



# **RICHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB**

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**RICHLAND, WASHINGTON 99352**

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**

**Annual Picnic – August 3<sup>rd</sup> NEW LOCATION!**

Board Meeting- August 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco

Next General Meeting – Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>

September Newsletter Deadline is August 22<sup>nd</sup> email: [admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

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## **Annual Richland Rod and Gun Club Picnic**

Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5:00pm

2635 Harris (the Schielke House) Richland WA 99354

A – I bring a side dish, J – R salad, S – Z dessert

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## **SALMON BOOTH 2021:** by Dale Schielke & Dave Myers

The 36th Anniversary of the Salmon Booth at the Art in the Park Show is history. Because of COVID restrictions, we were only able to sell “portable food” ie sandwiches. We offered salmon and chicken sandwiches (both with and without coleslaw on the sandwich), bottled soda, bottled water, and cookies. Sales were brisk from 10 am till 2:30 on both days. We almost sold out of salmon but had excess chicken as the chicken did not sell as well as the salmon. This year each of the two clubs will receive about \$3,500. We got a “Square Credit Card” reader which proved very beneficial; 26% of the gross income was from 217 credit card customers. We charged a 50-cent processing fee which basically covers the charges from Square.

A total of 241 pounds of sockeye salmon fillets were prepared and served; and 145 pounds of chicken breasts were barbequed and sliced for the sandwiches. We estimate that we served about 960 salmon sandwiches, 300 chicken sandwiches, 590 bottles of water, 550 bottles of pop, and 270 cookies. We continue to get many compliments on the salmon, with many indicating they return every year for the salmon.

We would like to give *special* thanks to Frank Scopa for providing an extra freezer used as a refrigerator inside his trailer for us to store the salmon since the Rivershore walk-in was not available. We cooked the salmon and chicken on the RRGC's towable Traeger grill, which proved to be very convenient and much easier to manage the cooking temperatures. John Pfeiffer, Rich Holton, John Merk, Jeff Drowley, Bill Frier, and Jan Jackson again did a great job with the booth setup, tear down and storage - thanks. Thank you, Frank Scopa, for the loan of your Smoke Vault used for hot holding. We also appreciate the loan of the enclosed trailer from John Prather that was used for secure storage of supplies at the park, plus for him providing storage of the Traeger grill and other supplies - thanks! Thanks also to Gaylord Pyle for the many years of providing a storage container to store our cookers and associated equipment/supplies needed for the booth. Lastly, but not least, *thanks* to Dave Myers and Frank Scopa for helping on all the shifts plus assisting in delivering and returning all the various supplies used for the Salmon Booth operation.

Activities associated with the Salmon Booth were conducted smoothly thanks to a great group of volunteers which

includes the following members from both the Richland Rod and Gun Club and Columbia Basin Fly Casters: John Pfeiffer(2), Dale Schielke(8), Jack Pickard(3), David Myers(8), Carol Myers (2), Frank Scopa (8), Larry Martin(4), Jim Loomis, Mike Wade(2), Rick Libby, Ray Williams, Ted Poston (2), Kathy Poston (2), Vince Pickering, Jeff Drowley(5), Rocky Ross, Dennis Kreid, Sue Kreid, Rich Holton(2), Bill Frier(3), John Merk(4), Gerald Bloom, Bob Schulz(2), Paul Kison(2), Tim Lynch (2), Guy Reisenauer, Elver Robbins (2), Mark Kerns, Dustin Ney, Josh Evans (2), Pam Anderson, Gerald Wodtli (2), Sheldon Coleman, Bruce Hewlett, Jan Jackson (2), Blaine Schwartz, Charles Krause, John Drewrey, Patrick Hickey, Richard Santos, Diana Santos, Reed Kaldor, Sam Morrison, and Richard Sharp (2). The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of shifts volunteered.

Thanks again to all the volunteers and contributors that made the Salmon Booth a success!

