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The Fur Shed

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## Why should I be a member of WSTA?

### **Why should I be a member of WSTA?**

If you are getting this Magazine, and it is the only edition you get during the year, then you are not a member but have had a Trapping license in the past year. We send the Summer Edition out to all licensed trappers. So why are you not a member of WSTA? I assume it is because you do not see the benefits. Maybe you never go to a Rendezvous because there is plenty of trapping related stuff to read without getting our magazine.

The most important thing that membership provides is representation. A voice with the Legislature, The Fish & Wildlife Commission and with the Department. Trapping is under attack all the time and unless someone is there to speak up we will lose it all. The animal rights groups would love to see their proposals go unanswered. Just in the last year we saw bills in Oregon, Nevada and New Mexico that would have virtually put an end to trapping in those States.

You are probably thinking "They have us down to cage traps. What more can they do?" In Oregon they would have made it illegal to sell fur and virtually ended private animal control companies. Nevada and New Mexico would have seen the end to trapping on public land. The animal rights groups are getting smart. They thought forcing us to cage traps would kill trapping in WA but no, we found a way to keep going. Now they know their next move has to be complete prohibition. Our voice keeps them at bay.

We will be there even if you are not a member but every member increases our strength. When I speak before the Commission you can bet I am going to let them know how many trappers I represent. If I can say 600 they come to attention and listen. 300 they listen but not so intently. 100 they aren't even going to look up. Numbers really do matter and we need you.

What have we done for you lately? We started CITES tagging by some of our members so you can get your cats and otters tagged when you visit the fur buyer. Otter season is now open without quotas in all of Eastern WA. Really though it is more about what didn't happen. We worked all last year on 10 WAC changes the Department pushed through that had some really bad language and more recently some bad language having to do with dispatching animals. In March I attended a Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting.

A woman signed up for comments. She had a bunch of graphs and statistics that "proved" trappers were wiping the bobcats out in WA. She asked that the bobcat season be closed. I was able to get up and tell the Commission why everything she was saying was wrong. You cannot let stuff like that go unanswered. A lie becomes the truth if nobody is there to refute it. And you can rest assured they listened to me because that woman only represented herself. I had near 400 trappers behind me. When HSUS or The Center for Biological Diversity testify though they we need numbers because they also have numbers.

We affiliate with other Sportsmen's groups to help with our numbers but we need trapper numbers as our primary show of strength. That shows other groups we are serious and brings them to our aid because they need us too and a large membership makes them want to help us so they can get our help too.

So what, I'm a WCO. I don't care about fur trapping and I don't see the benefit.

Right now there is language making it illegal for you to do work on any public property. I have the Departments word that they will not enforce this and a rewrite of the law should be passed this summer. One thing they are enforcing is a WAC that says WCOs cannot shoot animals outside a trap.

That should go away this summer too. Without anyone to speak on your behalf USDA -Wildlife Services would be more than happy to step in and take those jobs. We do work on WCOs behalf. Without us in your corner regulation will only become more onerous.

One last thing, I get about a call a week from people or government entities with animal problems. I am also working with the Department to open access to locked up timberlands for trappers. You can bet I do not give out names of non-members as referrals.

\$30.00 bucks a year is a pretty small price to pay for all that. You are hurting yourself by not joining us. We would love to have you join the fraternity protecting trapping. I hope I see you at our Annual Rendezvous.

Bruce Vandervort, President of WSTA

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Help us keep trapping alive in Washington State. We are preserving an old Heritage. There is an application on page 19, fill it out and join the Best Organizations in this state fighting for your interest. We need your support.

## ***"News, Notes & Updates, Upcoming Events"***

### Upcoming Events

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| * WSTA Summer Rendezvous                        | Aug 11-13, 2017  |
| * National Trappers Assoc. Convention           | July 27-29, 2017 |
| * Oregon Trappers Assoc. Summer Rendezvous      | Aug 18-20, 2017  |
| * Idaho State Trappers Assoc. Summer Rendezvous |                  |
| * Wyoming Trappers Assoc. Summer Rendezvous     | Aug 11-12, 2017  |
| * Montana Trappers Assoc. Summer Rendezvous     | Sept 8-10, 2017  |

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Contact George Brady at 509-923-21326 for a class nearest you  
Or Dan Boes WDFW Hunter Education Division 360-902-8409

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\* "Classes are limited" so sign up early \*

**\*\* August 12, 2017 WSTA Summer Rendezvous \*\***

**September 15, 2017** *Doug Stanly ~ Tri-Cities ~ Eastern WA*  
*Class is limited to the first 40 people \**

*Other Dates to be set. ~ For more information contact these people:*


**September 16, 2017, Ed Cunningham ~ Western WA**

**October 14 2017, Bernie Nelson ~ Eastern WA**

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# From The Editor

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## Staying in touch

When I first started my ADC Business back in 1985 all we had at that time was a house phone and a cassette tape recorder. Than about six years went by and my wife started working with me and we turned it into a family owned Business. The next high-tech tool we got was the pager. At that time if she needed to contact me while I was on the road, she use to call my pager. Does anybody remember those pagers that every business person use to have. I think doctors still use them in the hospitals. She would contact me and I would have to find a pay phone (*do you remember those too*) that was always somewhere in some mall parking lot or on some busy street corner. Than came the cell phones. Do you remember the size of those "bricks" we use to carry around compared to today's cell phones?

Well times have changed. Welcome to the 21st Century. Now we have social media, computers, email, twitter with tweets, email with your smart phones, facebook, trapper websites, trapper forums and the list is growing. Even the FAX machines are going out. You can FAX that document through your email as an attachment. Print is almost dead except this magazine. Yep, we stopped calling it a newsletter because it has outgrown its name as a newsletter. Who know where the future will be for people and businesses to stay in touch with one another.



That brings me to this point. WSTA is trying to stay in touch with all of its members and in as many ways we can. A couple of ways is through our website forum page which is at the Hunt Washington website and Doug has set up a facebook account. You can read more about this in his column. The other and best places are our two Rendezvous we have every year. Some of you folks including County and Regional Directors haven't been seen in years.



## WE WANT YOU!

Last count there were 329 WCO's and growing. WSTA is working endlessly to make sure that the State Legislators and the WDFW is not pushing to take away everybody's right to trap in Washington including WCO's. If they do, it will also effect the WCO's Industry / businesses in big ways. You can read more about this in the Presidents Address front page. Since the Wildlife Control Operators don't have their own organization, we are watching all agencies because what effects us also effects the WCO Industry. So if your not a member of WSTA and you are a WCO than you should support us because we have your back and your Industry interest.

