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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members
Steven Johnson, Lacey Anheluk, Rick Berger, Peter S. Davis, Rickey Hayes Sr & Family, Bruce Herb, Matt Herb, Talha Khan, John C. Kelly, Justin Loranger, Jim Mullaney, Mark Olson, Darrell Roberts & Matt Weishoff

Youth Event Volunteers needed

Interested in volunteering at our booth at the I'm Hooked event out at Henry Hagg Lake June 4th & 5th? Shifts start early 6:30am—11:30 & and 11—4.

Contact Shelley Kind at 503-522-8723 to sign up or find out more information.

Our 2023 annual fundraising banquet date is March 25, 2023 at the same venue as this year, the Wingspan Event Center.

You can call or email Melody Kind to reserve your seats now—prices will remain the same as they were for our 2022 fundraiser. The flyer will be out in later newsletters however you can use the same one that's online at our webpage www.TualatinValleyOHA.com or that were in previous newsletters for a guide if you want to get a jump on reserving your seats/tables.



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THANK YOU to Amy Darr for being our May guest Speaker. Amy has been with ODFW for 14 years as a wildlife biologist, in our district or management area for the last 4 years. Biologists split time between taking part in surveys, conservation, field work and paperwork. Our field office receives 30-50 calls per day. There are something like 26 different tasks they respond to including responding to damage complaints, mandatory reporting check ins, representing the agency on special work groups, dead animal reporting and inspecting wildlife rehabbers facilities are just a few of those tasks. They are hoping to bring back volunteers soon for spotlight surveys. You can call and let them know that you would like to participate. Keep in mind that they surveys are done at night with spotlights so dress warmly as the windows will be down and they take place in November and December.

Amy covered topics like deer & elk trends counts, Elk Hoof disease or (TAHD) and provided info on reporting it online. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) as it had been detected 50 miles from the Oregon boarder. Oregon does have monitoring in place for CWD and they are working to do more.

Amy says that if you have questions about wildlife in an area that you should call the ODFW wildlife biologist in the area of that animal/unit as they would be the most knowledgeable about the subject. The Sauvie Island Wildlife Management area is the one that covers our local area.

Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Area Manager: Mark Nebeker	503-621-3488	Sauvie Island	Mark.A.Nebeker@odfw.oregon.gov	Northern Willamette Valley
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Top 5 questions from the public

- 1. Can you put me in contact with a landowner?** No, however they can provide landowners with hunter information so landowners can contact the hunter.
- 2. Is a specific piece of land open for hunting for the General Antlerless Hunt (Damage Hunt) ?**
They do not have the latest information on that—Oregon Forest Industries has the most up to date information. You can find online maps at; Oregon-department-of-forestry-geo.hub.arcgis.com
- 3. Do you trap animals/wildlife that I don't want on my property?** No they do not trap nuisance wildlife.
- 4. Will you come out and remove and animal I don't want on my property?**
No they do not trap nuisance wildlife but they will provide you resources of who can help you like the Oregon Trappers Association & OHA chapters known to help.
- 5. An animal died on my property, will you come pick it up?** No, they do not provide that service however they would like to talk with you about it and try to determine the cause if there is not a clear cause. Your County has resources for picking up dead animals on public property, you can call them to for instance to pick up a dead animal on the side of a roadway.



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In addition to supporting your upcoming banquet events with product donations, we would also like to extend this 30% discount to all OHA Members! Just a small thank you from all of us here at Team Work Sharp. Stay Sharp Out There!

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CONGRATULATIONS
to our members on their
successful hunts/catches.

Above left is Tyler Joramo,
above right is TV OHA
Vice President Kirk Nolan
and right is Corey Kind.





CONGRATULATIONS to our youth members.

Above left is Jamie Hardwick, above right is Weston Keller and to the left are Parker & McKenna Mulholland practicing their archery skills.



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HARVEY COUNTY/DUANE DUNNAN

IP3 draft ballot language released

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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The proponents of IP3 have successfully gathered the 1,000 sponsoring signatures to qualify for draft ballot title/language.

The language was released on May 12 and can be read here:
<https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/irr/003dbt.pdf>.

It is largely the same language we saw for IP13 with a few minor edits due to the additional language specifying artificial insemination as sexual assault.

