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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Marc Allen, Jim Beegeer, Tim Falkner, Sadie Knights, Lonnie Lazott and Ed Morrison & Family.

Tualatin Valley Chapter Banquet —

Our members have spoken and the majority would like us to try and have an in person event. So our Tualatin Valley OHA Chapter Banquet is going to be rescheduled so we can try to have a live event. We are working to set the date. More information will come.

A&H Statewide Deer Tag Auction

Our chapter is auctioning a Statewide A&H Deer tag April 10th, 2021 at 7pm.

Contact Bryan Cook at 971-270-7035 to get your name on the list for bidding on the deer tag. A good resource on the statewide big game raffle and auction hunts as well as the Access and Habitat Program is at the following website;
<https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-affle-and-auction-hunt>

You can always contact us with any questions, our email is TVCOHA@OUTLOOK.COM.



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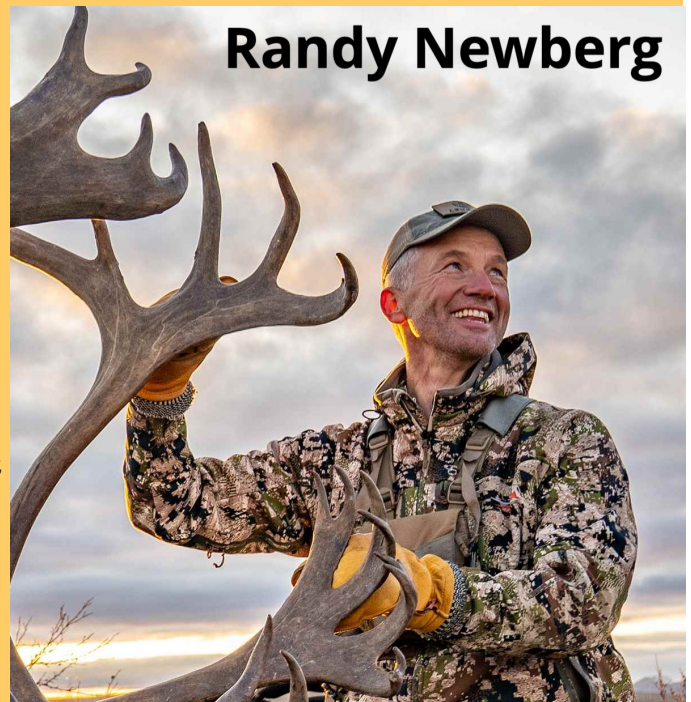
The Sport Shows are on! Months of diligent work has paid off and we're looking forward to producing three great Sportsmen's Shows in March. The first, The Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show opens in Redmond, OR at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds, March 11th - 14th. It's followed by the Washington Sportsmen's Show, the next week in Puyallup at the Washington State Fair Events Center, March 17th - 21st and then the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show in Portland, March 24th - 28th.

These are the most productive consumer shows in the region and we're expecting BIG things this year. These shows are literally the only game in town. As many businesses have already found there's plenty of consumer demand and we expect these shows will uncork some serious spending.

O'Loughlin Trade Shows has spent the past 10 months preparing for these shows. Hundreds of hours of work has gone into working with State and Local health authorities and the various facilities to craft a safety plan that exceeds current guidelines.

Our top priority is everyone's safety. Next, is hosting a show that moves the sales needle. Expect to see audiences ready to spend without the crowding that's generally associated with our shows. We'll be controlling the flow of people into the show using a timed ticketing system. We'll be well under the occupancy we're allowed but our math says we'll have overall attendance similar to previous years only without the crowding at peak times. Face protection will be mandatory for everyone as will maintaining a social distance of at least 6 feet.

We're excited to announce public lands advocate and celebrated big game hunter, Randy Newberg, will be at all three shows.



If you're interested in exhibiting, give us a call at 503-246-8291. Take advantage of what should be an incredible series of shows with attendees that are known nationwide as "the top retail audience in the category."

Bill O'Loughlin
President
O'Loughlin Trade Shows

Bills abound on cougars, coyotes, crossings, crossbows

And a barrage of gun control bills

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist

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The 81st session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly began in mid-January, and hunters and gun owners have a lot to be concerned about. The 2021 Legislative Session is starting out virtually, with hearings being held remotely. Legislative leadership has said that while bills will be voted on and moved out of committee, no votes on bills will occur on the House or Senate floors until April or May. The session began with over 1,800 bills already filed. Here are some of the bills that OHA will follow in 2021:

HB 2548 Wildlife Corridor Funding

Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study issues related to funding construction of wildlife corridor road crossings and report to legislature its findings on or before Sept. 15, 2022.