## So what's in this issue?

We picked up three more great Advertisers. First is "Fur Tree Forestry", he is a small logging company that does small private jobs for small landowners from couple acres to a couple hundred acres. Give him a call if you looking for someone like him. Check his ad on page 8.

Next is a great Gun Shop called: "Armageddon Arm." Boy they have everything a gun nut like myself can use. Check their ad out on page 11 and stop in and see what they have for you. You can follow them on facebook too.

The third one is a "Pacific Diesel Service." Do you own a Diesel car or pick up truck? When was last time you got a 15qt oil change for \$69.95? Yes: you read that right, check out their ad on the *insert Rendezvous Agenda page*. I have been doing business with them for several years and they have a great service. For that price; its worth the drive.

It looks like this years Rendezvous is being set up to be another great event. There are some new changes to this years Rendezvous. Vendors and Suppliers will still be inside but the Demo's will be moved outside to a shaded area and a new set up program will be set up that you are really going to like. Did I mention that there is a Air Conditioned Auditorium.

Trapper Training class will start around 9:30 and should finish up around noon. Anybody that wants to attend the class and get your trappers card this year the new change is that the class will cost you \$30.00. That will also get you a one year membership to WSTA. George Brady will not be teaching the class but some other Instructor will be doing it. George will be doing a couple of demos this year. About time.

Dinner both Friday and Saturday nights will be Pot Luck so bring your favorite dish to share. Last year there was so much food from Fridays Pot Luck dinner left over that we could have fed everybody at the Saturday lunch and dinner. While we are having dinner Saturday night there is always the "Fur Show" put on by the woman so bring your fur garment and show it off. There is a rumor that we will have our long time member Dave McCure the "Cowboy Poet" to entertain us at lunch or dinner. Don't miss it.

The "Live Auction" is always a great event and should be a good one with lots of donated items from people like you and also from Trap Suppliers from around the country. Several items are from Cabela's so make sure you get your auction number to bid on these great items.

What's new for next years issues? We have a new Series starting next issue called "Putting up Fur" by one of our Fur Buyer members. Look for this new series which is going to be a great and very informative one. I also have another new writer that your going to like reading his articles.

Until next issue, remember to support our Advertisers they have everything you need. So keep your "FUR SHED" full and I'll see you at the Rendezvous.

John

***Presidents Report***

I thought there would be a lot to report this time out. The three year trapping package is coming up this year and I have a lot to discuss on my wish list of changes I want but as of this printing I have been unable to schedule a meeting. We had Anglique Curtis as Furbearer Section Manager. She seemed to have our interests at heart but early this year WDFW took that away from her and gave the job to Stephanie Simek who had been in charge of nuisance wildlife. Not a good thing for us is all I can say.

We held the Spring Business Meeting/Campout in May at Cashmere. We tried this campout thing for two years now hoping to attract more people but it is not working out. We are going to go back to the one day format next year probably and try to find a location on the west side but close to the pass. We really need more participation. We will be going over the budget Sunday after the Summer Rendezvous and taking care of some other business at that time that should have been done in May. Please make some time to attend.

FTA is selling raffle tickets on a fur blanket. We will be offering tickets at the Rendezvous. We split the proceeds 50/50 with FTA so give it a look and maybe win a fur blanket.

The Winter Rendezvous seemed to go off well but we are looking for a new location closer to I-5. Any good ideas let me know. I looked at Millersylvania State Park. Great facility but I think too expensive. I will bring it up at the Summer Rendezvous for opinions. This was the first year of us doing CITES tagging and it seemed to go well. Looking towards expanding it for next year.

Want to thank Tom Prang. He is a new member and stepped up to do a booth for us at the Chelan County Fair this year. Also I cannot say enough good about Dave Persell. Dave is sponsoring the cost of manufacturing the fur garment we give to Miss Rodeo each year. The only thing negative I have to say about Dave is I don't see him often enough. If you are reading this Dave take a day off work and make it to the Rendezvous.

I think it should be a great Rendezvous this year. We are planning on building an actual demonstration area this year. Should be a great addition plus the main building has air conditioning now so if it is hot we can still be cool as a cucumber. On a personal note I have been busy building traps so I should have some of my new ones for sale there. I think you will like the looks of them.

Hope to see you at Rendezvous and wear your name tag. It helps us with foggy brains.

*Bruce Vandervort*

***Last minute addition***

Just before the Fur Shed deadline I had a meeting at WDFW regarding some WACs we want changed and next year's trapping season regulation package.

1<sup>st</sup> was a requested change to WAC 220-440-100 which they have been saying made it illegal for WCOs to work for public entities or shoot animals outside of traps. I proposed a simple change to the WAC to remedy this. They agreed it was necessary and would pursue a change. They also decided they had been wrong about the shooting part and would tell staff to stop telling WCOs they could not shoot wildlife for hire. The change to allow WCOs to work for public entities still needs to happen although I have their word they will not ticket anyone for now on this.

2<sup>nd</sup> Change WAC 220-417-330 to allow trappers to pick up road kill and for the public to transport trapped wildlife for the purposes of dispatch ie; moving animals from a no shooting zone to dispatch. They agreed something needs changed but that Enforcement is not going to like it. I argued that the law is putting people an untenable position and needs fixed. They said they would speak with Enforcement and I will have to keep bugging them about it.

3<sup>rd</sup> I asked them to change the run time of the Fur dealers license to a July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> time frame to more closely match Fur Dealer activity. They said they would talk with licensing. Again have to keep needling them about it.

They are going to look into extending the water trapping season to the end of April and will be adding Doug Stanley to those authorized to CITES tag cats and otters.

I spoke at length with them about cougar trapping. It is a tough sell but my presentation received a slightly better response then mentions of it I made in the past. This is still a long term project so don't expect any changes soon.

The idea they advanced over a year ago to authorize people to trap problem bears appears to be dead for now.

You would think some of these things are pretty simple and non-controversial and they would just happen but no. They have pushed the date out for these changes until next March. That means I will have to have at least three more meetings to keep them working on this stuff or they will forget about it. Job security I guess.

Bruce

***Eastern Washington Vice President Report***

I have had a busy last few months, including going to both the NAFA and Fur Harvester May sales as well as visiting a fur dealer in Michigan and visiting a furrier in Toronto. First time I have seen a \$95,000 lynx cat coat! Will cover some of that in the market report.

Have also attended the quarterly meetings of both the Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation and the Hunter Heritage Council. I am on the board of both of these and they are very important to all sportsmen as they watch out for us in the legislature. A good example of what Hunter Heritage Council does for us came up this year as WDFW decided it was time to raise most of the licenses another 10% to fund whatever their latest "need" is, probably planting grizzly bears or some other senseless thing.

