **WA State Duck Calling Champion** and nationally known call maker. This clinics are open to anyone.

We would really like to see some younger people come on out and learn from a champion caller. So bring out your call and learn how to tune it up and call like a champ!
See the flyer on page 7 for more information.

State Duck Calling Contest:

The date has been set for the **State Duck Calling Contest** it will take place August 4 at the **Sumner Gun Club**.
See the flyer on page 15 for more information.

Yakima Valley Chapter News

No News This Month



Thanks to SW Chapter member, Alan Pedersen, for the great Wood Duck Nest Boxes

Whatcom County Chapter News

No News This Month



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Since each session will build on the previous session, we ask that those who sign up for this opportunity make a three (3) week commitment to the program.

**There is No Charge!
It is absolutely FREE!!!**

In addition to winning the State Contest twice, Troy has competed at the World Championships in Stuttgart, Arkansas; is an accomplished duck and goose call maker having been crowned Grand National Call Making Champion on six (6) occasions, as well as National Call Making Champion of Champions.

He is also a well respected waterfowling guide in the Pacific Northwest.

We strongly encourage all-ages to attend, especially parents and young waterfowlers!

Please reserve your spots by contacting
Washington Waterfowl Association Chairman
Bruce Burns a.s.a.p.

(253) 961-8802

P.S. We hope to have current WA State Champ, Robert Strong, stop by for a visit during one of our sessions.

News for the Flock

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Shotgun Shooting Clinic for All:

This year we will be moving back to the traps for the shooting portion of the clinic. The targets are a bit easier, and we can give the shooters more personal one-on-one attention. The clinic date is the 21st of July starting at 9:00 am., at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** near Littlerock, WA. We had 10 shooters sign up last year, and we hope to get at least that many this year. **Please see the flier on page 9.** Please RSVP!

Free Annual Youth Shooting Event:

Join us at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club** on August 18th for our annual Youth Shoot, free for all kids 15 of age and younger. Because of its popularity lunch will again be potluck style, and free for all entries and their parents. We'll have some great shooting and hunting prizes for all the kids.

We have really enjoyed doing this shoot and look forward to seeing many of you there. **RSVP** is recommended to assist in the planning. Event flyer coming soon. We have been selling raffle tickets to pay for this event. This raffle is for TWO hunts on the Cedarville Farms hunting properties. **Please see the flyer on page 10.**

Monthly Meeting:

Our Chapter meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month unless noted otherwise at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club!** The next meeting will be on June 7th. Everyone is welcome to come. I hope to see you ALL there!

Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Free Trap Shoot:

Congratulations to everyone that showed up for the **FREE** trap shoot at the **Quincy American Legion Gun Club**. It was a very successful event for all the youths that showed up to enjoy the **FREE** trap shooting and **FREE** hamburgers and hot dogs. We had around 20 youth show up to shoot, and Chapter member **Bruce Feagan** gave duck calling instruction to all the youths that were interested to try out their new **FREE** Duck calls, and other **FREE** waterfowling gear that was donated by member **Col. Tom O'Dell**, along with all the **FREE** Shotgun shells for the trap shooting.

We will again be holding a similar event on Saturday, August 25th from 11:00am, until 3:00pm. Again this event is open to all youth 15 and under that have a hunting license or have passed a certified hunter education course. It will again be hosted by the **Quincy American Legion Gun Club, Moses Lake Friends of the NRA, and Moses Lake WWA** with **FREE** trap shooting, **FREE** shells, and **FREE** hamburgers and hot dogs.

Kitsap County Chapter News

No News This Month





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News for the Flock

Seattle Chapter News

By: John Arrabito

WDFW Private Lands Manager to Present at May 23rd Meeting:

If you have questions about hunting access to private lands in **Snohomish** and/or **Skagit Counties**; how to make reservations for the same; or about the **WDFW Quality Hunt Program** on the Westside, don't miss our May 23rd meeting at the **Kenmore Gun Club**. Guest speaker will be **Cole Caldwell**, head of the **Private Lands Program** for **WDFW** in **Region 4**.

Several of our **Seattle Chapter** members have seen either **Cole's** presentation or that of his assistant, **Rob Wingard**, at previous **WWA-NW Chapter** meetings and strongly indicate that if you hunt waterfowl in Western Washington, this presentation will be well worth your time.

Shooting open all afternoon until 7pm, followed by pizza and soda, a brief business meeting, then the program from **Cole**. Hope to see you there with a prospective new member!

