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OHA-funded poll on IP13 shows positive results

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OHA continues to actively work with two large coalitions to wage a “NO on IP13” campaign. Initiative Petition 13 would criminalize hunting, fishing and trapping activities and classify them as animal abuse; it also makes it virtually impossible to raise livestock in either a large-scale capacity or simply raising a few animals to be self-sufficient.

Recent polling conducted by one of the coalitions and partially funded by OHA has shown promising responses with a high level of support for protecting the right to hunt and fish in Oregon. We will craft messaging throughout November based on those polling results and will share that information with our membership and several grassroots and social media outlets.

Sportsmen’s Caucus slates fund-raiser

The Oregon Sportsmen’s Caucus (OSC), made up of legislators, special interest groups and their lobbyists who work to pass legislation that has a positive impact on hunting, fishing, and wildlife in Oregon, will hold a fund-raising event in February and you’re invited.

Each year the OSC holds a fund-raising event to help fund OSC activities and staff.

In 2022 OSC will offer a virtual auc-

tion and hopefully an in-person wine and cheese fundraiser in February. The online auction will kick off Feb. 1 and end Feb. 10. The tentative in-person event will take place on Feb. 10 in Salem.

OHA invites you to participate in the virtual fundraiser and the in-person event if such an event can be held at that time, so watch for details coming soon.

New laws will go into effect in 2022

HB 3152 Wildlife Inspection Points

This OHA-sponsored bill gives ODFW authority to operate wildlife inspection points for purposes of preventing the spread of infections or infestations harmful to wildlife and to further wildlife management efforts.

HB 3163 Residency Requirements

This OHA-sponsored bill makes a change in residency requirements for purposes of licenses, tags, and permits related to wildlife. Through discussions with law enforcement, it was discovered that prosecuting offenders with dual state residencies had become a concern of Oregon District Attorneys and they had become reluctant to prosecute wildlife offenders that fit into the dual state category.

The new language in the bill changes the residency definition so that a resident is a person who has physically resided in Oregon for not less than six consecutive months immediately prior to the date of making application for a license, tag, or permit issued by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. It further defines a resident as not someone who merely owns real property or pays property taxes in this state; or who has resident privileges in another state or county for any purpose.

SB 289 Bias Crime

This bill prohibits a person convicted of a bias crime committed while on state waters or publicly owned outdoor recreation land from entering area under jurisdiction of State Parks and Recreation Department. It gives the State Marine Board authority to revoke certain privileges from a person convicted of a bias crime committed while on state waters or publicly owned outdoor recreation land. The law adds bias crime conviction to circumstances in which court may order State Fish and Wildlife Commission to revoke licenses, tags, and permits.

Extremists petition feds to ban interstate transport of game

Leveraging fear of COVID-19, the Center for Biological Diversity and Natural Resources Defense Council have petitioned the Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ban all import into the United States and interstate transport within the United States of all wild mammals and almost all birds – including all parts, such as hides and horns, even if properly processed – while also creating a comprehensive chain-of-custody system for all plants and animals imported or exported from the United States.

The petition is seemingly aimed at legal wildlife trade, such as pet stores and other importers of birds and mammals, but would hit hunters by ending the import of all parts, products or carcasses from any country, and prohibiting their transport across state lines within the United States.

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OHA to seed after fire

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OHA will seed ground this fall on the Metolius Unit property where OHA now holds a conservation easement after the Grandview Fire reached the property in July.

In cooperation with the landowner, OHA will seed all of the fire trails with a mix of local native seed that will provide multiple benefits. It will provide soil stabilization for the exposed ground, provide valuable wildlife forage, and help prevent invasive species from taking over the site. Firefighters stopped the spread of the fire on the property with minimal burn damage.

The landowners and OHA staff worked with members of the Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team to assess the area and plan for restoring the burned area.

The property owners, David and Pamela Potter, recently received OHA's Citizen Landowner of the Year Award. See the November-December issue of Oregon Hunter for a complete list of the deserving OHA state-level award winners.

OHA expands wildlife crossing efforts to SW Oregon

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OHA actively contributes to efforts to improve wildlife habitat connectivity and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions across Oregon, and we are now working as part of the Southern Oregon Wildlife Crossing Coalition (SOWCC) to mitigate negative impacts of Interstate 5 south of Ashland.

Like our involvement with the Oregon Action Team on Ungulate Migration, SOWCC is diverse in composition and includes representation from ODFW, BLM, Southern Oregon University, Trout Unlimited, and many others.

Oregon Department of Transportation has identified several stretches of high wildlife-vehicle collision density between Ashland and the California border. Working with Coalition partners, we have identified six sites with high potential for effective wildlife crossings in this stretch of I-5.

Our next step is to undertake a feasibility study and preliminary design for the most practical and effectual sites to get wildlife across the interstate safely.



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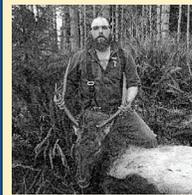
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POACHING PERSPECTIVE

'Things Will Die'



For a compelling in-depth read about Oregon's poaching problem and the mindset of those responsible, check out the feature "'Things Will Die': The Text Messages That Brought Down a Coast Range Poaching Ring" by Tess Riski in *Willamette Week*. Two OHA state board members are quoted. Some adult language appears in poacher text messages. <https://www.wweek.com/news/2021/10/06/things-will-die-the-text-messages-that-brought-down-a-coast-range-poaching-ring>

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