Having done 30 years with WDFW I can speak with authority when I say they waste large amounts of money and have no accountability for what they spend it on. As Hunter Heritage is an organization of sports clubs, they did a quick survey and couldn't find anyone that thought this license increase was a good idea so, thru their lobbyist, they passed this on to the Natural Resources committee chairs both houses of the legislature, and, to shorten the story somewhat, WDFW couldn't get the bill to move AT ALL.

This kind of clout only comes with a good organization (which we help fund) and a good lobbyist. I am attending another quarterly meeting this weekend. We have a constant presence at this group which gives us a good voice for our issues.

I wasn't able to attend the spring business meeting as I was in Toronto and North Bay so someone else will have to give a report on how that went.

I have also been working with trapper groups in other states and with the auctions to push to remove some of the CITES requirements on Bobcats and River Otter with USFWS that are causing continual problems when we ship fur either to Canada or back from Canada. All trappers end paying a \$3-5 fee, one way or another, because of the paperwork costs associated with CITES. We are hopeful that the Trump administration will be receptive to including these changes into their revamping of NAFTA in the next year or two.

*George Brady*

***Western Washington Vice President Report***

Hello fellow WSTA members.

Last trapping season is now in the rearview mirror and I hope you were able to get out and enjoy this great pastime we are so lucky to be to participate in. I know we are up against a couple of severe headwinds these days. Prices have hit rock bottom on some of our most abundant and trappable species in this state. We can't really participate in the upswing in the coyote market. Unfortunately, we live in a state that is controlled by the bleeding heart money grubbing Seattle liberals. I'm sick of them and I'm sick of being nice to them...they never give an inch. I was so proud of my county (Grays Harbor) that has been voting party line Democrat since forever and this past election voted for Trump. Whatever you think of Trump, the voters were sick of the same old crap different day.

This state has guys like Chopp and Inslee that will never support our heritage because the real money is in the liberal areas and that's what makes these guys tick..money and power. We need to force our rural leaders to quit hiding under these guys skirts. Will they bring a pro hunting or trapping bill to the floor??? Not this year or next..they are too busy they say. Somehow they find time to work on a bill letting sickos go into the girls restrooms though??? Some of them say they support NRA and hunting but are protected from having to vote on these issues by their masters in Olympia.

On another Subject, I am respectfully not running for another term as your Western Washington Vice President, for this upcoming year. I have enjoyed serving you for the past several years in this capacity and that as your auction Auctioneer. However it is time for someone else to take the post as I find myself traveling too much, to be as active, as I would like. However, I will continue to write the book reviews for the newsletter.

So thanks again for letting me participate in this really great organization. You people are genuinely concerned about passing on this great heritage against some really great odds these days. You people are the best kind of friends. Keep up the good work....I will still be around and I still have a lot of traps!!!!!!

Darryl Druzianich  
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**Ex. Secretary's Report****WSTA 2017 Summer Rendezvous**

The WSTA 2017 Summer Rendezvous will be held August 11, 12, and 13 at the Chelan County Expo Center (Fairgrounds) in Cashmere, WA. Check in will begin at 1:00PM on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Rendezvous will close after the business meeting on Sunday, usually around noon.

**Admission**

Admission will be \$10.00 per adult. An adult is anybody who has reached their eighteenth birthday. Nobody under 18 will be charged admission.

**Meals**

Friday evening meal will be a potluck, as in past years. In making a change from the past, Saturday evening's meal will also be a potluck. We look forward to many, varied dishes.

WSTA will serve breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Cost will be \$7.00 per meal. We will also serve lunch on Saturday. The cost will be \$8.00.

**Camping**

The fairground has good camping facilities for both tent and RV camping. For RV camping, there are hookups for power, water, and sewer. Most spaces also have picnic tables. Tent camping will cost \$8.00 per night, while RV camping will cost \$18.00 per night. The camping area has restroom and shower facilities.

**Raffle**

We will again have a bucket raffle. There will prizes, with buckets in front of them. If you wish to take a chance on an item, put one, or more, of your raffle tickets into the bucket in front of the item. The drawings will take place during the Saturday evening program.

Raffle tickets will cost \$2.00 apiece, and may be purchased in any amount. We will have extra benefits for those purchasing any of the below ticket packages.

Package	
<b>\$50.00</b>	25 raffle tickets Free admission for one person
<b>\$100.00</b>	50 raffle tickets Free admission for one person All meals free
<b>\$150.00</b>	75 raffle tickets Free admission for one person All meals free One night of free camping
<b>\$200.00</b>	100 raffle tickets Free admission for one person All meals free Up to three nights free camping

**\$30.00 Trappers Ed Student Package**

Free Admission  
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10 drawing tickets

**Auction**

For new members, a big part of the Saturday night program is our auction. Members bring items to be sold at auction, with the proceeds going to WSTA. Anybody can bring auction items. However, if you bring an item, and it doesn't sell, you take it back home. To get everybody in good spirits, the first item auctioned off is a garbage can full of ice ... and beer.

**Driving Directions**

From Highway 2 in Cashmere, take the Goodman Road Exit. It is marked, and in the past, there were signs indicating the Expo Center. However, they were not prominent. Cross over the Wenatchee River on the old, narrow bridge. Go to Sunset Highway, and turn right. Go to Westcott Drive, and turn left. Go to Kimber road, and turn right. The Expo Center will be on your right, and the camping area on your left.

**For Non-WSTA Member Trappers**

You are receiving a copy of the Washington State Trappers Association Summer Newsletter to let you know of our upcoming Summer Rendezvous, and to invite you to attend. The Rendezvous schedule of events is included in this newsletter.

In addition to demonstrations on trapping and trapping related issues, there will be vendors selling traps, trapping equipment, lures etc. Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided for a nominal charge, but the Saturday evening meal will not be provided by WSTA. There will be a live auction on Saturday evening, and raffles. Raffle items include many handy tools, outdoor equipment, and other useful items.

We also invite you to become a WSTA member. We are still trying to overturn I-713 and we need your help for the fight.

This is the only mailing you, a non-member, will normally receive from us. So come out and support the organization that has your back.

This is the last WSTA scheduled event for 2017 besides the Trapper Training Classes which our members are the only Certified Instructors in the state and the only ones that put on the classes.

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**Membership Secretary's Report**

By now many of us have seen the return from our work throughout the season in the form of a fur check. I hope everyone did well at auction this year. I certainly was happy with my return on coyotes. If you would have asked me back in March, I would have sworn I was done with all this work and would maybe take up duck hunting next season. Now, three months later I am counting the days until November 1<sup>st</sup>. I guess that is the cycle of a trapper.