Programs Past and Future:

Many thanks to **Life member John Otto** and his son, **Jack**, for their presentation at our April meeting on bird taxidermy and how best to preserve your trophy bird from



Kurt Benson (right) at the Float Tank of the WA Brant Foundation's Puget Sound Decoy Carving Contest on May 5th in Mt. Vernon. It's not enough to carve and paint your decoys to look "purdy," they also need to float correctly and hopefully turn right side up when thrown in the water. Kurt, an officer of the WA Brant Foundation, founder of the WA Refuge Decoy Carving Group, and a primary mover with the PS Decoy Carving Contest, will give a presentation of his skills at our June 27th meeting.

Photos by Jim Cowgill. More of Jim's photos on page 14.

field to the taxidermist. If you missed his presentation, **John** dispelled the "myth" about stuffing your bird into an old pair of nylon stockings. "Broken wings, legs and even beaks can be fixed by a good taxidermist; broken feathers, not so much!" Another word of advice from **John**, get your bird cooled out ASAP.

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Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Art Work Supports WDFW Farmed Lands:

I'm seeing plenty of Waterfowl in the Northern Counties. It's good to see these migrating or resident birds in the area during the mid year months. The **WDFW** will soon start their annual grain farming on several **WDFW Managed Wildlife Areas** in our state. These food sources support both nesting production and migrating waterfowl.

The **Washington Migratory Bird Stamp and Art Program** is a major source of this funding. Each year hundreds of acres are planted supporting winter forage for migratory birds. Purchasing a **Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp or Migratory Bird Stamp** artwork is an investment in Washington's wetlands, waterfowl, and other migratory bird resources. You can find out more about the Washington Migratory Bird Stamp and Art Program and the projects that it funds at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/waterfowl/stamp/> and purchase art work at: <https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com/>.

Washington Brant Foundation Event:

The **Washington Brant Foundation** hosted its annual **Decoy Carving and Scholarship Auction "The Puget Sound Open"** on Saturday, May 5th at **Maiben Park** in Burlington. There were live auctions, silent auctions and raffles. Unfortunately I could not attend due to a prior commitment however, **WWA-Seattle Chapter** members **Mike Lovelace**, **Paul McGovern** and his son **Jacob**, and **John Arrabito** joined **WWA Corp VP** and **NW Chapter** member, **Rick Holt** staff the **WWA Duck Mount Display Booth**.

Two of this seasons newly installed Wood Duck Boxes at local property owner Stephan Stacey's home in Arlington. One of the Boxes has a nesting Hen. Thanks Stephen!



THANK YOU all for actively promoting the **WWA** mission. I'm told it was beautiful day to hold this event and a lot of fun by all who attended.

Blind Maintenance at local Wildlife Areas:

Bring your hammers, saws and other "implements of construction" (destruction for some of us). During the month of June the Chapter members will be repairing some of the Blinds at the **Skagit Wildlife Areas**. Some of these blinds see heavy use during the season, and a few were identified as in need of help during our March cleanup. Info on location and dates to be released soon.

Eagle Scout Project:

The **NW Chapter** will be teaming up with the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)** to support a local Boy Scouts Community Service Project. In his quest to attain the highest rank in Scouting — "Eagle Scout" — the young man has selected a **Waterfowl Hunting Blind** as his Eagle Badge Project. We'll be working with the Scout in the next couple of months as he develops his Project and a blind location is identified.

17th Annual "Western Open":

The **NW Chapter** will host a **WWA Booth** at the 17th Annual "Western Open" August 2-5, 2018 at the **Top Gun Club** in Mt Vernon. The Western Open is one of the premier Sporting Clays events in the nation. The **Top Gun Club** has over 130 acres of ponds, rockeries and rolling hills. We will have the **WWA Trailer**, Duck Mount Display and **WWA** information available at the booth. We are looking for volunteers to support this event. Please contact **Rick Holt** at 1-360-853-3742 or foxredlab12@yahoo.com for more information.

Monthly Meeting:

The **Northwest Chapter** meets on the second Tuesday each month. Our next meeting will be held on June 12th, at the **Conway Fire Station** starting at 7pm. Gift Certificate Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

News for the Flock

It's Raining Wood Ducks at the Richland Rod and Gun Club: More Wood Duck jumps Tuesday

The Richland Rod and Gun Club (RRGC) maintains over 450 wood duck nest boxes that are used by wood ducks, screech owls, and kestrels. Whenever boxes are located close to power and internet services they have connect cameras inside and outside the box for your viewing and for use by local schools for education of students.