HB 2728 Coyote Contests

It's back! However, this version has an amendment that protects certain aspects of nonprofit contests (Section 5 of the bill lines 17-19). The bill prohibits a person from conducting or participating in a contest, competition, tournament, or derby that has the objective of taking coyotes for cash or prizes. Provides that prohibition does not apply to raffles conducted by nonprofit organizations if the organization does not award raffle prizes based on number, weight or size of coyotes taken. Punishes violation of prohibition by maximum fine of \$2,000.

HB 2762 Multiyear Hunting Licenses

Directs the Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish and prescribe fees for multiyear resident and nonresident hunting licenses. Sets amount of agent fee for issuance of each multiyear license.

HB 2797 Use of Dogs to Hunt Cougars

Allows electors of a county to approve a measure allowing use of dogs for hunting, pursuing, or taking cougars within that county. The bill authorizes ODFW to issue a resident of the approving county a special cougar tag that allows use of dogs for hunting, pursuing, or taking cougars within that county.

HB 2804 Use of Crossbows

Requires ODFW to allow a person meeting certain criteria to hunt game mammals using a crossbow. The language of the bill says ODFW will allow a person possessing a valid hunting license to hunt game mammals using a crossbow if the person provides proof that: (1) The person has previously used a bow; (2) The person has a permanent physical impairment that prevents the person from holding or using a bow other than a crossbow; and (3) The person has a medical release issued by a health care professional stating that the person is physically able to hunt using a crossbow.

HB 2843 Taking Beavers on Federal Land

Prohibits taking of beavers on federally managed public land, as waters flow through federally managed public land or in pond, lake or water storage facility on federally managed public land. Exempts taking of beaver by employees of federal land management agencies to address conflict related to infrastructure. ODFW is directed to adopt any rules necessary to implement prohibition.

SB 592 Lead Shot Prohibition Bill

Prohibits using lead shotgun pellets for hunting. Also prohibits using lead weight in waters of this state for angling or commercial fishing.

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SB 630Elk Damage Tag Bill

Authorizes the use of landowner damage tags to take elk on adjacent property with consent of the owner of the adjacent property.

SB 637Nuisance Game Mammal Meat

Allows a person taking certain nuisance game mammals to retain game meat if meat is offered to charitable organizations and refused.

Gun Bills

OHA is following several gun control bills:

HB 2510Mandatory Lock Up

Requires the owner or possessor of firearm to secure the firearm with trigger or cable lock, in a locked container or in a gun room except in specified circumstances.

HB 2543Firearm Transfer Prohibition

Prohibits transfer of firearms by gun dealers or private parties if OSP is unable to determine whether recipient is qualified to receive a firearm.

SB 396Undetectable Firearm Prohibition

Prohibits “undetectable firearms,” which include “ghost guns” constructed to avoid detection by devices used at security check points.

SB 554Concealed Weapon Laws

Authorizes city, county, metropolitan service district, port operating commercial airport, school district, college, or university to adopt ordinances or policies limiting or precluding affirmative defense for possession of firearms in public buildings by concealed handgun licensees.

SB 585Repeals Preemption Law

Repeals Oregon’s preemption law allowing any locality to create and enforce any gun law they choose.

SB 604Permit to Purchase Firearms

The bill requires a permit to purchase firearms. The bill requires mandatory training, background checks, and fees. The bill requires safety training from the “National Firearms Association” (bill language). The permit must be renewed every 5 years.

To learn more about these bills, visit www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws

To every OHA member we wish you the best and hope that you continue to stay healthy, active, and keep a positive outlook while navigating through everything happening out there today.

OHA as a whole is trying to support and focus on our mission while following our governing guidelines. We're going to find ways to continue forward so keep your eyes out for online auctions and fundraisers as well as in person events when we are able to have them. We thank you all so much for your continued support.

Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show Booth Volunteers

We will need volunteers to help out at the booth with one of our board members. There are two shifts a day, if you are interested in working one or more shift, please call Shelley Kind at 503-522-8723. **DATES MARCH 24 – 28, 2021**

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Elk damage will be a hot issue in the 2021 Oregon Legislative Session. OHA will ensure that the concerns of hunters are heard.

Bills see hearings despite COVID and ice storms

By Al Elkins, OHA Lobbyist
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The 2021 Legislative Session is in full swing, and OHA is following many bills this session with many more bills yet to come. The month of February saw committee action on a coyote contest ban, a bill to help with wildlife corridor funding, and action on gun bills.

Here is a highlight of some of the action in February.

HB 2548 Wildlife Corridor Funding

Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to study issues related to funding construction of wildlife corridor road crossings and report to legislature its findings on or before Sept. 15, 2022.

Update: At a February hearing on this bill, OHA testified in support. The bill is now awaiting a work session. The bill has across-the-board support.

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Update: The hearing on this bill took up almost two entire hearings, because of the number of people who wanted to speak. People testified in support of the bill, but there was also much testimony given by those in opposition, especially from Harney County. The bill is now awaiting a work session.

SB 630 Elk Damage Tag Bill

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Update: This bill was scheduled for a hearing, but the hearing was canceled due to the ice and snow.