I just returned from the Washington State Trappers Association Spring Business Meeting and Camp Out. Good to see everyone and we had a successful meeting. A few changes I want to make everyone aware of. The Family & Associate Memberships are no longer offered. If you asked three members how each of these were defined I bet you would get three different ideas. Even the membership secretary lacked clarity. This lack of clarity created issues, especially when it came time to mail out newsletters. I will spare you the details but it boiled down to duplicate newsletters being sent to the same household although there was only one actual member in that home. Nothing else has changed other than the elimination of those membership types. A Regular Member is the most common membership type. This type of membership provides you with the newsletter, reduced magazine subscription fees, entry into the WSTA events and the support in the form of a larger, collective voice to help preserve trapping. A Junior membership is anyone under the age of 18, who wants to also receive the same benefits of a Regular Member. A senior membership is defined as anyone over the age of 70, who is a former paid member and who's dues are current. A Senior member receives all of the same benefits of a Regular & Senior member.

Some of you may be wondering how to keep your family involved with the elimination of the Family Membership. It is very important for each of us to keep are families involved. I currently have four in my family that certainly do support the WSTA and Trapping, although they may not actively trap. The WSTA is now asking that every Senior, Regular and Life Member tell us about the support they have in their household. The new renewal (WSTA Application) forms include an area for each of us to name our family that are in our household who are not already a paid member. This new information will do several things for us. First of all, it keeps them involved and provides are family with a sense of ownership in the association and with trapping, without causing an additional expense to the family. We will eliminate the duplication of some mailings to a single household. Maybe most importantly it increases the number of individuals who the WSTA can legitimately report are pro WSTA and Trapping. Imagine if you will a meeting with state officials and we report only are

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current active members of say 500 versus being able to report active members and their collective, supportive family members of 2000. It will make a positive impact for the association and trapping

During the Spring Business Meeting, there was some conversation about why we become members and why it is important to remain a member. This topic strikes a nerve with me on a couple levels. As the membership secretary, I have heard several reasons why a member doesn't renew or get involved. In my opinion, I have never heard a good excuse. I have heard it's the cost. Well maybe that is a reason but I know from personal experience that I spend \$30 just to go to the movies, once! I think some may not know just how good the newsletter is getting. Seems to me that this one, tangible item, is reason enough to be a member but the big reason in my book is something we can't see or touch. The support and representation we as trappers receive from several members is worth every penny. Members who are in regular contact with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, lumber companies and other trapping association across the country, giving us a voice and representation is priceless.

I briefed our executive membership and attending members with a status of the WSTA's Facebook page. It has been a huge success and has provided the WSTA with another way to reach out to trappers. I have had several positive comments about the page and would encourage everyone to join. It is easy to use, I have the security set high and all you need is a cellular telephone. If you or your family would like to join the WSTA's Facebook page, search Washington State Trappers Association, select the "Join" options and wait for me to approve you. If you are not on Facebook and would like to join is easy. From your computer, just search Facebook or if you're using a smart phone go to your app store and download the Facebook app. Now all you have to do is set up your account. All you need is a name, email address or cell phone number, your date of birth and gender.

I hope this finds everyone in good health and great spirits. We are only a couple months away from the Summer Rendezvous, something I look forward to every year. I hope to see you there!

*Doug Stanley*

Jack Thompson

Centralia, Washington

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Well fellow trappers, another fiscal year has gone by. Again the finances are healthy.

Although the Summer Rendezvous brought in less than expected, we are still operating in the black.

Lets raise attendance this year, and be sure to participate in the auctions and raffles so we can continue to help our friends battle the anti's in legislation and court.

I have moved two of our long term savings accounts from Certificates of deposit into investment accounts.

So far, the Lifetime membership and general savings account have been moved. I have not yet moved the Sovie estate account as that COD has not yet matured.

Despite a lackluster market, our accounts have still earned better than 5% on average since I moved them.

That is a lot better than the .6% or so they were earning in CODs.

I was rather pessimistic after last years summer rendezvous numbers, but am pleased to say that the organization is still in the black for FY 2016.

A big Kudos to John Consolini for editing this newsletter which comes closer to paying for itself through advertising income every issue.

Have a great summer, and I hope to see you all at the Rendezvous!

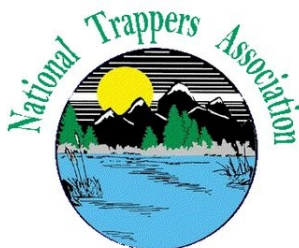
*Jack Thompson*

Bob Maier

Walla Walla, Washington

### ***NTA Representative***

The NTA is running a membership special, for every new one year membership you will receive either a copy of master trappers I or II. If you sign up for two years you get both. The DVDs have a \$40. Value. I will have applications and the DVDs at the rendezvous. See you there.



*Bob Maier*

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# **Commentary**

## *Building A Community For The Right Reasons*

*By Micheal Wells*

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Building a strong trapping community is key to preserving the way of life we choose to live and pass on to our kids and grandkids. Whether you are a fur trapper, hobby trapper, land owner, wildlife control operator or a survivalist, nothing will be more important to the future of your passion, hobby, business or way of life than building up the Washington State Trapper Association.

Trapping has always been a taboo subject with many people, even hunters. I think we can all agree that one of the main reasons is people are inadequately informed about trapping and the functions that it plays in habitat reconstruction/protection, game management, disease control, population control and human and wildlife conflicts. The Washington State Trappers Association is a nonprofit organization that is managed by hard working volunteers, who have labored relentlessly over the years to protect the rights of trappers, and to inform the public of trapping importance.

For those who might be new to trapping or trapping in this state, Washington State Trappers Association is a great place filled with a wealth of knowledge. The Association has many members that have been cage trapping for at least seventeen years and are willing to share tips, tricks and overall info. They also offer seminars during the rendezvous on many topics from skinning, trapping, euthanasia, WCO, arts and crafts, tanning, and taxidermy. If you never caged trapped you will have a learning curve to deal with. Caging a opossum or raccoon raiding the garbage bin, does not make you a cage trapping expert. The Washington State Trappers Association will be here if you need help.

Trapping has been under attack for a long time, anti-trapping groups have succeeded in misleading the public with scare tactics and false facts (Alternative Facts). Initiative 713 is a prime example of what anti-trapping groups can do when they attack. Most of these groups are well organized and heavily funded and therefore they can be very destructive. Keep in mind that the people that fund these groups feel they are saving the world and only know what they are being told by them. So, the question is: "How do we go about securing the rights that we already have and reclaim some rights that have been taken away (Mole Traps) before they decide to file another lawsuit?"

I'm not going to beat around the bush and will write what I feel are the most important things we can do to strengthen the Washington State Trappers Association. I will start with what I consider the most valuable then work down from there. Keep in mind, these are my opinions and they may not agree with yours. I will explain why I think each one is crucial to trappers across this state and the association.

