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OHA battles anti-hunting petition

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The coming of fall brings forth many topics for OHA to follow as the Oregon Legislature returns with Legislative Days in September along with a one-day special session on the topic of redistricting. **The Latest on IP13, the Oregon Hunting, Trapping & Fishing Ban**

In September OHA continued working with two like-minded coalitions to develop strong messaging to defeat IP13 should the proponents gather the 112,000 signatures needed by June 2022 to place it on the November 2022 ballot.

IP13 would criminalize hunting, fishing, and trapping in Oregon.



IP13 would implement a number of egregious changes to Oregon's animal abuse statutes, including criminalizing hunting, fishing, and trapping activities. It would classify many aspects of raising livestock as either animal abuse or sexual assault and turn Oregon into a no-kill, sanctuary state for animals.

OHA staff is creating a grassroots campaign aimed at keeping the initiative from reaching the ballot, and our membership will play a key role. Stay tuned; we will need your help to defeat this radical initiative.

For more information on our efforts to defeat IP13, visit the OHA website at: <https://oregonhunters.org/initiative-petition-13>



Just what Oregon needs - another new gun permit system, right?

Gun control petitions collecting signatures

Petitioners have begun gathering signatures on gun control initiative petitions IP17 and IP18.

IP17 imposes a new permit system to purchase a firearm and prohibits possession or use of magazines over 10 rounds.

IP18 prohibits manufacturing/possession/transferring of many semiautomatic firearms and their use on public lands.

The petitioners need to obtain 112,000 signatures by June 2022 to get their measures on the November 2022 ballot.

OHA is working closely with gun advocate groups to defeat these petitions.

Sportsmen's Caucus planning fund-raiser

The Oregon Sportsmen's Caucus, a group of legislators and lobbyists, is planning a virtual fundraiser for January of 2022. The group meets on a regular basis during legislative sessions to take positions on bills that affect hunting, fishing, and wildlife.

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OHA moves camp!

After 27 years on the same corner in Medford, OHA has moved our state office - to the opposite corner of the same block. You can find us now at 301 Crater Lake Ave. Suite C in Medford.

Our other contact info stays the same.

Karma for the landlord who wanted the space for their own use and insult to injury for OHA, between the eviction notice and the move, this tree fell on the old OHA office. Probably some nice gun stocks in that walnut.



Muley to make a plate appearance

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The Watch for Wildlife license plate voucher presale is officially complete. OHA has been active in promoting the pre-sale of the license plate vouchers for a couple of years. The purchase of the vouchers was a way for interested people to show their support for this new Oregon license plate, and reserve their copy when it is released. Advertisements in our publications, promotions at the sports shows, and other media outlets helped tremendously in getting the necessary 3,000 vouchers sold.

The Oregon Wildlife Foundation stated in its recent newsletter, "We'd like to thank everyone who purchased a voucher to help make this new license plate possible. Because of your support, OWF will have a sustaining fund through registration and renewal fees, which will support statewide wildlife passage projects." OHA has become a leader in identifying needed wildlife road crossings, and now we will have a source of funding to tap into to help with these efforts.

DMV reports that production is currently



The Watch for Wildlife mule deer license plate - due to make a plate appearance in 2022 - will help fund safe wildlife crossings.

rently taking 5 to 6 months, so the plates won't be in local offices until March. At that time, if you didn't purchase a voucher, you will be able to purchase a Watch for Wildlife license plate at any DMV location.

Are you interested in getting one of the first plates in the series? As other organizations have done, OWF will be holding a VIP list auction to raise additional money. The DMV gives plate sponsors numbers 00001 - 00020. OWF will auction the corresponding places on our VIP list using eBay. Keep an eye out for information regarding the VIP list auction coming soon.

Commission adopts big game regs for 2022

The Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted 2022 Big Game Regulations during its meeting on Sept. 17, with a surprise modification to move the long-duration youth elk hunt start date from Aug. 1 to Aug. 15.

Archery elk regulations that moved Blue Mountains units to controlled hunting in 2022 were already adopted in August.



There is also a new Rocky Mountain bighorn hunt (556) as part of a rotation among the states of Oregon and Washington and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. One California bighorn hunt (551) will no longer be available in response to pneumonia in the herd. Several new youth hunts were approved including for deer and spring bear.

The Commission also approved funding for several Access and Habitat projects that provide hunting access or improve wildlife habitat on private land.

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