

## The WSA Guzzler



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## March General Meeting Summary

Cody Gillin shared a lot of good info on the beaver. Both the creature and the role it plays in the environment and especially how they relate to salmon and steelhead recovery. The long and the short is that beavers are great for the ecosystem. Studies continually shown that juvenile salmonids seek the habitat beaver dams create especially during spring runoff and high flow events. He's also looking for beavers, so if you have some problem beavers you'd like trapped and relocated contact Cody at (509)888-0970 or

<https://www.tu.org/staffer/cody-gillin/>

## WSA Items/Issues

**Mission Ridge/WDFW land swap.** As many of you probably read in the paper WDFW and Mission Ridge are looking into a potential land swap. No real details are available but the consensus at the last Stemilt Partnership was to support a Study to look at the benefits of such a transaction. Currently Mission Ridge is rather hamstrung by the WDFW ownership of portions of the ski area (and specifically the funding WDFW used to purchase those lands). As Mission Ridge seeks to replace the existing Chair 2 as well as continues to pursue overall expansion, they're having to work with WDFW to sort out the options. Land Use in the Stemilt and Squilchuck valleys has been and will continue to be big issue items for the WSA and we will continue tracking this potential land swap.

**Wheeler Ridge LLC.** We're continuing the track the movement of a large orchard development in the Upper Stemilt basin as it works its way through the permitting process. It is right in the middle of some critical elk habitat and needs to be properly planned and mitigated for.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April General Meeting,** April 16th, 2019: A couple of members will talk about the recent wild sheep capture on Chelan Butte and how WSA assisted. 6:30pm at the United Steelworkers Union Hall, 180 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee.

**Work Party.** Closing down the winter bird feeders for the season (before the bears get to them!). Exact time and date to be determined. Contact Bill Stegman at 509-393-9528 if interested in helping.

**Rock Island Kids Fishing Day.** April 20, 2019. 8 am to Noon, Pit Lake, 233 Saunders Ave Rock Island, WA. WSA will be providing bait, loaner rods, and fishing advice. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this event please contact Adam Neff at [neffa3@gmail.com](mailto:neffa3@gmail.com).

This is one of the most fun events we do as a club. There's nothing quite like watching and helping kids catch fish. They're so happy it spills over onto all those involved. I dare someone to come and volunteer and not have a great time!

**May General Meeting**, May 21st, 2019: Scratch the picnic we've got an even better treat. Our program coordinator, Von Pope, was finally (you have no idea how long it was in the making) able to pin down WDFW Biologist Rich Harris to come over to discuss moose, mountain goats, and sheep. Items that will be discussed include, a quick overview of the status of bighorn sheep, mountain goats, moose, and antelope in Washington. Beyond that, more specific information on local population status, including mountain goat and bighorn sheep and any update on antelope relocation efforts by the tribes in central Washington. As well as any updates on projects or general information that you might have.

6:30pm at the United Steelworkers Union Hall, 180 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee.

The picnic is not totally dead, but no details have been finalized yet. Check back in the May newsletter for updates.

**June General Meeting**, June 18th, 2019: TBD. 6:30pm at the United Steelworkers Union Hall, 180 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee.

**Multiple Summer Work Parties**. Annual events to repair and replace feeders and guzzlers damaged during previous wildfires. Dates and times to be determined, stay tuned for details.

**Youth Hunting and Fishing Day**. September 14, 2019. Our third annual event focused on getting youth interested in the outdoors and giving them some of the skills they'll need to be successful, hunters, anglers, outdoors enthusiasts, and most important, conservationists! NCW Gun Club. Stay tuned for more details on volunteer opportunities.

**2020 Game Feed Fundraiser**. Feb 29th, 2020. Mark it on your calendar, you won't want to miss it!