The first one is probably the most overlooked and is the most essential of all: "community service." I'm sure somebody has stopped reading after that sentence, but the truth is this is a very powerful tool. A good example would be performing a beaver job for low income families on behalf of Washington State Trappers Association. Somebody is saying "I need to be paid for that!" or "The fur is worthless, they need to wait until trapping season." Now I'm not saying let's have everyone go out and do beaver jobs for free, this would be for extreme situations where the family has no money. How about planting trees and bushes along the banks after nutria have been removed to keep it from corroding into the water? This is something that could be worked on with Washington State Fish and Wildlife services. Funding a little league team so they can have new equipment to play with? How about giving coats and toys to orphanages?

This all may seem a little cheesy; however, it's great PR for trappers and the association. Keep in mind that we have been painted in a negative light by the anti-trappers. The best way to fight that is to get out and give back to the community across the state. This will help increase positive word-of-mouth about the association and trappers. The media loves this kind of thing and it would be nice to see trappers in a positive light on the news for once. Now there are a lot of trappers that talk about raccoon and coyote attack articles in the news to show trapping is valuable. Yes, this does influence the public in some ways but keep in mind where you live. The fastest way to change people's minds in Washington State is positive media reports showing that we will help the animals, environment and people. I honestly believe we should be seen in the public eye all the time, not waiting for negative publicity created by the anti-trappers with a law suit and their propaganda machine.

Teaching is another great tool to use for informing the public of why they need trappers. This goes back to what I mentioned at the start of this article that the public is poorly informed when it comes to trapping. This can be accomplished several different ways outside of the rendezvous and I feel it is a responsibility of all trappers (including WCO). Seminars

about trapping can be conducted at Bass Pro Shop or Cabela's, mountain man rendezvous, hunting clubs, county and state fairs, colleges, workshops for people that want to do WCO work. This allows other outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen to be introduced to trapping in a controlled environment. Wildlife Control Operators could take a little time to talk to their clients about trapping. I know, as a WCO myself, that clients can cluck your ear off for an hour if you let them. Just keep in mind that sometimes spending a little time with the client talking about trapping can be more productive for trappers and your business.

I've talked to clients living in Seattle (that are members of the United States Humane Society probably vegan and driving a prius) about trapping. When they call you because of animal issues they are more open to listening about trapping. I always tell them that I'm a hunter, fisherman, trapper and a huge conservationist. I'm also not afraid to let them know about foot-hold traps and how they are being used to bring back animals like wolves and fishers to Washington State. You'll be surprised how receptive and interested people become when you explain to them how it really works. Keep in mind most people only know what the anti-trapper propaganda machine puts out.

The Washington State Trappers Association needs numbers. The larger it grows, the louder the voice it has when protecting the rights of trappers in Olympia. Politicians, Judges and other elected officials care about the numbers. Especially when a group steps into the capitol and says they want something to change or be protected. Who do you think will receive more attention from them? Six hundred people in an organization or two thousand? It kind of amazes me, to see people come flying out of the wood works when anti-trapper groups attack but don't want to join a group that is pro trapper and fights year-round for your rights. This would also include WCOs: How many of you can cage trap a coyote? How large of an area can you effectively cage trap compared to body grip traps? How much extra money could be made a year if you could trap moles? How much more money could be made if the glands, skulls, meat and fur could be sold? How much money do you lose to the state and county who pay for USDA Wildlife Services instead of local businesses? How much money could you make if you could handle geese? I can go on and on, but I think you get the point. It's just as important for a Wildlife Control Operator to be a part of Washington State Trappers Association as Fur Trappers.

The next one on the list is money. This is self-explanatory, but just in case, I will go over it some. Money makes the world go around whether you want to admit it or not. The Washington State Trappers Association is not about the money but fighting against groups like PETA that make millions of dollars a year of donations, after showing video of furry baby seals being bludgeoned at Canada Arctic. As far as I'm aware nobody is clubbing baby seals in this country and seal products are banned in the United States since 1972. Frankly, this is how they generate money against trapping. It's never the whole truth or picture that they give the public only what fits their agenda. Here's the truth: It is illegal to kill white coat seal pups. Adult seals are killed with rifles not clubs. Many of those videos were found to be staged and became so infamous that they were called animal snuff films. Greenpeace, which originally promoted the sealing ban, has reversed its position (They realized they made a booboo). The World Wildlife Fund is trying to alert the public to the damage the seal ban continues to inflict on the Inuit people (They originally targeted them because they had no money to fight back). As much as I hate to say it, it's just a matter of time before they attack Washington State again over trapping laws and regulations. When this happens hopefully there will be enough funding in the war chest to fight them off. Sadly, most people don't care because it's not affecting them right now, but when it does it will be too late to start trying to build money.

I hope this gives you something to chew on. Realize that for trapping (in all forms) to survive we need to ban together and fight for our rights against the crazy tofu throwers. Help the Washington State Trappers Association grow and build a strong community for trappers, the public and wildlife.

Good Trappin' Michael Wells

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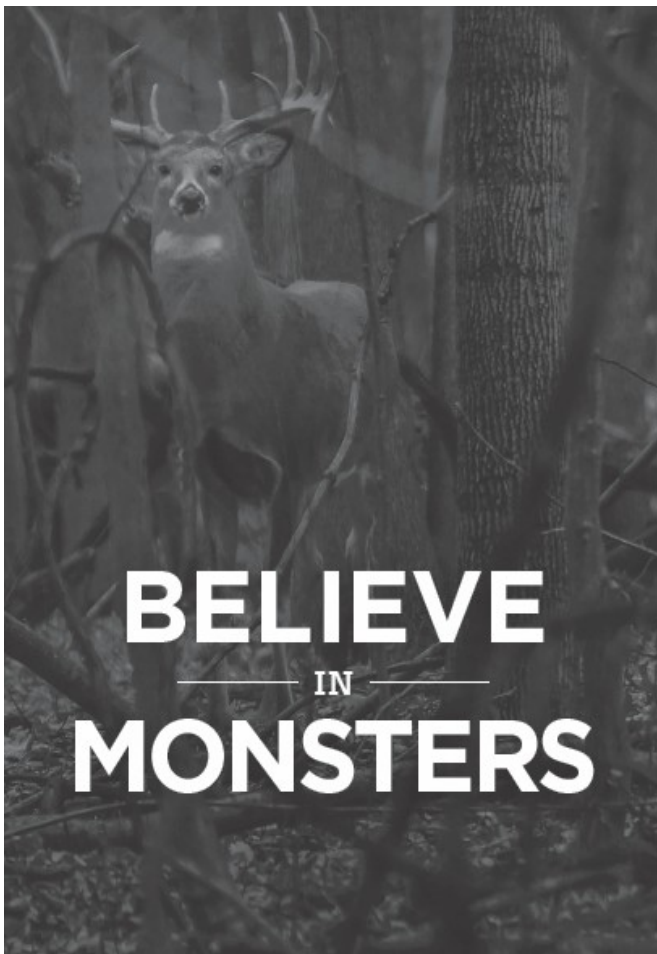
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**Fur Buyers Prospective**

