

**INLAND NORTHWEST
WILDLIFE COUNCIL**



The Big Horn

January
2022
INWC

GENERAL
MEETING

Tuesday
January 4th
Social hour 6:30
Meeting 7:00

Program

Big Horn Show

Marie Neumiller

INWC Junior

6116 N. Market St
Spokane, WA 99208
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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2022! We hope that everyone had wonderful holidays and enjoyed some great food and time with family. Even during the holiday season the members at the INWC are active and working hard:

- Our awards committee is hard at work preparing for our annual Awards banquet, taking place on January 29th at the INWC building. More details on page 3.
- The INWC board of trustees and office have been working behind the scenes on the WDFW Spring Bear season & commission issues (see page 4).
- The INWC office has been hard at work preparing for the 60th anniversary Big Horn Show taking place March 17-20 2022. Join us at the January meeting for a special Big Horn Show presentation!
- Jean and the budget committee have been hard at work with our transition to a new banking partner.
- The office and the budget committee finalized our application to become a 501c3. Our legal representative official filed our paperwork, and now we wait for the IRS.
- Our committee chairs are hard at work planning 2022 projects. This spring be prepared to help with wildlife recovery, disabled access, kids fishing, and more!

We are so grateful for the amazing members that call the INWC home and help support our projects every year. We look forward to seeing you at the Big Horn Show, membership meetings, and volunteer projects in 2022!

Thank you,
Marie Neumiller
Executive Director

January 2022 Meeting Agenda

Presenter - Marie Neumiller & BHS Committee Chairs

Big Horn Show manager Marie Neumiller and our team of BHS committee chairs will bring you updates for the 60th anniversary Big Horn Show. It's been a while since we've been allowed to host a show, and we are excited to be able to start planning!



INWC Presentation

Committee chairs - Project planning

INWC Junior Activity -

- TBD - check our website for updates before the meeting

2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

EXECUTIVE :	
Pete Butler	599-9411
BIG HORN SHOW:	
Marie Neumiller	487-8552
BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS:	
Alexis Creel	590-5442
BY-LAWS & RESOLUTIONS:	
Dave Colton	230-8317
MEMBERSHIP:	
David Cloe	294-2892
Co-Chair Marissa Butler	599-9436
HUNTER EDUCATION:	
Brent Ferguson	953-5579
Co-Chair Ron (Z) Zubrick	(541) 408-0523

2022 SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AWARDS :	
Jason Neumiller	954-2202
Wanda Clifford	990-2420
DISABLED ACCESS:	
Ken McNaughton	553-9135
BIG GAME RECOVERY:	
Pete Butler	599-9411
BOONE & CROCKETT:	
Larry Carey M.H.	328-6429
BIG GAME:	
Ken Hoff	710-5625
FISHING:	
Ken McNaughton	553-9135
HABITAT RESTORATION:	
Floyd Barlow	294-8148
WATERFOWL:	
Mike Curry M.H.	869-7434
SMALL GAME:	
Z Zubrick	(541) 408-0523
OUTREACH:	
Nick Sagendorf	413-8019
WILDFIRE RECOVERY:	
Jason Neumiller	954-2202
MAINTENANCE:	
Mike Curry M.H.	869-7434

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2021 OFFICERS

President - Pete Butler	599-9411
1st Vice - Mike Curry M.H.	869-7434
2nd Vice - Dave Chromy	292-0314
Treasurer - Alexis Creel	590-5442
Secretary - Marissa Butler	599-9436
Sergeant at Arms - Cody Bush	209-1336
Executive Director - Marie Neumiller	993-8147

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Cloe Past President

Term Expires 2022

Cody Bush	209-1336
Dave Chromy	292-0314
Mike Curry M.H.	869-7434
Ken McNaughton	553-9135
Alexis Creel	590-5442
John K Smith	951-1199

Term Expires 2023

Pete Butler	599-9411
Phil George	844-1545
Dave Colton	230-8317
Joe Kimball	995-8696
Jason Neumiller	954-2202
Nick Sagendorf	413-8019

Term Expires 2024

Marissa Butler	599-9436
Brent Ferguson	953-5579
Kily Fleming	869-6360
Jesse Ingels	367-8495
Mitchell Kassa	714-0609
Ron (Z) Zubrick	(541) 408-0523

SAVE THE DATE:

We will be hosting the annual INWC Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 29th at our council building (6116 N Market). Doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 6 pm.



Tickets cost \$25 each and include dinner, beverages, two beer/wine tickets (21 and over only), and dessert.

