



RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

(INCORPORATED)

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I GIVE MY PLEDGE AS AN AMERICAN TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM WASTE, THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF MY COUNTRY; ITS AIR, SOILS, AND MINERALS; ITS FORESTS, WATERS, AND WILDLIFE. I WILL HELP EDUCATE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE CARETAKERS OF THE RESOURCES OF AMERICA.

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MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

Next General Meeting – Tuesday October 5th ZOOM Meeting

Board Meeting- October 19th 7:00 PM

November Newsletter Contribution Deadline is October 22nd email:

admin@richlandrodandgun.org

October 5th General Meeting (ZOOM)

Don't miss the October meeting via Zoom because we have Tyler Miller of Millertime Fishing to give us great tips on salmon and steelhead fishing plus answer any questions you have. The Zoom meeting link will be on the website and sent out in an email to the membership.

The meeting on November 2nd will be Rachel Little of Benton County Conservation District to talk about the invasive weed situation in our area.

If you missed the September General Meeting Paul Hoffarth of WDFW gave us some great information on the salmon and steelhead runs this season. Also Curtis King did a great presentation on CCA and what they are doing in our state.

General Meetings

Due to the new rules our general meetings at the Richland Public Library are canceled for the time being. Thus, we are back to Zoom meetings so look for the notices of the links in your email and they will be on the website as well.

Wild Game Dinner 2022!

Mark your calendars for Saturday March 26, 2022! We are planning on having the Wild Game Dinner barring any unforeseen circumstances.

October 1st will be the kickoff for meat and fish donations. Please get in touch with Marilyn Steele 509-392-2128 or John Prather 509-521-1593.

Salmon in the Classroom

Yes, Salmon in the Classroom will be happening! There are 50 schools participating this school year and volunteers will be needed to deliver fish to the classrooms in January. Also the Salmon Summit in Columbia Park is scheduled for April 26th - 27th for the kids to release their fish and volunteers will be needed for that as well.

Guzzlers

Club member Bill Watson created an Excel spreadsheet to help keep track of the 338 wildlife watering guzzlers, last inspected/cleaned, last repaired, needing repair, land owner etc. Bill then spent an evening training Larry Martin how to use it.

Club member John Merk has been welding metal plates onto the ends of the steel posts we use for guzzler rain catchment legs, these plates anchor the post solidly in the ground. John also welds a small plate onto the brackets we use to attach posts to frames when using slightly smaller diameter posts.



9-28-21 Guzzler #338 was installed using a tank from a guzzler that was removed due to crop change (\$1,100 if new). The guzzler is located west of Basin City, on Bureau of Reclamation land. Pictured left to right, Larry Martin, Mark Kerns, Dave Myers & Dale Schielke. Since we had to dig the hole for the guzzler tank by hand we drew straws for two, instead of one, signed Greg Herrin fishing lures, Dave & Dale won.

Lunker Lake

The Tri-Cities Sportsman Show is scheduled for January 21–23, 2022 and RRG will be doing Lunker Lake. Check emails, the newsletter and the website for upcoming details and volunteer opportunities.

Wild Game Dinner Ticket Refund

If you still have your Wild Game Tickets from 2020 and would like a refund, please get in touch with Rick Libby at big_guy@charter.net or 509-627-5461 to arrange for that. These tickets will not be honored at the next Wild Game Dinner.

WDFW-managed lands in Eastern Washington will reopen to overnight use Sep. 16 with burn ban still in effect

In response to decreased fire risk and cooler temperatures, wildlife areas managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will reopen to overnight use starting Thursday, Sep. 16.

The only wildlife area in Eastern Washington that remains closed until further notice is the [Oak Creek Wildlife Area Unit](#) due to the active [Schneider Springs Fire](#). Access to campgrounds in the Methow Unit of the Methow Wildlife Area will reopen on Friday, Sep. 17 when the U.S. Forest Service plans to reopen East and West Chewuch roads.

“We’re excited to reopen WDFW-managed lands in Eastern Washington to overnight use in advance of most hunting seasons,” said Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager for WDFW. “This has been another bad fire year, and we have appreciated the public’s help protecting wildlife habitat and public safety. We are lifting restrictions on camping in many

areas, but there is still a risk of wildfire, and we urge people to obey burn bans and take proper precautions.”

Fall Chinook Harvest to be allowed in the Snake River

The Snake River will open for harvest of fall Chinook from August 18 through October 31, 2021

Locations and daily limits are as follows:

A) Snake River: From the mouth (Burbank to Pasco railroad bridge at Snake River mile 1.25) to Lower Granite dam: Salmon open 7 days per week. Daily limit of three hatchery adult Chinook (adipose fin clipped) and no limit on jack Chinook (clipped or unclipped). Release all salmon other than jack Chinook and hatchery adult Chinook.

B) Snake River: From the downstream edge of the large power lines crossing the Snake River (just upstream from West Evans Road on the south shore, approximately 3 miles below Clarkston) upstream to the Oregon state line: Salmon open seven days per week. Daily limit of three adult Chinook (clipped or unclipped) and no limit on jack Chinook (clipped or unclipped). Release all salmon other than Chinook.

The 2021 Columbia River forecasted return of upriver bright adults is 361,500, with a significant portion of these fish expected to return to the Snake River. This forecast is large enough to allow for Chinook harvest in the Snake River.

A friendly reminder: Always check the WDFW website for emergency rules and rule changes before heading out to your favorite fishing spot.

October Photo of the month.



Michael and Nevaeh Aldinger with first pheasant! Taken from air! Hunting the youth hunt September 18th, 2021 with Dog Star!
Photo by Richard Sharp.

RGC Photo of the Month Contest Guidelines

- Must be taken in current license year.
- May include hunting, fishing, habitat, camping.
- Must include a critter (human or wild).
- Harvested game must include the hunter or angler.
- Winners will be selected by the Board of Directors.
- All photos become property of the Club.
- Note: The Board may use discretion in applying the guidelines when selecting the winning photo.
- Bring photo print to board meeting.
- Please include name of photographer and date taken.

Changes to animal sealing requirements. (WDFW)

When you harvest a bighorn sheep, bobcat, mountain goat, or river otters this season, you must schedule an inspection for pinning or sealing through the South Central/Region 3 office by calling 509-575-2740.

In addition to scheduling your inspection, we require that you practice physical distancing and wear a face covering to your inspection.



Todd Hennick and puppy adding water to refurbished guzzler #125.

Aquatic invasive species.

If you work or play in Washington's many waterways, you may be unknowingly spreading aquatic invasive species (AIS) destructive to the state's environment and economy. But you can also be a part of the solution, helping to stop or slow the spread of these damaging species.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) encourages the public to report possible invasive species. You can report non-native, invasive species through the [Washington Invasive Species Council](#). Please call WDFW's Aquatic Invasive Species hotline with any questions at 888-WDFW-AIS.