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Welcome to our newest TV Chapter Members

Erin Hollenbach, Rick Alvarado & Family, Steven Bloom, Chris Butterfield, Michael Klobes & Family, Rachel Lueptow, Michaela Meyer, Jon Meyers, James T Morley, Thomas Nye, Ralph Rios, Steve Roper, Marv Smith, Garrett Stadelman, Katelyn Tincher & Family, Rob Van Dyke, Tate Watson and Dan Zigler.

Our youth event out at Henry Hagg Lake is coming up Saturday June 7th 7-4. We partner with I'm Hooked, Inc. and it is a one day event this year.

The youth can learn to fish as well as participate in lots of other fun activities.

We need volunteers, if you are interested in volunteering a few hours or all day, we would appreciate any help you can provide. Call Shelley Kind at 503-522-8723 or email tvcoha@outlook.com for questions.

If you want to sign your youth or family up the link is; flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjA0MDg2#!

You can go to IMHOOKEDINC.ORG/Upcoming-events.html for more information.



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A Great Big THANK YOU to Ben Haren and Kirk Nolan for being our April guest speakers. The topic was turkey hunting with box and reed call demonstrations. They said that turkey hunting is a great gateway to hunting. You can go without spending too much on gear and get out there and experience hunting. Turkeys are smart and can see really well and if things don't look or sound right they will scamper out of there. However, it is really fun and exciting if you can get out there and call some in close enough to try and take one.

Gear they say is essential is camo clothing, hat, gloves and a face covering like a net. A vest is great because it has a pad but you don't have to have it. If you wear glasses, definitely wear a face net so the glare doesn't reflect off of the lens. Tick repellent like Sawyer's is a must. Spray liberally. Know what poison oak looks like so you don't setup in it. Setup so the sun is to your back and you are in a shadow. Make sure that your silhouette doesn't move around and that you can grab your firearm easily. Blinds can really be useful. You should know your effective yardages using chokes.

Turkeys generally come down out of their roost and they make some noises basically saying I'm here, let's get together. So first thing in the morning is a great time to go out. A box call or a slate call are great calls easiest to use. When calling start out low and quiet then if you aren't hearing any responses, go a little bit louder. Turkeys aren't always going to make noises back, sometimes they come investigate and all of the sudden they are right there so be aware and keep an eye out. Hens tend to go back and sit on the eggs around 9:30-10ish then come back out at 2ish. The time between 1 and 4 is generally not a great time to be out. Turkeys aren't really out in the heavy rain. However they do come out right after the rain is done and start picking bugs.



When reed calling, practice before going out hunting. Make sure to get the reed wet before use. Ben says the turkeys can feel the emotion that you put in the call, be calm don't be aggressive in calling them closer. He demonstrated several reed calls, he's a great resource for learning how to call.

In Oregon the Salem area is where turkeys really seem to start being plentiful. Ask farmers if they have turkeys on their property and if you can hunt them. ODFW also has a list of numbers who will let you hunt on their property but always make contact if you can and let them know.

Pictured left is Kirk and his granddaughter in 2024. Ben is featured on the next page.



Congratulations turkey hunters!

Above director Ben Haren
and his turkey

Above right, Greyson
Fletchall and his first
turkey.

Right, Corey Kind and his
turkey

Remember to send in your
hunting pics, text to 503-502
-0611 or email to
tvcoha@outlook.com



BANKS SPEEDWAY is allowing us to sell **50/50 raffle tickets** on two different dates and the proceeds will go towards our local youth shooting sports. The first date is July 12, 2025 doors open at 4pm. The second date is August 9, 2025 again doors open at 4pm. Volunteers will be welcome — Please let us know if you are able to help, this is in general selling tickets in the grand stands or walking around selling tickets. Time frame would be 3:30-8. If you are interested in volunteering please text 503-969-7242 or email tvcoha@outlook.com and let us know which date or to receive more information on what is needed.

