



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

Next General Meeting – February 1st, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- Tuesday January 18th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

February Newsletter Contribution Deadline is January 22nd email:

admin@richlandrodandgun.org

February 1st General Membership Meeting at Richland Public Library

Our presenter for this meeting will be Kevin Merrick on training retrievers and keeping them in shape in the off season.

Kids Fishing Day Volunteers Needed

We need persons interested in helping with organizing the Kids Fishing day. If you would like to help and have a preference of a meeting time let Marilyn Steele know via email

to momhoops46@gmail.com or text to 509-392-2128. The fishing day(s) are April 22 and 23.

Wild Game Dinner – Date Moved

Due to some schedule conflicts the Wild Game Dinner is getting moved to **April 9, 2022**. It will still be at the fairgrounds. Our speaker will be Bill McIrvine who is a rancher and will discuss the issues regarding wolves.

We are now taking meat and fish donations for the 2022 WGD. Please get in touch with Marilyn Steele 509-392-2128 or John Prather 509-521-1593 to get it in the RRGCC freezer.

Wild Game Dinner Ticket Refund

If you still have your Wild Game Tickets from 2020 and would like a refund, please bring your tickets to the next meeting or 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.

January General Meeting Presenter

The Richland Rod and Gun club wishes to thank Ron Moore for his time and experience in describing in detail the many processes, insights and preparation of big game heads used in the European mount process! Also a big thanks to Matt Cummings for bringing his recently harvested Colorado mule deer buck to give a before and after visual of the work involved to create these beautiful mounts!

Thank you!



WDFD Manager Hunting Violation

The link is to an article that discusses details of the Brock Hoenes (WDFW Region 2 Director) illegal hunting event that was mentioned at the RRG Board meeting on Tuesday January 18th. The author provides a factual/balanced report. Some of you may have heard about this via various media outlets and we thought it would be of interest to our members.

<https://nwsportsmanmag.com/manager-tackles-hunting-violation-charge-head-on/>

Warning Wild Washington First a new 501(c)(3)

This new group is lobbying hard to get rid of hunting, bring back grizzly bears, they oppose the current wolf agreement and would like to dismantle WDFW and Washington Bureau of Land Management to merge them into one entity. Please get in touch with your state representatives and warn them about this group.

New Members Appointed to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

Jay Inslee appointed three new people to the commission to fill the recent vacancies.

Dr. John Lehmkuhl, a former research wildlife biologist with the U.S. Forest Service from Chelan County who has also served on WDFW's Wildlife Diversity Advisory Council since 2015, fills a vacant Eastern Washington position.

Melanie Rowland, an environmental attorney from Okanogan County who previously worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service Office of General Counsel to implement the Endangered Species Act for salmonids and marine mammals in the Northwest, fills one of the at-large positions.

Dr. Tim Ragen, a former executive director of the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission from Skagit County, will fill the Western Washington position previously held by Commission Chair Larry Carpenter, also of Skagit County.

WDFW to use helicopters to capture mule deer in two Central Washington counties

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will conduct mule deer captures from helicopters starting in mid-January. These captures will take place in Chelan and Klickitat counties along the east slope of the Cascade Mountains.

Contracted professional crews will capture approximately 20 adult female mule deer in each area using humane methods to make the captures as safe as possible for both deer and humans. This work is being done through a long-term partnership with the U.S.

Department of the Interior to bolster mule deer conservation efforts in Washington under [Secretarial Order 3362](#)- Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors.

The deer will be fitted with GPS satellite collars to track their movement and migration patterns and allow biologists to learn more about how deer use their habitat.

“In Eastern Washington, there are many issues impacting mule deer habitat that could affect deer populations in the future,” said WDFW ungulate section manager Kyle Garrison. “Information gathered from the collared deer will be used to assess the movements of the animals and help prioritize habitat conservation and management efforts.”

Each animal will be collared and released on site it is captured. The collars are programmed to drop off the deer after four years and will be retrieved by WDFW staff.

“In recent years, mule deer have lost winter habitat in the study areas to human development and remaining habitat has declined in quality due to factors such as drought, wildfire, and invasive plant species,” said Garrison.

Mule deer are present in Washington from the crest of the Cascade Mountains east to the Idaho border, providing hunting and viewing opportunities for thousands of people each year.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with Lunker Lake and the Pellet Range!

