

# Oregon Chapter of FNAWS Newsletter



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## President's Message

As we work toward summer, a couple of items to note. Hopefully you all applied for and will receive, the game tags that will meet your abilities and expectations. Larry Jacob's, Dave Geelan, Alan Day, and Brent and Carole Tannock continue to do an absolutely terrific job with the preparations for the 2015 Banquet/ Auction on May 2nd, at the fairgrounds in Hillsboro! I am certain that you will have a terrific time. Kindly continue to figure out your donation strategy for this year's event.

The legislative session is moving right along. A number of pieces of legislation that we are monitoring and responding to.

Thanks to all of the folks who participated in the Juniper cut this year. Terrific job to all.

Planning efforts for our Summer Weekend, July 17, 18 & 19, 2015, in the Columbia River Gorge are well underway. The possible opportunities for bighorn sheep viewing, and delivering the best possible bighorn sheep/ mountain goat orientation process at the Ft. Dalles Readiness Center, and our Summer meeting are anticipated by many.

Please plan on actively participating with the Washington, Oregon, and Idaho Chapters at our annual Tri-State get to-

gether, in Clarkston, Washington, June 12-14.

My best wishes for a safe, enjoyable, and productive summer! My thanks continue to go out to all of those who are continually working behind the scenes, with little of no recognition, to make our programs and organization that much better, stronger, and enjoyable!

Best of luck on your controlled hunt drawings.

George

### Upcoming Dates

- Banquet Setup May 1, Washington County Fairgrounds
- Annual Fund Raiser: May 2, 2015: Washington County Fairgrounds
- Spring Board Meeting: May 3, 2015: Larkspur Landing Hotel: 3133 NE Shute Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97124
- Crystal Strobyl Memorial Guzzler Project, Imnaha, OR May 16-17, 2015
- Youth Outdoor Day EE Wilson Wildlife Area near Corvallis, OR May 30th, 2015
- Deschutes River Weed Project, Macks Canyon Mouth June 6-7, 2015
- Hells Canyon Int and Tri State, Lewiston ID and Joseph Creek June 12-14, 2015
- WSF Leadership Summit, Kelowna, British Columbia, June 18-20
- Tag Holder Orientation, The Dalles, July 18, 2015
- Summer Meeting, Lower Deschutes Area, July 19, 2015

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## Bighorns captured and sampled for disease today in Upper Wind River Basin



Bighorn sheep are transferred from their capture site to the sampline site. (WGFD Photo)

(Dubois, Wyo.) – Wyoming Game and Fish and Wind River Reservation game wardens participated today in banding and sampling (blood testing) bighorn sheep in the Upper Wind River Valley.

A similar operation occurred last month in the Seminoe Mountains where the WGFD Lander Region and the Veterinary Services Crew captured and sampled 13 bighorn sheep in preparation for transplanting bighorns from Devil's Canyon to augment the Seminoe population.

“To no one’s surprise, we found this herd to be one of our cleanest in the state – second only to Devils Canyon,” said Wildlife Disease laboratory Supervisor Hank Edwards.

The Director of the Wyoming Migration Initiative, Matthew Kauffman, who is a conservation biologist and a zoology professor at the University of Wyoming, accompanied the wardens in today’s Dubois effort and provided the photographs below via his Twitter feed.

–Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Bighorn Sheep, County 10, Dubois, Matthew Kauffman, upper Wind River Basin, Wyoming Game and Fish

Find more at <http://county10.com/2015/03/19/bighorns-captured-and-sampled-for-disease-today-in-upper-wind-river-basin/>

## Bighorn sheep die-off closes hunting area near Yellowstone

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A bighorn sheep die-off caused by disease has triggered the closure of hunting for the animals just outside Yellowstone National Park.

Montana Wildlife officials said Monday that at least 34 bighorn sheep have died in the pneumonia outbreak that began late last year near Gardiner, Montana. That’s almost 40 percent of the herd that ranges in the

Gardiner and Cinnabar areas north of Yellowstone.