Our local youth shooting teams are growing and are always in need of donations for targets, ammo and gear. You can also directly contact them at; Banks High School Trap Team; bankshighschooltrapteam@gmail.com—Mail donations to BHS Trap Team 40990 NW Lodge Rd, Banks OR 97106

Aloha High School Clay Target Club
AlohaClayTarget@gmail.com



Several High School Clay Target Teams shoot out of Hillsboro Trap & Skeet Club like Vernonia, Aloha and Valor. They also host the Junior Winter Trap Shooting League.

Banks High School Trap Team shoots out of Verboort Rod & Gun Club.

Pictured Left

Congratulations to Andrew who is the first person this season to shoot 25 straight clays with the Aloha High School Clay Target Club.

OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter 2025 Election Ballot

Election is May 20, 2025

NAME:	MEMBER #:	
POSITION	CANDIDATE	VOTE
VICE PRESIDENT	2 Year Position	
Candidate	Kirk Nolan	
Write In		
TREASURER	2 Year Position	
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Candidate	Currently Vacant	
Write In		
DIRECTOR 5	2 Year Position	
Candidate	Joe Hanson Vázquez	
Write In		

If you would like to join our board, you can certainly write in your name or contact one of the current board members. To be a board member you must be an OHA member in good standing. Be able to attend the board meeting the first Tuesday of each month and respond via email, text or phone on issues that come up in between board meetings or chapter meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month with exception of months with our Annual Fundraiser.

VERY IMPORTANT - Please write your member number on your ballot.

*****If you have a family membership, then you may vote twice*****

Please send your ballots to the OHA Tualatin Valley Chapter mailbox at 33 S 18th Court, Cornelius OR 97113 or you can scan it and send it by email to TVCOHA@Outlook.com.

Ballots must be received by May 20, 2025 11:59 pm or postmarked May 20, 2025 if sent via mail.

Please contact Mel Kind with any questions, 503-502-0611 tvcoha@outlook.com



Redmond OHA volunteers planted 3,050 cottonwood trees in crucial winter range at Priest Hole on the John Day River the last weekend of March.

Wildlife and gun bills still in play

By Amy Patrick, OHA Policy Director
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The 2025 legislative session reached the halfway point in early April as bills were required to move out of their chamber of origin and into the second chamber. Many bills, both good and bad, did not make it past the deadline.

Key bills OHA is tracking that have survived the deadline to remain in play for the second half of the session include:

Firearms Bills

HB 3075 - The "Measure 114" bill would institute the bulk of Measure 114 with slight modifications and additions. The bill has a large fiscal impact statement of \$14.6 million from the General Fund in the first biennium. The bill is currently in Ways & Means.

HB 3076 - The "State Regulation of FFLs" bill would create a new sector of the Department of Justice to build and implement a state-level regulatory structure for firearms dealers in addition to the federal requirements. This bill also has a large fiscal impact of \$5.8 million in the first biennium and has joined HB 3075 in Ways & Means.

SB 243 - The "Firearms Omnibus" bill that includes a mandatory 72-hour wait period, a ban on rapid-fire trigger mechanisms, and the ability for local municipalities to determine CHL restrictions for public spaces. This bill originally included the ban on firearms possession for those under 21 but OHA worked successfully to get that component removed from the final version of the bill.

The fiscal impact of this bill is undefined at this time and is awaiting assignment to either Ways & Means or Senate Rules committee.

Wildlife Bills

HB 2167 - Allocates additional funding to the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at OSU for continued work on zoonotic disease and chronic wasting disease.

HB 2978 - Increases communication and collaboration between ODOT and ODFW regarding wildlife crossing structure design, location, and implementation.

HB 3596 - An OHA-drafted bill that allocates additional funding to ODFW for continuation of an on-going mule deer survivability study with a third sector specific to the Steens Mountain area.

HB 3932 - A ban on beaver trapping on public lands specific to impaired waterway designation.

SB 777 - Wolf depredation compensation framework for livestock owners.

SB 812 - Removal of the sunset imposed on the Landowner Preference Program.

OHA supports bills that align with our mission of protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage, while opposing bills that would have a negative impact on the hunting community and the State's wildlife populations.