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Update: This bill had a hearing in February. OHA sent in testimony opposing the bill, saying in part:

"Constitutional rights delayed are Constitutional rights denied! Under our American and Oregonian systems of government, the burden of proof is on the State to demonstrate through due process that an individual's Constitutional right has been lost. If the State cannot timely do its job, then it needs to address that duty within itself by allocating sufficient resources to timely perform its function, not impose its failing upon the individual."

SB 554 Concealed Weapon Laws

Authorizes city, county, metropolitan service district, port operating commercial airport, school district, college, or university to adopt ordinances or policies limiting or precluding affirmative defense for possession of firearms in public buildings by concealed handgun licensees.

Update: This bill had a hearing in Febru-

ary. OHA sent in testimony opposing the bill, saying in part:

"We do not want to see hunters get caught in this maze of poor definitions that could make them lose their right to carry a firearm including a rifle or shotgun for hunting if convicted of unknowingly violating this law by carrying a firearm they are licensed to carry."

SB 585 Repeals Preemption Law

Repeals Oregon's preemption law allowing any locality to create and enforce any gun law they choose.

Update: This bill had a hearing in February. OHA sent in testimony opposing the bill, saying in part:

"The current state law gives counties and cities certain limited rights to regulate the discharge of firearms and the possession of loaded firearms in public places. The law also reserves to the state assembly all other powers related to firearms. If the Statutes referenced in the bill were repealed, we would be at the mercy (or lack thereof) of each county or city we travel through. The vast majority of hunters travel outside the county they live in to hunt. Therefore, this would have a significant impact on hunters."

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Requires the owner or possessor of firearm to secure the firearm with trigger or cable lock, in a locked container or in a gun room except in specified circumstances.

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Elk archery talks resume

By Mike Totey, OHA Conservation Director
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ODFW will resume consideration of moving some or all of the eastern Oregon archery elk hunts to a controlled hunt system. Multiple changes were considered as part of the big game regulation review conducted by ODFW in 2020. OHA participated in multiple discussions with the ODFW staff charged with leading the review. At that time, both deer and elk archery hunting were being considered to move to controlled hunts, along with several other changes.

Ultimately, input from OHA and other hunting organizations led to the delay of the elk archery hunt decision in 2020. OHA wanted more time to examine data and information on the current elk archery hunting, and also wanted an opportunity for more of our members to engage in the discussion.

Jeremy Thompson, ODFW District Biologist from The Dalles, will serve as the agency lead for the process. ODFW has a goal of getting a decision on the potential elk archery hunt changes by the June Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, rather than waiting until the normal meeting date of September, when most archery hunters are in the field.

Any changes made on the elk archery seasons would not be implemented until the 2022 hunting season.

OHA forms advisory council

By Mike Totey, OHA Conservation Director
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The OHA Board of Directors has approved the formation of a new advisory council that will be chaired by Jim Akenson, past OHA Senior Conservation Director, who was appointed to that position in January. Eight other people were invited to serve on the council based on their individual experience and professional work.

The council will be used to help provide technical information and data on a number of new and ongoing projects and issues that OHA is involved with.

Other council members include: Holly Akenson, a wildlife biologist, researcher and former Fish and Wildlife Commission member; Vic Coggins, retired ODFW biologist and current OHA State Board member; Craig "Foz" Foster, retired ODFW biologist; Todd Hoodenpyl, a retired OSP Game Officer; Tim Hiller, former ODFW furbearer program leader and currently a consulting wildlife biologist; Monty Gregg, the forest wildlife biologist on the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grasslands; Steve Denny, a retired ODFW wildlife manager and biologist; and Mike Schlegel, a retired IDFG wildlife biologist and elk researcher.

The council is already providing input to staff and project leaders on several topics, including anti-beaver trapping legislation, tag reporting (were hunts on public or private land), and wildlife area management plan reviews.



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OHA chapter banquets change dates, formats

Some OHA chapters have moved banquet dates and others have gone online. Please call the numbers listed for the latest info.

Online	Pioneer	503-710-1233
Online	Bend	541-480-9848
Online	Yamhill County	503-490-2489
Online	Josephine Co.	541-821-1511
Mar. 13	Union/Wallowa	541-786-1283
Mar. 20	Tioga	541-267-2577
Mar. 20	Clatsop County	503-791-0549
Apr. 3	Baker	541-403-0402
Apr. 3	Blue Mountain	541-231-4384
Apr. 3	Lake County	541-810-1617
Apr. 10	Tualatin Valley	503-502-0611
Apr. 24	Klamath	541-882-9593
May 1	Tillamook	503-801-3779
June 5	Redmond	541-233-3740
June 19	Mid-Willamette	541-971-3351
July 17	OHA State Convention,	
	Chinook Winds Casino,	541-772-7313
July 31	Capitol	503-851-8409

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