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OHA asks members to join fight against IP13

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OHA continues to lead the fight against IP13 and its radical agenda to criminalize hunting fishing, trapping, and raising livestock in Oregon. Our YouTube interviews, Letters to the Editor, and additional outreach items have all been posted on our website's IP13 page:

<https://oregonhunters.org/initiative-petition-13>

The IP13 proponents have until July 8 to collect the 112,020 signatures needed to place the initiative on the November ballot. OHA is asking all of our members to talk to your family, friends, and coworkers to make sure they understand the detrimental effects of criminalizing hunting, fishing, trapping, and raising livestock. All Oregonians would lose the ability to raise or harvest their own food, creating a situation where all meat and dairy products would have to be trucked in from other states. Make sure everyone in your circle knows not to sign the petition.

Oregon sportsmen's partnership takes wing

The Sportsmen's Conservation Partnership (SCP) has recently been formed to amplify the voices of sportsmen and women in Oregon. Created from the constant pressure of attacks by anti-hunting, animal rights,

and environmental advocacy groups, the SCP's goals are to increase the presence of sportsmen and women in the legislature and policy arenas, as well as encourage communication and collaboration among existing sports groups.

The SCP scheduled its inaugural meeting in January to establish its leadership, hear from agency staff on important topics, and review any legislative topics arising in the 2022 legislative session. OHA has been a leader in the formation of the SCP and will continue to work in a leadership position as the group launches.

America's Wildlife Recovery Act clears its first hurdle



America's Wildlife Recovery Act has passed out of the Congressional House National Resources Committee and has been sent to the floor of Congress for a vote. The Act, HR 2773, would invest \$1.3 billion to state fish and wildlife agencies. The money is to further fish, wildlife, and plant conservation efforts. OHA signed on a letter to support this Act along with other state hunting and fishing advocates.



OHA salutes winners of 21-Gun Salute Raffle

OHA ended 2021 with a bang as officers and staff drew the winners of the 21 firearm prizes in the 21-Gun Salute Raffle on Dec. 30 at the OHA Office.

We congratulate the winners and thank everyone who entered for supporting OHA's mission.

21-Gun Salute Raffle Winners:

- Howa Flag Chassis – Aaron Seth, Keizer
- Tikka Super Lite – Marshall Rasor, Central Point
- Howa 1500 KUIU 7mm – Austin Bersin, Stayton
- Henry Big Boy 44 mag. – Doug LaTulip, Grants Pass
- Tristar Viper 12 ga. – Debra Mode, Lebanon
- Pointer O/U – Zachary Dahl, Siletz
- Citadel 1911 – John Rutkowski, Canyonville
- Browning Hells Canyon – James Patrick, Newport
- Pointer O/U – Kris Davis, Baker City
- Howa Flag 22-250 – Mark Webb, Grants Pass
- Howa KUIU 300 Win. – Dale Ballard, Troutdale
- Tristar Viper 12 ga. – Dennis Myers, Springfield
- Henry Big Boy 44 mag. – James Patrick, Newport
- Citadel 1911 – John Ware, Grants Pass
- Browning Hells Canyon – Nick Alfonso, Vancouver
- Henry Big Boy 44 mag. – Austin Bersin, Stayton
- Howa Flag BW 6.5 CR – Dale Hillyer, Salem
- Tikka Super Lite – Herbert Frazier, Springfield
- Howa KUIU 270 – Joe Danielson, Grass Valley
- Pointer O/U – Ken Hardwick, Independence
- Citadel 1911 – Leonard Levy, Winston

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

- Feb. 1** Legislative session opens
- Feb. 10** Spring bear app deadline
- Feb. 20** Spring bear draw results

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Trap check workgroup ends without offering recommendations

Issue is not going away

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In response to discussion of current trap check intervals by some ODFW commissioners, a workgroup was formed to address concerns of those commissioners and protectionist groups. Since the onset in June 2020, OHA and partners were frustrated with the composition of the workgroup in that it seemed to be slanted toward an anti-trapping agenda and led by a former commissioner with obvious anti-trapping bias.

The workgroup met nine times, and each contentious meeting was minimally productive from the OHA perspective, and likely the same from the protectionist point of view. Ultimately, the group could not come to consensus on any interval, so the result is no recommendation from the workgroup and current intervals remain the same for now.

