



Celebrating 75 years of RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB

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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

Members zoom chat room- February 9th 7:00 PM

Board Meeting- February 16th 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

Members zoom chat room- February 23rd 7:00 PM

Newsletter Deadline for March is February 22nd email: admin@richlandrodandgun.org

General Meeting – March 2nd via Zoom Meeting

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

March 2, 2021 our Annual meeting via ZOOM features guest speaker J-Rod, his topic will be Night Walleye vs Day Walleye fishing. Prior to that will be election of officers and trustees to the board. Nominations from the floor must be submitted to Richard Sharp (509)551-6785 (chairman) by February 23rd. Look for your email invitation, or go to the meeting from the link on the RRGCC calendar. There is only space for 100 guests, it is first come first served, the zoom meeting will open at 6:50 PM

GUZZLERS: 12-29-21 Jack Pickard and Larry Martin picked up guzzler tank from WDFW Windmill Ranch and delivered to Alan Hamilton's property for upcoming installation.

1-7-21 Gene Van Liew and Larry Martin assembled rain catchment frames and prepped metal legs for upcoming guzzler #313 installation.

1-9-21 Alan Hamilton and his son Paul picked a good location on their property and installed the tank for guzzler #313. That's a lot of work digging a hole that size.



1-11-21 Greg Herrin, Jack Pickard, Dale Schielke & Larry Martin took out guzzler 126 from Anderson's property and used parts of it to refurbish fire damaged guzzler 307 also on their property. Anderson's wanted 126 removed due to crop change. We were all kind of surprised the job went so fast considering all we had to do. To drain the water out of guzzler 126 we used a garden hose siphon, a pump driven by a battery-operated drill and buckets. Guzzler 307 is south of Kennewick near Owen's road.



1-22-21 Jack Pickard, Greg Herrin, Todd Hennick, Alan Hamilton, Danielle Frum and Larry Martin installed the Rain catchment for guzzler #313. It was pretty cold and there was snow on the ground, but we got it done and had fun. Alan sent me a note later saying he was very happy to have the guzzler on his property.

1-25-21 Todd Hennick and a friend of his inspected and cleaned guzzlers 148, 155, 189 and 190. These guzzlers are located in Walla Walla county, Dodd & Britton roads area.

1-25&26-21 Larry Martin repaired broken guzzler tank top with fiberglass patches then returned complete tank and borrowed trailer to WDFW King City. Pat Kaelber said he will take tank and trailer back to WDFW Windmill Ranch storage.

LUNKER LAKE: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, with no assurances of an end to the restrictions, the Sportsman Show has been permanently cancelled for this year.

Wood Duck Project - The annual maintenance of the 515 RRG wood duck nesting boxes has started. As of the end of January, volunteers have checked 98 nest boxes, replacing old nest material with fresh cedar shavings and making as needed repairs. Thanks to volunteers: Dale Schielke, Mark Kerns, and Josh Evans. We are converting additional boxes to side entry to expedite possible banding activities and make it easier for our aging volunteers to complete the annual maintenance. Hens will start laying eggs in early April so we will be busy with the remaining 417 boxes in February and March.

Members Chat Room Zoom Meetings: February 9th and February 23rd between 7:00 and 9:00 PM members are welcome to attend a zoom meeting chat. If you are not sure about using zoom and want to ask questions or practice using zoom tools this is a good opportunity. If you want to talk with other members about our outdoor adventures and socialize [click invite me](#) or go to the meeting from the link on the RRG calendar.

RRGC WEB PAGE:

The admin is working to allow membership applications and payment to be completed securely on the website with a credit card and/or paypal.

The domain richlandrodandgun.org is now being used to send RRGc bulk emails to our membership because free gmail is unfriendly to large distribution lists. Creation of the contact dataset in our host server CRM will allow the RRGc board of directors to share a common online contact resource that will be kept current more efficiently.

RRGC Zoom meetings are posted on the Calendar at

www.richlandrodandgun.org/calendar

Photo of the month contest: submit your outdoor recreation photo along with the name of the photographer, the date taken and description of subject to admin@richlandrodandgun.org The winning photo will be featured in a blog post and in the newsletter.

WDFW The Columbia River 2020 Adult returns and 2021 Expectations Revised Draft -January 13, 2021 is available for viewing. Just a couple numbers found in the report are upriver Spring chinook 75,200, upper Columbia summer chinook prediction is 77,600 and upriver steelhead is yet to be determined. If you would like to see the full report go to: [Other Columbia River Compact information | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#)

LIMITS GAME FARM WINTER SPECIAL FROM DAVE- You have been asking about a Winter Hen Special and I am pleased to announce our special of 5 hens for \$145.00. The special will be available while supplies last. Because of our limited supply of pheasants, I am not taking any reservations, at this time, for after March 15th, 2021. I am being told that there is a nationwide shortage of birds this year so I don't expect that I will be able to get extras this Spring. Hunt Reservations are **BY PHONE ONLY (509)-265-4578**

