



# **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 – May 2nd, 7:00 PM at Richland Public Library

Next Board Meeting- May 16th, 7:00 PM at Griggs Pasco Hunter Ed room

May Newsletter Contribution Deadline is May 22nd email:

[admin@richlandrodandgun.org](mailto:admin@richlandrodandgun.org)

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## **May 2nd General Meeting Presentation**

### **7:00pm at the Richland Public Library**

Northern Pikeminnow Fishing Seminar by Dennis Werlau. This is in anticipation of RRG's Pikeminnow Fish In on May 20<sup>th</sup> with so that we can be the best Pikeminnow catchers! Be sure to attend and sign up for the big Pikeminnow Fish In!

## **Wood Duck Project**

All the RRG wood duck nest boxes have had the old nesting material removed and fresh shavings installed in preparation of the nesting season. Box checks for nesting hens have started and will continue over the next couple of months. Hens that are captured are checked for an existing band and new bands installed if not previously banded. In-box cameras are being installed at select locations that are close to power and internet Wi-Fi graciously provided by landowners. To find current LIVE broadcasts of live streaming video, check [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClP\\_v2o0TCPrS8aa-3b8rw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClP_v2o0TCPrS8aa-3b8rw) We have experienced some interruptions of the streams, so check back periodically. We should have 3 or 4 broadcasts now if everything is working. The first hatch watch is about a week away.

### **KOE Kids Fishing Tagged Fish Prizes**

A total of 1592 fish were tagged prior to the stocking of Columbia Park Pond for Kids Fishing events. Catching was somewhat less for the kids resulting in only 19% of the tags being recovered for the 532 prizes that were purchased or donated. Businesses donating items are Griggs, Amazon, Texas Roadhouse, Ranch & Home, and Dairy Queen. Firsthand reports indicated that the kids were excited about the prizes won. The one major prize of a couple of gift cards, fishing tackle bag, and each of the various Amazon swag items was claimed by the luck fisher that caught one of only two specially numbered tags.



### **Benton Conservation District**

The Benton County Conservation District has been working with Benton PUD, PNNL, WA Grain, US Army Corps of Engineers to offer a new program for high school students called STEM Career Academy. It's based on a model program offered by the Foundation for Water & Energy Education that has been offered for 7 years in the Wenatchee area. The Tri-Cities STEM Career Academy will provide students with hands-on activities and insights into local careers in agriculture and clean energy. Students will get to build and keep a drone, build and race solar cars, tour energy production and agriculture facilities and learn about career pathways to local employment.

For more information, please see [STEM Career Academy](#) and the attached registration forms in English and Spanish.

Rachel Little, Biologist and Outreach Coordinator

### **Hunter Ed**

The Hunter Ed class that just concluded had 1 no show, 3 withdrawals and 7 kids that passed. The next class will be the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> which is the first week after school is out.

- Ron is going to help start a chapter of First Hunt Foundation in Tri-Cities and the kick off meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Hunter Ed room at Griggs
- Intro to Firearms class will be August 12<sup>th</sup> for people 18 years and older.
- Ron Ruth, John Prather, John Drewrey and Greg Herrin will be attending a WDFW training class session in Wenatchee for 3 days in April

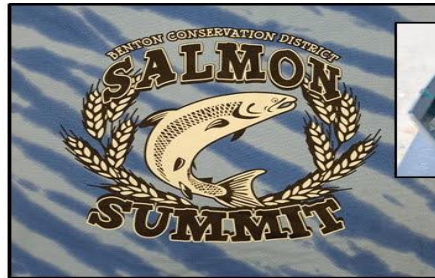
### **Update your contact information!**

If you have changed your address, your phone number, or your email address please use this link and scroll to the bottom of the page where it says "Update My Contact Information".

[Richland volunteer opportunities for members \(richlandrodandgun.org\)](http://richlandrodandgun.org)

### **Salmon Summit-Thank you**

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and knowledge at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Benton Conservation District appreciates your partnership in teaching students about salmon, natural resources & our community.



- Over 3,300 elementary students attended in-person from 39 schools, with 60 teachers and additional chaperons & volunteers
- Over 3,100 students attended via Zoom from WA & OR
- 60 learning stations both days
- Cultural education by Yakama, Umatilla, Wanapum, and Amer. Indian Science and Engineering Society
- Federal, tribal, state, regional, county, city, non-profit organizations contributed

Please join us to celebrate  
**Earth Day 2024**  
at next Salmon Summit on  
Monday April 22 & Tuesday April 23

### **Snake River spring Chinook fishery Opens**

Action: Opens spring Chinook salmon fishing on the Snake River as described below.

Species affected: Chinook salmon.

Effective dates:

Location A: Open Tuesdays and Fridays only, beginning May 2, 2023 until further notice.

Location B: Open Wednesdays and Thursdays only, beginning May 3, 2023 until further notice.

Locations:

A) Below Little Goose Dam: Snake River from Texas Rapids boat launch (located on the south side of the river upstream of the mouth of Tucannon River) to the fishing restriction boundary below Little Goose Dam. This zone includes both shores and the rock and concrete area between the juvenile bypass return pipe and Little Goose Dam along the south shoreline of the facility (includes the walkway area locally known as "the Wall" in front of the juvenile collection facility).

B) Below Ice Harbor Dam: Snake River from the South Bound Highway 12 Bridge near Pasco upstream about 7 miles to the fishing restriction boundary below Ice Harbor Dam.

Rules:

Min. size 12". Daily Limit 4 hatchery (adipose-clipped) Chinook including no more than one adult.

Release all salmon other than hatchery Chinook.

Anglers must stop fishing for salmon when the adult limit has been retained.

Barbless hooks required.

Night Closure in effect.

### **Get involved in one of our Committees:**

Salmon in the Classroom: Gene Van Liew – [e.van-liew@hotmail.com](mailto:e.van-liew@hotmail.com)

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**RRGC Club Upcoming Activities**

Hunter Education class at Griggs Pasco - April 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> -9 AM till Noon

Pikeminnow Fish-In – May 20<sup>th</sup>

Catfish Challenge – June

Hunter Education class at Griggs Pasco – Week of June 19<sup>th</sup>

Club Picnic - August

**KOE Rod Building**



**KOE Event**



**KOE Event Continued**



**Photo of the Month**

The winner this month is the Hunter Ed Class and their Instructors.