Come join the fun with a silent auction, games, prizes, raffles, catered food, and more! Limited number of tickets available, so pick yours up today before we sell out!



*If you or anyone you know is interested in donating items for the silent auction, please contact us at 509-487-8552

WDFW Commission - Spring Bear Permit Season 2022

What Is It?

Since 1999 Washington State has offered a spring black bear hunting season. This spring season is used as a fine-tuned conservation/management tool. Instead of offering an over-the-counter hunt, WDFW carefully sets permit numbers based on several factors:

- *Population estimates
- *Previous year harvests
- *Timber damage concerns
- *Prey level concerns
- *Human/bear conflicts

The spring permit season is a very beneficial tool in WDFW's overall game management plan that can help the department protect the wide variety of our state's wildlife.

What Happened?

October 21, 2021, WDFW biologists gave a public presentation to the WDFW Commissioners reviewing the spring bear permit numbers and making a few changes to the post-harvest process. That presentation can be viewed at https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/8spring_bearpp.pdf. Public comment received that day was overwhelmingly against the season, and bear hunting in general. Most hunters stated that they didn't provide comment because they believed that the season was going to continue and only the overall permit numbers would be considered.

November 19, 2021, the department was scheduled to make their decision on the proposal. After a long and heated discussion about the ethics of the hunt, and the validity of WDFW science, the commission took their vote. Four commissioners voted to adopt the 2022 season as proposed by WDFW staff, and four commissioners voted against the proposal. The commission requires a majority vote to pass, so the proposal failed. Normally when a rule change fails the department is forced to revert to the old rule that was in place. However, the spring bear season rule (WAC 220-415-080) is somewhat unique in that the title of the rule contains a year; "2021 spring bear special permits." Meaning that the season expired and was placed on hold. As of this writing, there will be no spring bear hunting season in 2022.

What's Next?

The most important thing that we can do at this time is to respectfully share our voice with the commission. You can email the commission, give public testimony at commission meetings, and help spread the word. Share your hunting/outdoor stories from start to finish so that people can understand everything that goes into the hunt, not just the grip and grins at the end. Share the family stories, the sunset photos, scouting adventures, meals made from your harvests, every angle of the adventure.

In addition, the INWC board of trustees has been working closely with our partner organizations to create a rule change petition to hopefully prevent this from happening in the future. We have been encouraged by the outpouring of support on this petition and the efforts to restore the spring bear season. But we also want to caution everyone - this will be a long process and success may not occur until after the 2022 season. Rulemaking takes time and must be done properly, or the department runs the risk of having the changes overturned by lawsuits. Following the process properly now will potentially protect the season for the long haul. Please don't lose hope; and stay connected throughout this long journey. As I like to say...The commission cannot support our voice if we fail to share it with them.



New Lifetime Members

Renewed Members

Matt Mimnaugh
Jerry & Cathy Barron

Jim & Valerie Mullen
Stanley Judd

New Members

Matthew Edwards
Spencer & Madison Shanholtzer

Jake Anderson

*Our Members Are
Our Greatest Asset
To The Organization.*

Master Hunter

This is the most prestigious award presented by the Council to one of its members for consistent dedicated service towards the betterment of fish and wildlife. It is a once in a lifetime award.



Master Fisherman

Jim Arrasmith, M.H.*
Bob Cole, M.H.*
Elaine Cole, M.H.
Mel Gulidge, M.H.*
John Kantjas, M.H.*
O.C. Knoles, M.H.*
Dick Lee, M.F.*
Len Mabbott, M.H.*
Jim Kujala, M.H.
Gale Palmer, M.H.*
June Potter, M.C.*

Master Conservationist

Frank Potter, M.C.*
Bill Rollins, M.H.*
Vern Ziegler, M.H.*
Bill Butler, M.H.
Jim Johnson, M.H.
John Williamson M.H.*
Len Keefer, M.H.*
Dean Lydig, M.C.*
Len Otto, M.C.*
Jerry Reiber, M.H.*
Ed Walters, M.H.*
Peter Yarwood, M.H.*
Larry Carey, M.H.
Chuck Sauter M.C.*
Art Meikel M.H.
Ed Weiler M.C.*
Ken Hoff M.H.
Tim Clifford M.F.
Leonard Wolf M.H.
Mike Curry M.H.

(*) indicates a member who has passed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 2022

January 4th	Membership meeting
January 18th	Board meeting
January 29th	Awards Banquet - INWC building