WILD GAME DINNER CANCELLATION:

If you previously had not received the email from the Treasurer Rick Libby, once regular meetings resume, he will exchange a ticket for \$20. If, for whatever reason you are unable to wait for the meetings or need the money sooner, you may contact him to work out a time to exchange your tickets. You may keep your Quality Trip ticket for next year or you may withdraw your entry and receive a refund for that as well. Just remember that if you lose your ticket, we cannot refund you

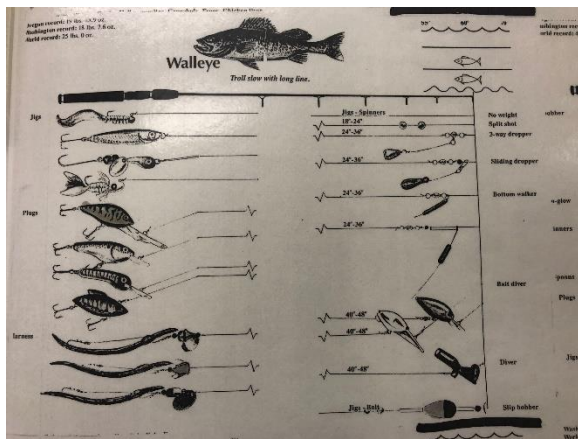
HARLEY'S CORNER:

(Would you like to be featured? Color one of the many coloring sheets available at [Harley's Corner](#) and turn them in via email to rrgcharleyscorner@gmail.com)

**Celebrating 75 years
Richland Rod and gun Club**

Create an interesting and unique logo or banner celebrating our 75th anniversary and send the image to admin@richlandrodandgun.org it will be presented to the board and if it is selected as "The official 75th anniversary art" you will experience recognition, gain stature in the RRG and feel great when you see your creation in use!

MEMBERSHIP: We have no new members this month. A friendly reminder that dues letters will be going out this month to those of you that need to renew this year. Annual memberships begin on April 1 and end on March 31 of the following year.



Columbia River Steelhead Fishery Update (McNary Dam to Hwy 395) On November 1 several sections of the Columbia River including McNary Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge opened for steelhead fishing. The fishery is scheduled to remain open through March 31 (see Emergency Regulation listed below). The daily limit is one hatchery steelhead. Night closure remains

in effect. Barbless hooks are required when fishing for steelhead in the Columbia River downstream of the WA/OR border. From Hwy 730 at the WA/OR border upstream anglers can use barbed or barbless hooks for any species except sturgeon (sturgeon: single, barbless, hook & catch-and-release only). In addition anglers may fish with two poles with Two-Pole Endorsement for any species except sturgeon upstream of the WA/OR border.

Fishing remains slow but anglers are picking up a few fish. Boat anglers averaged 10 hours per steelhead in January (38 hours per hatchery steelhead). Bank anglers did very poorly in January averaging 113 hours per steelhead (wild steelhead released, no reported harvest).

WDFW staff interviewed 101 boat anglers (44 boats) and 75 bank anglers in January to estimate catch and harvest. WDFW estimates there were 644 angler trips in January (269 bank, 376 boat) with 38 hatchery steelhead harvested. In addition to hatchery steelhead harvested, 7 hatchery steelhead and 122 wild steelhead were caught and released. Steelhead were roughly a 50:50 mixture of A-run and B-run.

For the fishery there have been 4,198 angler trips for steelhead with 215 steelhead harvested and 767 steelhead caught and released.



WDFW- Lower Columbia River steelhead fishery update.

Action: Increases the daily steelhead limit from Buoy 10 upstream to The Dalles Dam and continues to allow retention of hatchery upriver summer steelhead from The Dalles Dam to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco.

Species affected: Steelhead.

Locations, dates, and rules:

1. From the mouth (Buoy 10 line) to Interstate 5 Bridge: salmon and steelhead
* Jan. 1-March 31: Daily limit 6. Up to 2 adult salmon or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each may be retained. Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Release wild steelhead. Salmon min. size 12".

2. From Interstate 5 Bridge to The Dalles Dam: salmon and steelhead:

* Jan. 1-March 31: Daily limit 2

hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

3. From The Dalles Dam to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco: salmon and steelhead:

* Jan. 1-March 31: Daily limit 1 hatchery steelhead. Release all salmon and wild steelhead.

Reason for action: This action achieves concurrency between Oregon and Washington in jointly managed waters. Daily winter steelhead limit is corrected by increasing the daily limit from 1 to 2 for areas downstream of The Dalles Dam. Retention of hatchery upriver summer steelhead upstream of The Dalles Dam is expected to accrue less than 0.1% Endangered Species Act impacts to A and B index steelhead, which is below the remaining balance available.

Additional information: Anglers are reminded that barbless hooks are required for salmon and steelhead downstream of the Washington/Oregon border at Hwy. 730.

Please refer to permanent rules in the 2020-21 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet for dates not listed above.

Information contact: Region 5: 360-696-6211; Region 3: 509-575-2740