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GENERAL MEETING, MAY 16, 2017, 180 ROCK ISLAND RD., EAST WENATCHEE, WA 98802

NEW MEETING FORMAT: This will be the third meeting with the new format. The meetings are now much shorter, more informative and allow more time to talk with fellow members. Come and join us for an enriching evening. There have been some requests to change the start time of the meeting from 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM. If this is of interest to you as a member and it means the difference in attending or not, we need to hear from you. Please direct comments on this to the " Contact Us " section of the WSA website. We look forward to your responses.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: The May General meeting is designated as the annual business meeting by our By-Laws. This is a time when elections are held and other major business decisions are made. This year the election of the Board of Directors will be held. The recommendation of the Board of Directors is to re-elect all sitting Board of Directors. The final approval will come from the members at the May general meeting.

GAME FEED: It is vital that a new Game Feed Event Co-coordinator and team be selected. There are decisions that need to be made for venues, donations and a number of other logistics. Please contact any of the Officers or Board of Directors if you are interested. There is a manual of how things should go and several people that can assist with the functions.

WDFW: WSA would like to thank Dave Volsen for coming to the April meeting and giving a presentation on deer and elk herd situations and the possible future of local game management. If you have not yet mailed in your Salmon/Steelhead punch cards, it is not too late. Only crab punch cards contain a penalty for late return. Special hunt permits and most raffles are now available. Permits must be submitted by May 24th. Check the new regulations pamphlet for all other dates. Most lakes are now open for fishing and there is a state-wide trout derby, April 22-October 31, 2017. See the WDFW website for more information, www.wdfw.wa.gov.

WORK PARTIES: There are a couple of work parties coming up for folks. One is on May 13th, from 7:30 AM-4 PM. This one will focus on repair and rebuilding feeders and guzzlers in the Colockum wildlife area. Please contact Bill Stegeman at 509-3939-9528 to sign up. The other is on May 20th, from 8 AM-12:30 PM. This will be to clean up garbage around Clear Lake and Lilly Lake in the Stemilt Basin, and the Burch Mountain Road. To participate in this event, contact Bill Stegeman and meet at the old Staples parking lot 200 Ferry St.. For both events, please wear appropriate clothing for the conditions (boots, gloves, hat) and bring water and food enough for yourself. More details can be found on our Facebook page.

NCWHFD: The North Central Washington Hunting and Fishing Day will be on Saturday, September 16th, 2017. The venue will be at the North Central Washington Gun Club above the East Wenatchee area. Key participants are being contacted to be at this event. We need several volunteers for this event. Please contact Keith Boyd. We will be having shooting of rifles, shotguns and bows; as well as, casting practice for fishing. There will be educational opportunities for everyone.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP: Each year the WSA sponsors youth to attend the Washington State Junior Sportsman's Conservation Camp. Girls camp is July 16 to July 22, 2017. Boys camp is July 23 to July 29, 2017. All campers must be 12 years old by July 16, 2017. They must not have reached their 17th birthday before the beginning of camp. Camp is on Orcus Island each year. Anyone interested in more information or an application should contact Gordon Goodwin at 509-663-3620. Additional information may be obtained at the camp website at www.washingtonconservationcamp.org.

STATE PARKS: The Washington State Parks have changed their website to reflect a growing interest in enhancing park experience for visitors. The new web address is www.parks.state.wa.us. This website will allow you to make reservations for parks, access information on facilities, discover passes, boating, recreation, activities and programs.

USFS: The winter of 2016-2017 gave us good snow pack that translates to good ground moisture for the year. This also means that several roads will still be soft to muddy. WSA would like to remind our members to contact their local USFS office to inquire about road conditions before going to your favorite place this spring. Road closure information can also be seen on their website at www.fs.usda.gov. There are several washout areas that are being worked on and some roads that are now open. Save yourself the trouble of being stuck in the mud by checking before visiting our forests.

WEBSITE: WSA continues to make improvements to our website to make it easier to use; as well as, more informative. We welcome your comments and suggestions on our "Contact Us" section of the website. It is monitored and changes are made as needed.

FACEBOOK: The WSA Facebook page has really caught on of late; especially, with the photo contests. We also have dates of events and activities posted. Board Director, Adam Neff, is doing a fantastic job keeping postings current and up to date.

SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE: Our local Sportsman's Warehouse will be having classes for the following: Walleye Seminar on May 9th, 6:30-7:30 PM, Arrow fletching on May 20th, 2:00-3:00 PM, and an Optics demo on June 10th from 1:00-3:00 PM. Contact the store for more information. Remember to support the businesses that support us. We are sorry to lose store Manager Morgan Wagner, who has taken on a new store in Everett, WA. He has shown our organization the greatest support and respect. We wish him well with the new store, and look forward to meeting the new manager when they come on board.

PROGRAM: The original programmed guest speaker was unable to attend. An alternate program is being worked on.

Best regards,

Dan Dickerson