Two of the nest boxes with ducklings hatched on Monday, May 14. This means that Tuesday, May 15 it will rain ducklings that will be jumping from the boxes.

To learn more about this project and for links to all videos, go to: <http://www.rrgcwoodducks.org/>



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Novice & State Sanction Duck and Open Goose
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Southwest Chapter

News for the Flock

Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Shillapoo Blind Repair and Replace:

We need your help! Meet us at 8 am Saturday, May 19th at the WDFW parking area on Lower River Road across from the Caterpillar Island boat launch. We will work with Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald to repair and/or place as many blinds as we can get to. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the group email we will send out to get an idea of our numbers for lunch.

May Meeting Speaker:

Larry Hoff will speak at our May meeting on the 31st of this month. He is a hunter and currently running for the Washington State House 18th District seat being vacated by Liz Pike.

Chapter Trap Contest:

Our chapter will host a friendly trap shoot competition over the summer with prizes and fun as we hone our shooting skills. Please check it out at our May meeting for additional details.

Oregon Waterfowl Festival June 23rd & 24th:

Our Chapter is supporting the Festival as a Lead Sponsor again this year. We invite all WWA members to join us that weekend at our booth. The event is billed as the largest waterfowl festival west of the Mississippi. The organizers are working hard to make this the best one yet. Check out their website at: <http://oregonwaterfowlfestival.com/>

Banquet Time:

Our chapter banquet is four (4) short months away on September 30th. We are looking for donations, gift cards, gift baskets, time share weeks, vacation rentals and other auction items. "Like new" items in your garage or attic work well for the silent auction! Contact Doug Hargin 360-903-6951 for information.

Classifieds— For Sale and Wanted

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

Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- For sale items only, not for business ads. (Businesses are welcome to purchase business ads from us.)
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- Be sure to include your contact info. Phone and/or email.
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WDFW for WWA

Moses Lake and Potholes Reservoir Canada Goose Nest Survey Results, 2000-2018

By: Ella Rowan, WDFW Assistant District Wildlife Biologist

Canada goose nest surveys have historically been conducted on Moses Lake islands between 1981 and 2018, and on Potholes Reservoir islands between 1997 and 2017, but with varying volunteer effort and survey dates. **WDFW** plans to require a more stringent protocol in the future to ensure results are comparable between years. Seeing an increase or decrease between years does not mean anything when effort has changed between years. We need to survey within the same timeframe, account for the number of people searching, and ensure everyone follows the same guidelines when searching and noting nest status. Predation can be difficult to differentiate from hatching, at times.

Moses Lake Islands:

If we ignore the change in effort between years, data collected on 6 islands between years **2000 and 2018** appear to indicate the **total number of geese nests found has remained fairly stable on 3 islands (South of Crest, Goat and Heron). The number of nests found on Crest Island and Gailey's Island are much lower in recent years between 2008 and 2018.** These are larger islands, which may be experiencing disturbance from human visitation or predators. Garbage is present on many islands (shotgun shells, plastic, chair remnants, etc), although human intrusion is not likely solely during hunting season. **Marsh Island** was inconsistently surveyed due to the difficulty of wading through tall emergent vegetation, and **South of Crest Island** is also inundated with water, making searching difficult and altering effort between years.

Nest status indicates whether eggs are still being incubated, whether they hatched, whether they have been predated, or whether the nest was abandoned. These values are difficult to compare between years due to the different dates of survey effort and the varying knowledge for assessment between observers. If we assume all volunteers correctly and consistently assessed nest status, ignore the different survey dates between years, and ignore the small sample sizes on each island, the data would indicate **predation has been present on most islands between 2004 and 2018 and has increased on some islands between 2008 and 2018.**

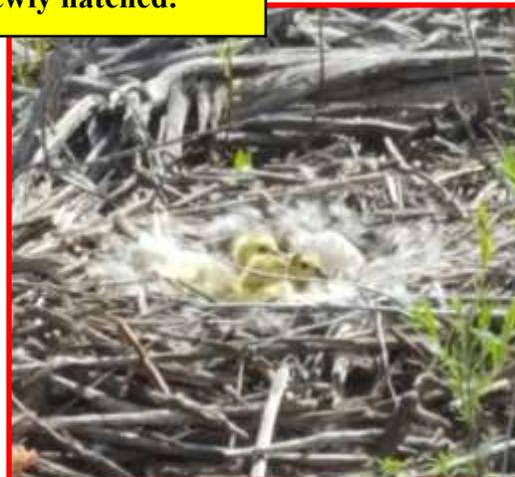
Potholes Reservoir Islands:

Effort conducted on **Potholes Reservoir** varied tremendously between years, ranging between 25 and 126 islands surveyed in a given year. For this reason, we averaged the number of nests found in a given Area Unit of the Reservoir based upon the number of islands surveyed in that Unit. As a result, the value for "total nests" in the charts below are a fraction rather than a whole number.