OHA and our allies in both the sportsmen's community and the farming and ranching communities will submit comments on the draft language and work on strategic next steps.

ODFW proposes 2023-25 budget with no fee increase

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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ODFW has proposed its draft budget for the 2023-25 biennium based on no fee increases. With the recent increase in hunting and angling licenses, the department's financial outlook appears solid enough to forgo any fee increase for license products.

OHA provided testimony before the Commission in support of the proposed funding requested related to the Mule Deer Coordinator, Mule Deer Research and Data Management positions, and the Minam acquisition.

OHA staff also expressed concern over a lack of funding to establish in-state testing for Chronic Wasting Disease.



ODFW Director Curt Melcher (right) presents retiring OHA lobbyist Al Elkins with a bottle of wine from Duck Pond Cellars that supports wildlife conservation, while OHA State Board Chairman Fred Walasavage and Legislative Committee Chairman Paul Donheffner look on.

OHA State Convention a big hit

OHA's annual State Convention was another solid hit on May 14 at Seven Feathers Casino Resort, where a spirited crowd rocked the auctions and sold out nearly all the raffles. Guests enjoyed a gourmet buffet, as well as 110 auction items and more than 100 raffle prizes donated by supporters like OHA Platinum Sponsors Coastal Farm & Ranch, Sig, Work Sharp and Leupold & Stevens. Retiring OHA lobbyist Al Elkins was honored for his 25 years of service to OHA's mission of Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage. Make plans to attend OHA's 40th Anniversary State Convention May 6, 2023, at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City.



A happy camper celebrates winning the Key Gun, congratulated by a Wall of Guns winner at OHA's State Convention May 14.

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OHA elects state officers, board

OHA members elected a pair of officers and a trio of board members to serve on the OHA State Board of Directors in annual elections held this spring.

OHA State Vice President Steve Hagan was elected State President, while longtime Mid-Columbia Chapter member Renee Walasavage was elected Secretary, filling in for Mary Jo Hedrick, who was elected Southeast Director. Northeast Director Fred Walasavage and Southwest Director Bob Webber were re-elected to their respective positions.

OHA thanks outgoing President Mike Ayers for a decade of service on the state board, including three terms as President.

Commission accepts beaver workgroup recommendations

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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After almost a year of work, the Beaver Management Workgroup has finalized its recommendation to the ODFW Commission. The workgroup was originally formed in June 2020 and sanctioned again in November 2020 as the result of a narrowly defeated petition to ban beaver trapping on all federally managed public lands.

While the primary impetus of the petitioning groups was to ban all beaver trapping, the group ultimately formed management recommendations around habitat needs and expanded data collection relative to the current beaver population in the state.

The commission accepted the document put forth by the workgroup and requested that staff support the recommendations and return to the commission in August with actionable items related to increasing beaver habitat on federally managed lands. It was noted by the Commission that the focus of such actions should be on the landscape rather than simply restrictions on trapping. OHA will remain involved in these discussions as they continue in August and beyond.



Black-tailed deer habitat and population trends are key concerns for OHA.

OHA co-sponsors blacktail workshop

By Mike Totey, OHA Conservation Director
& Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator

OHA conservation staff recently attended and co-sponsored the Black-tailed Deer Summit at Leupold & Stevens headquarters in Beaverton, where the focus was Columbian and Sitka black-tailed deer status and ongoing research from California to Alaska.

OHA seized this opportunity to expand our partnerships with other organizations, hear about challenges in other states with Columbian black-tailed deer, and stay up to date with the latest ongoing research conducted by ODFW.

The ODFW West Region Wildlife Research Supervisor, Dr. DeWayne Jackson, and his research team are in the process of attaining black-tailed deer density estimates in western Oregon. They are using scat detection dogs and collecting fecal data to estimate densities across wildlife management units. OHA staff were encouraged by this work, and we look forward to working with ODFW to improve our knowledge of deer populations west of the Cascades.

Leupold & Stevens is an OHA State Title Sponsor, and OHA is excited about our collaboration for the benefit of black-tailed deer. Mule Deer Foundation organized the event, and agencies in attendance included ODFW, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, California Fish and Game, the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Forest Service.

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