Wildlife commissioners issued the closure during a Monday conference call and said it would reopen when the population recovers.

Sheep in the Gardiner area have experienced smaller pneumonia outbreaks in the past few years.

There are domestic sheep in

the same area. State officials say bacteria can be transmitted from healthy domestic sheep to bighorn sheep, causing pneumonia in the wild animals.

Find more at [http://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/bighorn-sheep-die-off-closes-hunting-area-near-yellowstone/article\\_e0bdf69-788c-5a9d-97ab-76fd3821d5ad.html](http://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/bighorn-sheep-die-off-closes-hunting-area-near-yellowstone/article_e0bdf69-788c-5a9d-97ab-76fd3821d5ad.html)

## Wild Sheep Foundation Attempts Collaboration with U.S. Sheep Experiment Station

After five weeks of intense face-to-face discussions, conference call participation and lengthy email exchanges, the Wild Sheep Foundation regrettably reports inability to reach a workable solution with domestic sheep industry representatives from Idaho and elsewhere on future operations of the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station,

headquartered in Dubois, Idaho.

Read More at <http://www.wildsheepfoundation.org/Page.php/News/316>

## Pneumonia strikes Gardiner bighorns **By Ruffin Prevost**

Wildlife officials in Montana are closely watching a herd of bighorn sheep near the northern boundary of Yellowstone Park after several of the animals died due to an outbreak of pneumonia. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks staffers have collected 10 dead bighorn sheep in recent weeks — a mix of rams, lambs and one adult ewe. Analysis at the state wildlife lab in Bozeman determined they all died from pneumonia.

Read more at [http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/people/article\\_7ce233b0-8b87-11e4-8df0-cfab3de481d7.html?mode=story](http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/people/article_7ce233b0-8b87-11e4-8df0-cfab3de481d7.html?mode=story)



Photo by Raymond Hillegas  
bighorn ram and ewe keep watch as they graze recently along the North Fork Highway.

## Bighorn sheep relocated to boost genetic diversity **Part of ODFW efforts to restore species to native range**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said it captured and relocated California bighorn sheep at several locations to improve genetic diversity among herds and continue efforts to restore this native species in Oregon. Bighorns were captured in the Deschutes and John Day River canyons and in the Branson Creek area of Grant County.



Read more at <http://www.ktvz.com/news/Bighorn-sheep-relocated-to-boost-genetic-diversity/30089670>

## **OUTDOORS NOTEBOOK: North Dakota closes bighorn sheep season** **By Brad Dokken**

An extensive die-off of bighorn sheep in the northern Badlands last summer after a pneumonia outbreak prompted the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to close the bighorn sheep season set for this fall. In a story published in the February issue of North Dakota Outdoors, Game and Fish Wildlife

Chief Jeb Williams said it would be "irresponsible" to offer the once-in-a-lifetime hunt without gathering more information about the status of the population.

Read more at <http://www.grandforksherald.com/outdoors/wildlife/3689854-outdoors-notebook-north-dakota-closes-bighorn-sheep-season>

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT: ( ) Sheep Transplants ( ) Field Projects ( ) Publicity/Newsletter

( ) Fundraising ( ) Donations ( ) Legislative Affairs ( ) Banquet Committee ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about any special interests/talents/concerns

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## FOUND RAM IS NEW WORLD'S RECORD

A bighorn sheep killed in a highway collision in Alberta has the largest horns ever recorded for the species. Boone and Crockett Club measurers today certified the specimen as a new World's Record.

The horns' final score of 209-4/8 B&C points edged out the previous World's Record, a ram taken near Luscar Mountain, Alberta, in 2000 that scores 208-3/8.

The new No. 1 ram was hit by a vehicle on a highway west of Longview, Alberta.

A local rancher who knew of the ram and found the animal on his property obtained a possession permit from Alberta Fish & Wildlife. He said, "This ram and a younger ram had lived on the ranch where I worked since 2009. The older ram would go down to the highway a couple times a month, but the younger ram would rarely follow. We always wondered if one of these trips to the highway would be his last."