The number of, and experience of, surveyors cannot be accounted for and still lend variation in effort between years. If we ignore the change in effort between years, data collected between years 1997 and 2017 appears to **indicate no obvious trends.** Some Units increase, some decrease, and all are up and down across the years. **Predation rates do not appear to be an increasing problem on these islands.** Better consistent data collection is necessary to evaluate trends, although nesting is still taking place on many islands and hatching is successful to some extent on most islands where nests are found.

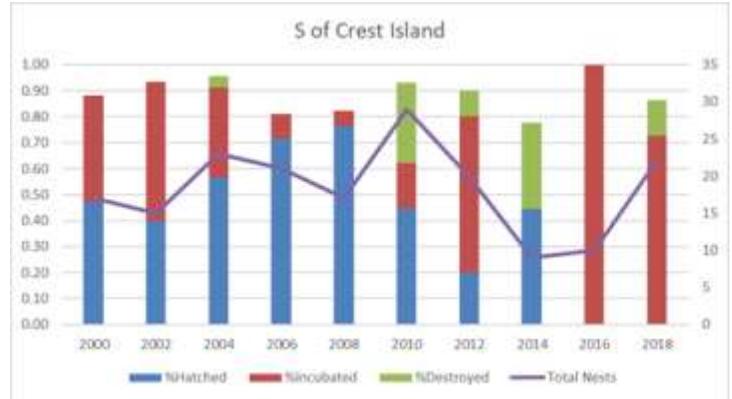
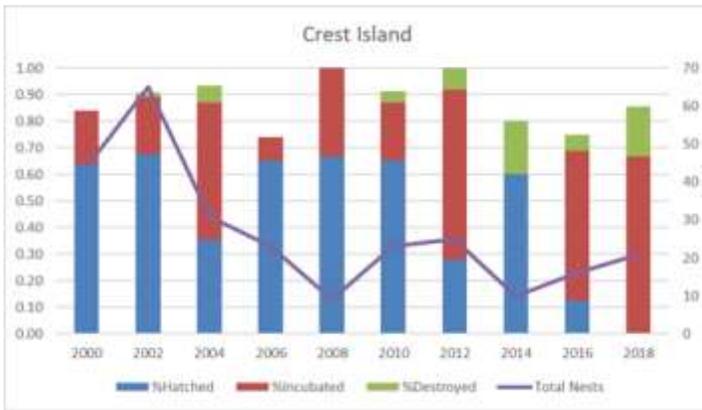
These surveys have been performed by many incredible volunteers from **the Washington Waterfowl Association**, other non-affiliated volunteers, and **WDFW** staff across the years. **Robin and Susan Hickok** have hosted an amazing **BBQ** at their home, with additional food provided by the **WWA** via **Dick Price** over the years... always a delicious and fun event! We are grateful for the interest and hard work that has been done, and look forward to continuing these surveys with slight modifications in the future!

Newly hatched!

