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February 2018 Newsletter

No General Meeting this Month in Lieu of the Game Feed

Upcoming Events:

February 17th, 2018: Game Feed Fundraiser!

The time has arrived...The 2018 Game Feed is almost here. We're at the Red Lion Inn again this year, February 17th, 2018. Doors will open at 4:30 PM, and you must have purchased a ticket in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. Ticket will be on sale until Feb 15th and are currently on sale at Sportsman's Warehouse, Hooked on Toys, online at www.wsassoc.org, and through Don Millar at 425-418-6858 or dkmillar@msn.com.

Just an FYI as we've had a number of questions regarding the process for purchasing tickets online. When you first try to purchase them you are directed to enter you login information or if you don't have an account to sign up for one (see image to the right). This is to ensure that everyone who buys a ticket is, or becomes, a member, and that we have collected the contact information for that membership. All of this is to keep us on the straight and narrow for rules regarding Wild Game Feeds. If you have any questions please feel free to shoot me an email at neffa3@gmail.com.

This is a super fun event that's family friendly with lots of games, raffles, and auctions, and 9 guns as prizes!

February 23 - 25th, Wenatchee Sportsmen's Show: WSA will be sharing a booth space with the RMEF again this year. Be sure to mark your calendar to come see us or better yet sign up to help in the booth or to help on the youth fishing pond Saturday, February 24th. To volunteer to help with the youth pond, call Ron Balzer at 509-886-3562. To volunteer for the booth, call Dan Dickerson at 509-548-5249.

March General Meeting, March 20th, 2018: Presenter Travis Maitland, WDFW Regional Fisheries Biologist

April General Meeting, April 17th, 2018; Presenter Rich Harris, WDFW Big Game Biologist

May General Meeting, May 15th, 2018: Presenter TBD

June General Meeting, June 19th, 2018: Presenter TBD

No meetings for July and August - Summer Break! Get out and enjoy our public lands!

September General Meeting, September 18th, 2018: Presenter TBD

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Mid to Late September, National Youth Hunting and Fishing Day. Exact date is to be determined. More to follow. If you were at last years event you know there's a lot of exciting stuff to coordinate. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Dan Dickerson at 509-548-5249 or mt.mandan959@gmail.com

Updates on Important WSA Issues

Mission Ridge Conservation Easement: Unfortunately talks with Mission Ridge regarding the conservation easement have come to a halt. Currently we're unable to find an agreeable spot in the middle where both WSA and Mission Ridge can feel good about costs, and benefits, and the risks. The effort is not completely over but has been put on hold for the time being. We are still holding out hope that we can come to a mutual agreement. If you have any questions please contact WSA President Jerry Gutzwiler at 509-665-0687.

Fish Lake: Several club members have expressed concern over the lack of a public boat access to Fish Lake. The cost to launch and park at the Cove have gone up and there's no other choices available on the lake for launching boats. This is particularly frustrating as the lake continues to receive annual state funded stockings of hatchery trout. WSA is working with the WDFW and the Forest Service to look at the possibilities of getting a public boat launch installed somewhere on the lake. If you have any questions feel free to call Matt Gutzwiler at 509-421-9282.

WDFW: There are two requests for input being solicited by WDFW. The first is for 9 proposed conservation projects, all land acquisitions for various reasons. Public comments will be open until February 2, meaning you won't get this before the deadline but I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of it. You can read more about the nine individual projects here: https://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/acquisitions/current_acquisitions.html.

Fish and Wildlife is also asking for input on the 2018-2020 hunting seasons/regulations. Some of you may remember that WDFW solicited ideas for modifications to the hunting regulations last summer (July-August) following the a effort by WDFW earlier in the spring to summarize many of the comments they'd received over the last three years. The individual proposed regulation changes are now available for review. <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/seasonsetting/2018-2020/index.php>

There are 27 proposed changes ranging from boundary adjustments to hunter orange requirements to mountain goat seasons and quotas. Please take the time to thoroughly read through the proposals and submit your comments, either in support or reasons for opposition. This is democracy in action. If we don't voice our opinions when we have the chance then there's no point complaining about it later.

Other Info

Youth Outdoors Unlimited: This is a very cool Washington-based non-profit I just learned about last night and after reading a bit on their website (<https://www.youthoutdoorsu.org/>) I couldn't help but share it:

Youth Outdoors Unlimited is a Washington based non-profit organization dedicated to take youth diagnosed with life threatening illnesses or physical disabilities on the hunting or fishing adventure of their dreams!

The reason I bring it up is that their annual fundraiser is also coming up after ours on March 3rd at the Best Western Inn in Moses Lake. I know a couple of our board members are planning on attending.