We have not seen the end of this issue; protectionist groups will continue to push for reduced intervals despite trappers' concerns that shorter intervals equate to reduced opportunity, success, and efficiency.

OHA supports 48-hour recreational trapping intervals of furbearers, unprotected mammals, and predatory animals.

Trap Check Requirements

- All traps or snares set or used for the taking of furbearing or unprotected mammals shall be inspected at least every 48 hours and all trapped animals removed.

- Any person setting a trap for predatory animals, as defined in ORS 610.002, must check the trap as follows:

1. For killing traps and snares, at least once every 30 days and remove all animals;
2. For restraining traps and snares, at least once every 76 hours and remove all animals.
3. For restraining traps and snares

set by a person owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge of or dominion over any land, building, structure, wharf, pier or dock or their agent, and set for predatory animals damaging land, livestock or agricultural or forest crops, shall be checked at least once every seven (7) days.

OHA helps coalition secure funds for I-5 wildlife crossing study

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The Southern Oregon Wildlife Crossing Coalition (SOWCC), of which OHA is a member, has likely garnered the needed contributions to fund a \$125,000 feasibility study for a sorely needed wildlife crossing structure on I-5 south of Ashland. Feasibility studies are the first major step in implementing wildlife underpasses and overpasses, and this group has acquired the needed funding in short order.

SOWCC has recently received OWEB staff's recommendation for full funding of its OWEB Technical Assistance grant of \$52,000. If the OWEB Board follows staff recommendations and votes to approve at its April meeting, this puts the group at 99 percent of the \$125,000 goal for a feasibility study.

SOWCC also received a \$20,000 grant from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, while other contributions (including Rogue Valley OHA, who has pledged \$5,000) have helped fill the needed funding gap.

The coalition includes representatives from OHA, ODOT, ODFW, BLM, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Oregon Wildlife Foundation, Southern Oregon University, and several local groups interested in natural resources and outdoor recreation.

VISIT OHA AT SPORTS SHOWS

Feb. 4-6	Eugene
Feb. 11-13	Roseburg
Feb. 16-20	Portland
Feb. 25-27	Medford
Mar. 10-13	Redmond



All OHA banquets feature a Coastal Farm & Ranch Raffle for a Browning Hell's Canyon Speed or similar premium rifle.

You're invited to an OHA banquet near you

Enjoy a fun evening among friends and check out auctions and raffles featuring trips, great gear and more!

Watch for 2022 fund-raiser updates at:
<https://oregonhunters.org/events-2>

2022 OHA BANQUETS

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| Feb. 19 | Hoodview | 503-314-3090 |
| Feb. 26 | Redmond | 541-233-3740 |
| Mar. 5 | Emerald Valley | 541-731-2403 |
| Mar. 5 | Pioneer ➤ | 503-710-1233 |
| Mar. 12 | Bend | 541-480-9848 |
| Mar. 19 | Josephine County | 541-821-1511 |
| Mar. 19 | Clatsop County | 503-738-6962 |
| Mar. 19 | Rogue Valley | 503-250-3000 |
| Mar. 19 | Yamhill County | 503-490-2489 |
| Mar. 26 | Tualatin Valley | 503-502-0611 |
| Apr. 2 | Baker | 541-403-0402 |
| Apr. 2 | Blue Mountain | 541-231-4384 |
| Apr. 2 | Capitol | 503-851-8409 |
| Apr. 2 | Lake County | 541-810-1617 |
| Apr. 2 | Tioga | 541-267-2577 |
| Apr. 9 | Mid-Willamette | 541-971-3351 |
| Apr. 9 | Umpqua | 541-430-7324 |
| Apr. 30 | Klamath | 541-882-9593 |
| May 7 | Tillamook | 503-801-3779 |
| May 14 | OHA State Convention, ➤ ➤
Seven Feathers Casino | 541-772-7313 |
| June 4 | Columbia County | 949-533-7271 |
| ➤ | A&H Statewide Elk Tag auction, Feb. 19
at PNW Sportsmen's Show | |
| ➤ ➤ | A&H Statewide Deer & Elk auction | |