As I mentioned in my VP report, I attended the last 3 days of the NAFA sale in Toronto (it goes about 8 days because the intertwine ranch mink and wild fur every day, something I can't quite figure out...) as well as the full two days of the Fur Harvesters sale in North Bay. It was quite interesting to be able to go to both auctions as it gives one a better feel for the market overall as well as the ability to talk to quite a few buyers. The food was really good at both auctions, with NAFA having great seafood and Fur Harvesters having a reception at a Greek restaurant, with great lamb and other Greek specialties. I also attended a trapper reception at NAFA and spoke with some Wisconsin trappers that were there.

My feelings about fur prices at the end of the auction was somewhat mixed. There had been a lot of positive talk going into the auction, particularly about muskrat and ranch mink, and both auctions were somewhat disappointing.

NAFA had real trouble selling a lot of the ranch mink; they were trying to hold to the last auctions prices and were able to sell some at that level but had to discount to sell some of the colors. Muskrats didn't move well at NAFA until they got below the \$6 mark for the better XL sizes and colors and they still couldn't move volumes, although a lot sold after the auction private treaty. Fur Harvesters learned from the NAFA sale and started selling, mostly at the \$6 and below levels, except for a couple of show lots. Both auctions ended up selling most of their muskrats at about a \$4 average, which I didn't think was bad.

Wild mink sold fairly good, mostly to the Russian market and averaged around \$10-12 for the better sections. This was an article that almost didn't sell in the country the past two seasons, but really picked up at the Helsinki sale, where there were about 120 Russian buyers.

Raccoon were another surprise at Helsinki, as quite a few sold at a \$40 basis. While they didn't get that at either of these two sales, they did sell quite a few skins and there was much more interest than the past couple of years.

Otter was another item that actually sold pretty well, with highs of about \$70 for the real dark XXL and much better interest.

Beaver was another item that there was hope for price improvements. I didn't see much improvement in prices in the end but they did sell quite a few skins, especially the dark and extra dark eastern beaver. Many of the section III beaver went to the hatter market.

All of the foxes sold up from last year and there was good clearances on reds, silvers, cross, and arctic. Wolves and Wolverine also sold well. This is the first auction I have ever attended where NO wolverine sold below \$100, no matter

what the condition....

Marten did pretty well on the heavier sections with prices over \$100 on the interior Alaskans, with a lot of interest from the Koreans.

The two items I always watch, since I always have quite a few pelts in the auction, are western coyotes and bobcats, or lynx cats as the fur trade calls the lighter colors. Western heavy coyotes, mostly out of Alberta and Montana sold for \$100-150 per skin at both auctions and there was a lot of buyer interest in them. These are almost all used for trim, with Canada Goose being the end user of 70-80% of them, but the better colored heavier semi-heavies also sold well, again for the trim trade. Even many of the more commercial grades, flatter, redder, or dark and coarse sold fairly well.

Lynx cat were expected to do well, after the great sale in Helsinki in March, but the sale was, in the main, disappointing as neither auction could move the off colors, flats, reds, and the types of cats we mostly end up with. The best of the heavy lynx cats did sell well at both auctions with a lot of frenzied bidding between the Italians and the Russians and both auctions topped well over \$2,000 per skin on the top lot, but the interest was confined to the real top end lots and the rest didn't sell at the auction, although some sold later by private treaty.

Talking to Don Rumford and Mark Downey, it looks to me almost certain that Fur Harvesters will sell in Helsinki again next March, and probably in Seattle in May. If they do, any trapper interested in seeing how an international auction runs, should make arrangements to come and watch it. I will be there and will give tours to anyone interested. You get a different perspective on the market at an international auction than you do at the smaller auctions.

After the sale, another buyer and I visited a dealer in central Michigan and bought several hundred dark and black beaver from him. It was fun to see his set up and look at the good quality of that section of beaver.

Overall, it was a great trip and while prices on some articles weren't as high as I would have liked to have seen, there is a definite feeling that the worst days of the fur market are behind us now...

George Brady

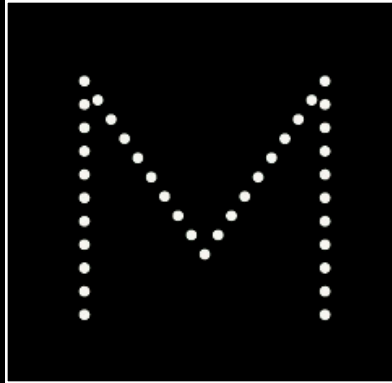
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## ANIMAL PROFILE - Fisher

### **Fisher** (*Pekania pennanti*)

Also called a “Fisher Cat” it is not a feline at all. It is a native to North America and a carnivorous mammal. It is a member of the mustelid / weasel family and the largest species in the Marten genus.



### **Description**

Males and females look similar in color but varies throughout the seasons. Males have coarser coats than females. In the summer months they go through a mottling stage or cycle. In winter it is more denser and glossier. The color ranges from deep brown to black. From the face to the shoulders, fur can be hoary-gold or silver due to tricolored guard hairs. The underside is brown except for patches of white or cream-colored fur.

Males are slightly larger than females weighing in between 8 and 14 lbs and 35” to 48” long. Females are smaller weighting in at 4 to 6 lbs and 30” to 38” long. Fishers have five toes on each foot, with unsheathed, retractable claws and there are four central pads on each foot.

### **Habitat**

Fishers are often found in coniferous or mixed forests with high, continuous canopy cover and avoid open spaces. The fisher prefers to hunt in the forest at all times and rarely are seen out in open areas such as clear-cut forest. They are great climbers but spend most of their time on the forest floor.

### **Range**

The Fisher is a solitary animal and will associating with other fishers only for mating purposes. Fisher are active year-round and are most active at dawn and dusk. The Fisher range varies from season to season with summer months being 3 square miles and in the winter the range is around 8 square miles depending on the quality of the habitat.

### **Food Source**

Being an *Omnivore*, the fisher feeds on a wide variety of small animals and birds and occasionally on fruits such as huckleberries, salmon berries, thimble and black berries, mushrooms, nuts, insects and such found throughout the forest floor.

Fishers are known to eat ground nesting birds such as grouse and turkeys and often feed on the young of the year and the eggs.