Boone and Crockett accepts and records legally obtained "pick up" (found) trophies as part of a complete record of native North American big game species. Other "pick up" World's Records include the reigning No. 1 non-typical whitetail deer, tule elk, black bear, grizzly bear and Pacific walrus.

"When your job is tracking conservation and wildlife management successes, a new World's Record is noteworthy – whether or not it was taken by a hunter," said Richard Hale, chairman of the Club's Big Game Records Committee. "Efforts to restore

bighorn sheep populations are an amazing success story. The fact that these efforts are today producing some of the largest specimens ever recorded is worth reflecting on just how far these conservation efforts have come."

Five of the Top 10 ranked bighorns in Boone and Crockett records are from Alberta. Hale offered congratulations to Alberta Fish and Game for programs that allow the province's bighorns to grow to their fullest potential.

Remarkably, the new record ram was aged at 14 years.

World's Record- and Top 10-class specimens are panel-

scored for verification. A panel convened Sat., March 7, 2015, in Red Deer, Alberta. Two teams of two panel-experienced official measurers each scored the ram and arrived at the ram's final score.

Key measurements are as follows:

Length of Horn  
R 45-6/8 L 46-6/8

Circumferences  
R 16-5/8, 16-1/8, 15-3/8, 11-4/8  
L 16-5/8, 16-2/8, 15-0/8, 10-6/8



## 2015 Auction and Banquet

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - May 1:

9:00 AM

Set-Up (Help Needed and Welcome!)

6:00 PM

Tailgate Potluck

SATURDAY - May 2

9:00 AM

Final Set-Up (Help Needed and Welcome!)

3:30 - 5:30 PM

Social Hour, Check-In, Fun and Games

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Dinner, Program, Raffle and Entertainment

7:00 PM

Auction and Raffles - Master of Ceremonies: Brent Silver

SUNDAY - May 3

8:00 AM

Board Meeting at Larkspur Landing Hotel- OPEN TO ALL

### TAILGATE PARTY

At the home of Brent and Carole Tannock at 34145 Wren Road, Hillsboro, OR

### TAILGATE POTLUCK DINNER:

Volunteers who help set-up Friday are invited to take part in the OR-FNAWS tailgater!

Help by sending your RSVP.

Recommended dishes to bring if your last name starts with:

A-H: Saladi-Q: Side dishR-Z: Dessert

Any additional items are welcome.

Contact Brent and Carole if you want to help!!!!

Call Brent Tannock 503-648-9468

Email: brenttannock@oregonfnaws.org

### BANQUET

Donations are taken and used to fund one Youth Life Membership that is given at the Banquet.

Join us for a GREAT time !!

General Raffle Table

Silent Auction

Door Prizes: Scopes, Rangefinders, Jewellery, Clothing and Much More !!

Youth Life Membership Drawing (One ticket with purchase of youth dinner)

Youth Raffle

Trophy Display

TROPHY DISPLAY:

Bring your trophy mount and share it with fellow sheep enthusiasts!

Call Don South 503-647-5954 or Nick Berg 503-755-2274 for arrangements.

For general raffle prizes you do not need to be present to win.

Please note: Wall of Guns Raffle tickets sold separately.

Dinner Tickets \$65.00 at the door.

Raffle Tickets full price at the door.

Need a table for 8 ? - include all of your guests names on the reservation form.

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### LODGING FOR BANQUET

Larkspur Landing Hotel

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Hillsboro, OR 97124

(503) 681-2121



## Oregon Chapter Foundation for North American Wild Sheep 16th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser

COME HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE EVENING WITH US.

Washington County Fair Complex  
Hillsboro, Oregon  
Saturday, May 2, 2015

- Live Auction: 2015 ODFW, Statewide Elk Tag
- Swarovski Optics Package Raffle, spotting scope and binoculars
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