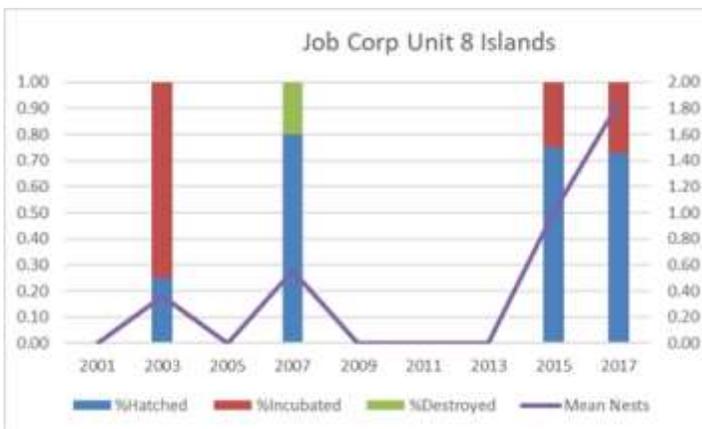
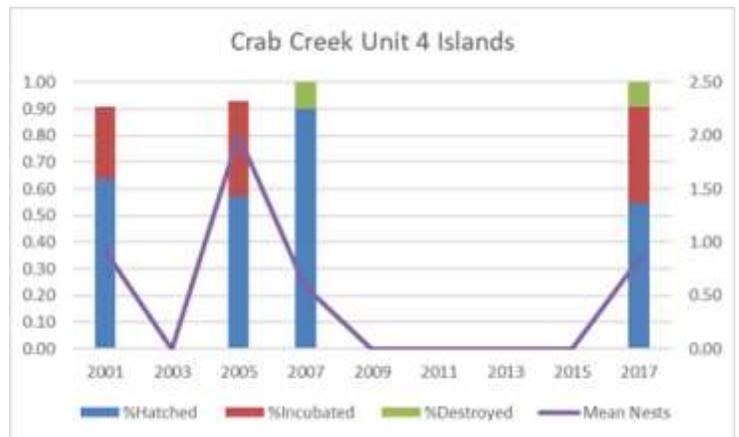
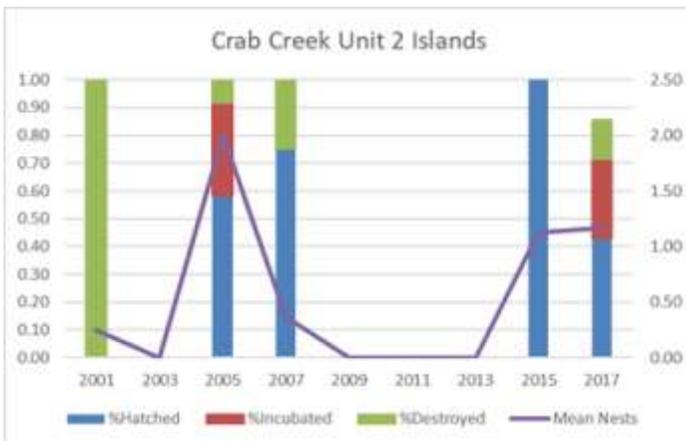


WDFW for WWA continued...

Examples of the status of two (2) Moses Lake island nests as a percent of total nests (abandoned nests make up the difference). Total nests are the Secondary Axis.



Examples of the status of three (3) Potholes Reservoir Unit nests as a percent of total nests (abandoned nests make up the difference). Number of nests/island are the Secondary Axis, with values of zero indicating a survey was not performed that year.



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By: Ellen Satre

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- WWA Youth Fund — \$2,565**
- WWA Legal Fund — \$18,172**
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- WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$10,957**
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At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website[www.waduck.org].

However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

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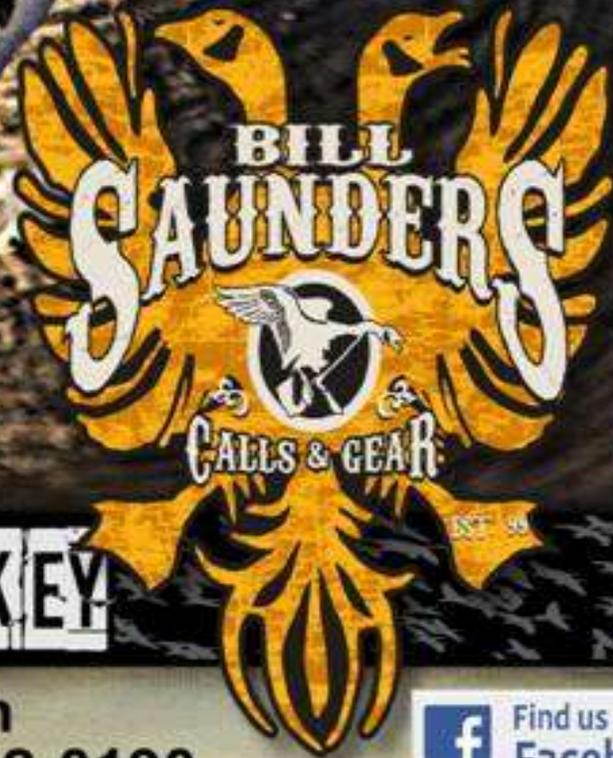
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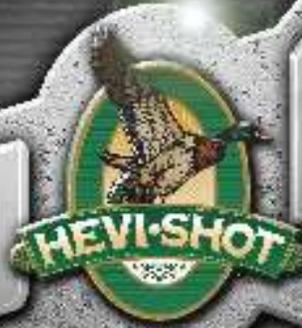
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- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and places TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Conway Fire Hall**.
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