### **State wildlife areas close to overnight use amid high wildfire danger**

SPOKANE – In response to increased fire risk and nationally depleted firefighting resources, all eastern Washington wildlife areas, including water access areas within wildlife areas, managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will be open for day use only, starting Friday, July 23.

### **No General Meetings in August.**

Just a friendly reminder. The next General Meeting will be September 7<sup>th</sup>. At the Richland Public Library beginning 7:00 PM sharp.

## **State record shattered with 24-pound tiger trout caught in Eastern Washington**

OLYMPIA – A massive tiger trout pulled from Loon Lake in Stevens County in late June has set a new state record, state fishery managers have confirmed.

The 24.49-pound tiger trout broke the previous record by a full 6 pounds, according to Bruce Baker, an inland fish biologist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Angler Caylun Peterson caught the monster tiger trout on June 26, 2021, fishing in the early-morning hours in part to escape the triple-digit heat forecast for the day. Peterson said he's been fishing Loon Lake -- located about 30 miles north of Spokane -- ever since he was a kid.

WDFW stocks a variety of fish in Loon Lake, including about 85,000 kokanee in late spring, several hundred jumbo rainbow trout in March/April, and 10,000 tiger trout in the fall. Tiger trout are a sterile hybrid fish produced by crossing a brown trout with a brook trout, produced almost exclusively in hatcheries.

Spin fishing and using a whole nightcrawler as bait, Peterson said he was targeting tiger trout on June 26, which he frequently does when fishing Loon Lake.

"They fight really good, they eat excellent, they're just a blast to catch," Peterson said of tiger trout, adding that they frequently grow quite large in the lake.

But he knew he had something special as soon as the record fish was on his line.

"I hooked into that thing and he pulled drag for quite a while before it stopped," he said.

As he reeled in the fish, he could tell it was a big one. But even once he'd landed

it, he wasn't entirely sure he would keep it until he found it was unable to swim away on its own.

"Honestly, I was ecstatic, but tried to let it go because I was thinking in my head that if this thing is this big now, in a year it might be a record," Peterson laughed. "Well, it turned out it was a record anyway."

Fortunately, Peterson's mother and a neighbor quickly informed him that the state record for tiger trout was 18 pounds.

"I said, 'You gotta be kidding me, I know this thing is over 18 pounds!'" he said.

He was right; a measurement confirmed the fish was a new state record, and the official 24.49-pound weight was certified at WDFW's Spokane office that Monday.

The previous record for tiger trout was an 18.49-pound fish caught by angler Kelly Flaherty from Bonaparte Lake in Okanogan County on May 6, 2015.

Peterson is having his record fish taxidermied, but just because he's hit a new high in his angling career, he's nowhere near done fishing – he's already been back to Loon Lake in search of the next record.

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### August Photo of the month.



Taken by Carla Boeringa June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### 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.

### Brock Hoenes named WDFW's North Central Region Director

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has announced Brock Hoenes as its new North Central Region director.

Hoenes is a long-time employee who started his career with WDFW in 2008. Most recently, he has worked as a section manager. Before that, he spent time as an assistant district wildlife biologist, a district wildlife biologist, the statewide WDFW elk specialist, and as the department's deer and elk section manager.

"I'm excited to be back in the region where I started my career with WDFW 13 years ago," said Hoenes. "I'm passionate about the fish and wildlife and the people in this region. For myself and my family, it feels like returning home."

Hoenes will begin his new job Aug. 1, serving as the Director's Office policy lead for WDFW on work covering Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties. The position is based in Ephrata.

Hoenes says he is eager to reconnect with area residents while he gets up to speed on challenges specific to the region. Prior to moving to Washington, Hoenes worked for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and the New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit on a variety of research projects focused on mule deer, bighorn sheep, elk, cougars, black bears, and pronghorn.

Hoenes received his B.S. in Fish and Wildlife Management from the University of Missouri-Columbia and his M.S. in Wildlife Sciences from New Mexico State University.