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Oregon wolves up 15 percent over last year

By Mike Totey, Conservation Director
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Oregon's minimum wolf count rose 15 percent to 204 in 2024, according to the annual wolf report shared at the April Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting.

Most of ODFW's report covered the three main factors that were prioritized at a wolf workshop in 2023: illegal take of wolves, reducing depredation (specifically in NE Oregon), and improving population monitoring, including the development of a population model.

Wolves continue to expand their range as juvenile wolves disperse into new territory, and as wolves expand into new areas of Oregon, conflict follows.

There is still no population estimate for the total number of wolves in Oregon, which leaves only the "minimum wolf count" for reference to a population, which is essentially useless for overall management of the species.

Missing in the report is any reference to the predation effects on ungulates. Data are nearly impossible to find, and currently we know very little about the impact predation by wolves is causing on their prey populations.

Wolves are managed by the Oregon wolf management plan, and also under the Endangered Species Act in the western two-thirds of the state.

To view ODFW's 2024 wolf report, visit <http://tiny.cc/ttgh001>

Turkey hunting opportunity to increase; OHA requests population monitoring

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the 2025-26 Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations and the new 2025-2030 Upland Game Bird Hunting Season Framework at its April meeting.

Essentially the only thing that is changing from last year is the expansion of turkey hunting opportunity.

Changes for the fall turkey hunting season include combining Western and Eastern Oregon fall turkey tags into one general fall turkey tag, expanding fall turkey hunting opportunities in the Silvies, Malheur River, Juniper and Steens Mountain wildlife management units, and implementing beardless turkey permit hunts in portions of the Fossil, Heppner, Melrose, Applegate, and Evans Creek units.

OHA supported ODFW staff in their efforts to use hunters to address turkey damage complaints rather than using administrative removal.

With this expanded turkey hunting opportunity, and significant expansionary changes implemented in the last

three years, OHA expressed the need for ODFW to stick to the five-year framework and refrain from additional regulation proposals aimed at increasing fall turkey harvest in the coming years until turkey harvest and population data are available to show that the expanded opportunities are not having significant impacts on turkey populations that predominantly use public lands.

Recent efforts to increase turkey harvest are largely driven by damage complaints, and OHA is concerned that implementing broad-scale regulations to increase harvest could result in declining turkey populations that mainly inhabit public lands.

Although essentially the entire country saw a boom in turkey populations in the late 20th century, many midwest and eastern states are now seeing substantial declines as a result of hunting pressure, habitat loss and degradation, and increasing predator populations.

OHA intends to ensure that quality public land turkey hunting opportunity is abundant in Oregon for current and future generations.

2025-26 bag limits increased for pintails, decreased for Northwest Canada geese

By Tyler Dungannon, Conservation Coordinator
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Adopted migratory game bird hunting regulation changes for the 2025-26 season include an increased bag limit for northern pintail from one to three daily, as well as bag limit and season length reductions for geese in the Northwest Goose Permit Zone.

The Canada goose season in the Northwest Permit Zone will be shortened to 74 days (a nearly one-third reduction in season length), and the limit will be dropped to just two Canada geese for the 2025-26 season.

OHA encouraged ODFW staff and the Commission to maintain the current bag

limit and implement a minima cackling goose sublimit of two birds per day, but ODFW and USFWS were steadfast in reducing the limit in its entirety as a result of declining cacklers.

Goose hunters in the NW Permit Zone already have a shorter season and smaller bag limits on Canada geese than any of the other zones in the state. These rules will reduce the hunting opportunity even further in hopes that the minima and Taverner cackling geese will begin to see a population rebound.

OHA will continue to work with ODFW and the Commission to increase our goose hunting opportunity as we wait for next year's flyway surveys.



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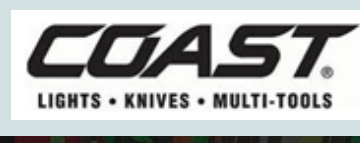
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Speaking on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).
Come at 6 for social hour and to eat, the guest speaker starts presenting at 7pm.



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