It prefers snowshoe hares, tree and ground squirrels and is one of the few animals able to prey successfully .

on porcupines. Analyses of stomach contents have found evidence of birds, small mammals (mice, rats, squirrels, chipmunk), and even moose and deer with the latter two indicating that they are not averse to eating carrion. While the behavior is not common, fishers have been known to kill larger animals, such as wild turkey, bobcat, and lynx

### **Reproduction**

The female fisher begins to breed at about one year of age. Mating takes place in late March to early April. The reproductive cycle lasts almost a year. The reproductive cycle lasts almost a year. Females enters estrus shortly after giving birth and leave the den to find a mate. A circular patch of hair on the central pad of their hind paws marks plantar glands that give off a distinctive odor. Since these patches become enlarged during breeding season, they are likely used to make a scent trail to allow fishers to find each other so that they can mate.

Implantation of the *blastocyst* is delayed for 10 months. February of the following year the active pregnancy begins. Gestating is about 50 days with the female gives birth to one to four kits. The female then enters estrus 7–10 days later and the breeding cycle starts all over again. She will nurse and care for her kits until late summer, when they are old enough to set out on their own.

### **Predation**

Fisher have no natural enemies but we were told by some of the researcher that they know of one killed by a cougar. Trapper harvest and automobile collisions are most likely the highest account for the majority of fisher deaths across the country. Diseases such as tapeworm, intestinal roundworm, and flatworm have been found in the Fisher.

### **Conservation**

*Fishers, native to Washington State, have not been known to exist anywhere in the state for generations because of over-trapping in the 1800s and early 1900s and the loss of old-growth forests (Mapes 2008).*

Bruce Vandervort and I, were invited last years to attend the second release of a three year re-introduction of the Fisher back into the state of Washington. We were “very welcomed” by all of the groups. The Fisher is being trapper up in British Columbia, transferred down here and release throughout Western Washington.

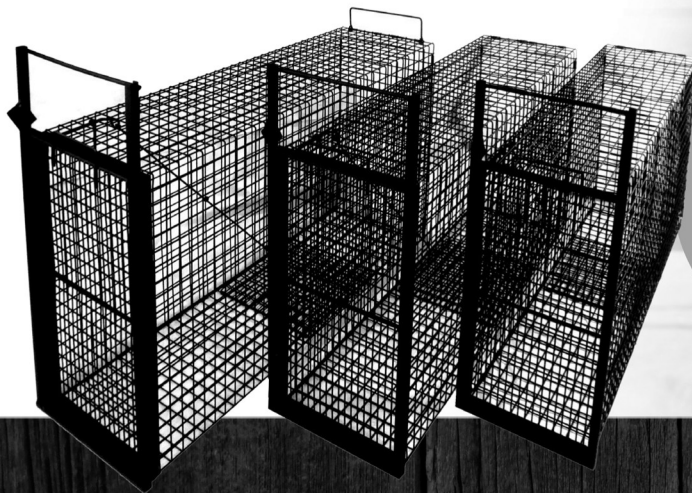
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## The Doctor Is In

### Trappers and Animal Bites

by Bill Foreyt

All types of animal bites are a significant cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. In the United States alone, more than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs which often develop into infections and occasionally cause death. Animal bites account for 1% to 2% of emergency visits each year. Most bites come from dogs (60-90%) and cats (10-15%).

Fewer bites from wild animals occur, but can be just as dangerous to the person bitten. As trappers, we should be aware of the dangers associated with bites from the animals we trap, as well as from snakes, biting or stinging insects and other arthropods. There are no good statistics regarding wild animal bites in humans, but most trappers are potentially at risk for animal bites at one time or another. Usually bite wounds are relatively minor, but they can be traumatic or result in severe infections.

The most common bacteria associated with dog and cat bites is *Pasteurella multocida*, which is a main cause of infection in the person bitten. Similar bacteria are found in the mouths of coyotes, raccoons, etc., and can cause the same types of infection. Rabies, which is usually transmitted to humans via an animal bite, is very uncommon in furbearing animals in Washington, but if bitten by an animal showing unusual behavior, the head of the animal should be submitted for diagnosis.

Prairie rattlesnakes are present throughout much of eastern Washington, and if bitten, the limb should be immobilized and medical attention is a priority. If venom is introduced with the bite, shock, pain, progressive weakness, swelling, low blood pressure, etc. result quickly, and it is imperative to receive antivenin to prevent tissue damage, respiratory distress and death.

For most animal bites, the wound should be immediately washed with soap and water. If bleeding occurs, pressure with a clean cloth should be applied until the bleeding stops. If the bite becomes infected- swelling, redness, fever, or pus, you should seek medical attention. Antibiotics and a tetanus shot will most likely be given to prevent more serious consequences. Most animal bites can be prevented by using caution and common sense when working with live wildlife. However if your bite becomes infected, seeking prompt medical attention could save you much discomfort or possibly your life.

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They came fitted with breast plates, but this particular trap is missing the breast plate. If you look at the photo of the pan, you can see that the breast plate holes where the breast plate would have fit are on the edge of the pan which is different from where the holes are on most 2 1/2's.

The jaws and the base of the #2 1/2 are the same size as a #3, but the trap only has one spring where the #3 has two springs. Most #3's don't have teeth.

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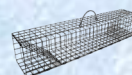


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**BOOK & VIDEO REVIEW**

***"The Education of a Bear Hunter"***  
**by Ralph Flowers (copyright 1975)**

Hello trappers ...For this newsletter's book review I'm reviewing a book by a friend of mine and the WSTA, Ralph Flowers. Ralph Flowers moved to Aberdeen Washington in 1946 after being discharged from the service in Fort Lewis. Ralph came from a hunting clan in the mountains of Maryland. He met his wife while on a weekend pass from his duty station in Fort Lewis. He happened to be visiting a relative that has docked in Aberdeen on a merchant ship. To him, these green hills were a hunter's paradise. He made many subsequent trips, eventually meeting his future wife. Soon after his discharge, he moved to Aberdeen after a whirlwind courtship and marriage to his wife Velma. Velma had many brothers in the area and soon Ralph and his new buddies were enjoying the great abundance of fish and game to be had in those days in this area. Clams, trout galore, salmon, grouse, berries, deer, band tailed pigeons etc. were all in abundance as were huge lush clear cuts surrounded by ancient old growth timber. These were the days before massive spraying and reforestation programs eliminated much of the lush growth that flourished for several years after an area was logged. The thick almost impenetrable canyons of green were perfect bear habitat. Full of cascara and other berries as high as your head made it hard to see the bears unless they climbed up on a log as they frequently do while feeding. It was truly a sportsman's paradise. Ralph killed his first bear by chance while peeling cascara bark for spending money. That bear kill launched the career of one of the greatest black bear hunters and trappers of all time.

I met Ralph in the mid 70's and was friends until he passed in the 2004. He attended many WSTA events and was a true gentleman. Several of Ralph's best friends and hunting partners were longtime WSTA members including Jim Cowan and Kelly Lund. Ralph wrote 3 books but my favorite is his book on his bear hunting adventures I am chronicling now. If you like a good hunting read and have an interest in black bear hunting in Western Washington this book is a must. Its 277 pages chock full of adventure and information. Grays Harbor and surrounding areas were home to the second largest concentration of black bears in the U.S. only surpassed by Alaska. Not to mention that it was open season on them as they were considered a pest to be rid of by the big timber interest of the day.

The book chronicles numerous firsthand accounts of Ralph's hunts and then his career as a bear trapper and hunter for the Washington State Forest Protection Agency. During this time, he kills hundreds of bears and gets mauled and has several other close calls.

The latter part of his career in Ralph is spent developing a program to help save the bears from being a target of the timber interests. He did this by developing the first bear feeding program. This program was aimed at bears that destroyed the trees for the nutrients in the cambium layer. By designing a feed and a feeding program that supplemented the minerals that the bears were lacking in the spring he and his associates were able to greatly reduce tree damage without killing the offending bears.

This is great read and a great resource for any one hunting black bears in Western Washington. Plenty of other good outdoor hunting information and stories of the heyday of hunting the last of great clear cuts and abundant game in the Pacific Northwest.

The book is readily available online used but it now out of print. If you can't find a copy let me know via email as I come across them on Grays Harbor quite often.

Enjoy it!!

Darryl

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Monroe, Washington

## Cooking with Tania ~ TLC

Summer is here which means all the great flavors of the season have arrived. I love to visit local farmers markets for all the best produce. Enjoy some of my favorite recipes.

### Homemade BBQ Sauce for your BBQ Ribs

#### **Sauce:**

2 cups ketchup  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup apple cider vinegar  
5 tablespoons light brown sugar  
5 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 tablespoon fresh ground black pepper  
1/2 tablespoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

#### **Directions:**

In a medium saucepan, add all ingredients stir well to combine. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat and simmer. Cook uncovered, stirring frequently, for 1 hour 15 minutes. Add this to ribs or chicken for a great summer time BBQ

### Corn Salad

4 or 5 ears of corn, shucked  
1/2 cup small-diced red onion  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
3 tablespoons cider vinegar  
3 tablespoons light olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup julienned fresh basil leaves

#### **Directions:**

Cook the corn for 3 minutes in a large pot of salted water until the starchiness is just gone. Drain and immerse corn in ice water to stop the cooking and to set the color. When the corn is cool, cut the kernels off the cob.

Toss the kernels in a large bowl with the red onions, cider vinegar, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Just before serving, toss in the fresh basil. Taste for seasonings and serve cold or at room temperature.

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## **Word Search Puzzle**

### **"ANIMAL TRAP STYLES"**

There are **"16"** different animal trap styles that the trapper uses or collects. See how many you can find.

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CAGE	COIL	COLONY
MOLE	MOUSE	POCKET-GOPHER
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## Bulletin Board

### **Do you know what drives me nuts?**

Do you know what drives me nuts it's the public and people that think they know about what's best for animals and their habitat. They also think that the animal rights nuts are doing great things for wildlife. When I hear them all I hear is: blah, blah, blah, blaaaaaaahhhhhh..... You cannot argue with stupid people.

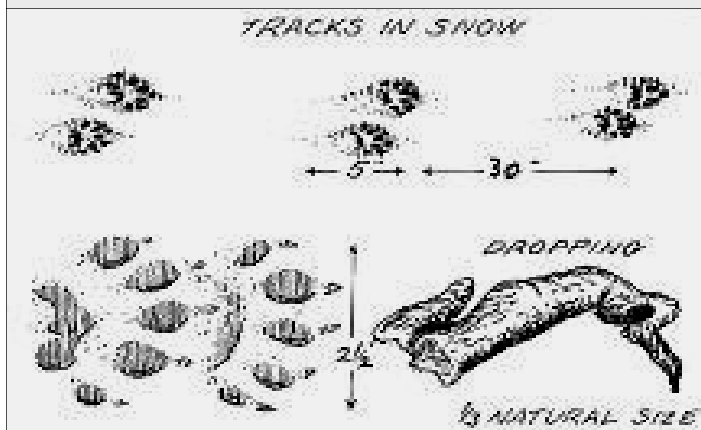
According to "**Charity Navigator**" in fiscal year 2015, HSUS raised \$133,322,929. Virtually none of that money goes to animal shelters, "by the way." Still, Pacelle drew a \$392,107 salary plus a tidy benefits package and expense account, and spent 19.3 percent of these funds on fundraising expenses. If you want to learn more about who these hucksters really are, check this out: [protecttheharvest.com/hsus-exposed/](http://protecttheharvest.com/hsus-exposed/)

If they're so committed, why don't they, for example, advocate for a tax being placed on all binoculars and other optics with the resulting funds going to wildlife habitat, as hunters and anglers did with the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson acts? This is but one example of the difference between sportsmen and so-called, animal-rights groups and stupid people that think they know all about wildlife and what is best for it.

### **Cascades Fisher Reintroduction Project: Progress Report for December 2015 to March 2017**

For anybody that might be interested in how the Fisher Reintroduction Progress is going you can check out the report at: (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01905/>) and the latest project update at: ([http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/fisher/updates\\_cascade.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/fisher/updates_cascade.html))

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## ***2017 Election Ballot***

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Please vote for only the candidates representing your area. For instance, only those members living in Western Washington should vote for the Vice President West Side, and only those in a numbered region should vote for the candidate representing their region. If you are unsure of your region, look at your hunting or fishing regs. The WDFW regions are listed and color coded by county.

Voted ballots can be mailed to:  
WSTA  
PO Box 3687  
Arlington, WA 98223

Mailed ballots must be received no later than Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. Ballots can also be turned in at the Rendezvous. If you mail your ballot, you can leave your name off the return address of your envelope to maintain privacy.

***\* Very Important \* On the envelope where you would put your return address, put ***“Election Ballot”*** This way we don’t know who you are and the envelope will not be opened until Saturday at the Rendezvous***

There will be NO blank ballots at the Rendezvous.

### **Office**

### **Incumbent**

### **Write In**

**Vice President West Side**

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Otter ~ Rough skinned/knife fleshed	50 min
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Muskrat ~ Skinning bench/screw method	25 min
Raccoon ~ Skinning machine/boarded	22 min
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|---|-----------------|---|------------------|
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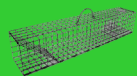
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