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There's a New Face at OWHF

New Executive Director, Tim Greseth, comes to the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation after 8 1/2 years with Camp Fire USA; the last 3 1/2 as a Field Executive with their national office. In addition to his work with Camp Fire USA, he's also directed youth conservation and AmeriCorps programs, completed a practicum in management auditing, and worked directly with children and youth at several Portland-area nonprofit organizations. Tim serves on the Hands On Greater Portland board of directors and is completing a second term as their President. He earned his Master's degree in Public Administration from Portland State University and bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Montana. Tim, his wife Lisa, and their son Cade live in Camas, Washington.

Executive Director's Message:

I grew up in the Northwest and, in my opinion, there isn't a better place to live and raise a family. Our foundation's purpose; "to support projects that promote conservation and enhance public use and enjoyment of Oregon's fish and wildlife" is as important today as it was when we were founded in 1981. Healthy fish and wildlife populations require healthy habitat. Through grant making, project sponsorship, information, and outreach, our Foundation directly supports both public and private efforts to restore habitat and reverse declines in key fish and wildlife resources. The financial and in-kind support that we can provide to those efforts is in direct proportion to the generosity of our members, donors, and corporate partners. To build support for our work we are implementing several new initiatives that I want to tell you about.

First, and foremost, we want to grow membership in our foundation and increase their confidence. Members, regardless of giving level, should know their contribution is improving fish and wildlife habitat, public access, and educational opportunities. Our newsletter and web site describe our grant making, sponsored projects, and events but we recognize that more and better access to information about the foundation's activities would be helpful. To that end, we will publish our newsletter twice a year and redesign our web site to become more informative, user-friendly, and interactive. Look for our next newsletter in December of this year and a web site relaunch this fall.

We also want to add value to membership in our foundation. Members will receive 20% off purchases at our Bonneville Gift Store and invitation to special events and activities. If you are a current member of the foundation, you will receive an updated membership card, making you eligible for the Gift Store discount and other emerging benefits. Finally, beginning in January 2009, everyone that joins our foundation will receive a gift and, based on their joining level, additional items from which to choose.

If you're already a member of our foundation, "thank you!" We hope that you will share this newsletter with someone you know and encourage them to become a foundation supporter just as you are. Please also consider giving membership in our organization to a friend or loved one as a gift.

If you're reading this and are not yet a member of the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, please join us! You'll find a membership application on the last page of this newsletter or you can join on-line at www.owhf.org. We need and want your support!

Second, we want to increase charitable giving to support our foundation's work. To that end we will make a year-end giving appeal to our members and supporters. It is only through the material support of our members and other supporters that the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation can make grants, sponsor special projects, and engage in educational activities.

Finally, we are implementing a planned giving program to increase our endowed funds to \$10 million. That amount would generate approximately \$500,000 each year to directly improve wildlife habitat and enhance public use and enjoyment of our natural resources.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to call or write us if you have ideas about how this publication can be made more useful or interesting to you!

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Upland Bird Banquet & Auction



The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation and the Columbia Plateau Chapter of Pheasants Forever collaborated and hosted the first Upland Bird fundraising banquet & auction on March 6th at the Lloyd Center Double Tree. As a first year event it was very successful, raising over \$60,000 to support upland bird habitat projects in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wasco & Sherman counties.

The festivities began with a social time, silent auction with select vendors in booths including: Coast Products, Hevi-Shot, ODFW (Hunters safety), Ruggs Ranch, Bud McDougal (Shooting Expert), Field N' Marsh Outfitters, Minoggie Kennels, Olex Preserve, and KoolCollar. As a special treat Young's Market donated and served featured spirits to the attendees before the banquet.

Master of Ceremonies, Bill Monroe, retired Oregonian outdoor writer, kept the evening light and entertaining telling a few short stories. Skip Matthews, President of the Columbia Plateau Chapter of Pheasants Forever gave a short media presentation of their Upland Bird Project using a No-Till drill, its positive effects on bird habitat, and the plan to add guzzlers in the future. Roy Elicker, Director of Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife spoke on the Departments support of upland birds in this region.

Auctioneer, JillMarie Wiles kept the crowd engaged as she auctioned twenty-seven items including trips, wine tours, gourmet dinners, Beretta guns, hunts and a bronze pheasant sculpture... which was sold... donated back and then resold! Thank you to our donors, who included: Kim MacColl, Bobby Keerins, Rip Caswell, Tim Boyle, Lori & Colby Howe, Mike Malone, Bristol Bay Fishing, Ruggs Ranch, Shamrock Gun Club, Pat & John Kilkenny, Allorro Winery, Joe Whitworth, Big K Ranch, Field N' Marsh Outfitters, Bob Rees, Kurt Roseler, Bandon's Guide Service, South Valley Hunt Club, LaCrosse/Danner, Hevi Shot, Dez Young, Minoggie Kennels, Chad Watson (KoolCollars), Rajeff Sports, Sanderson Safety, Mark Walter, ODFW, and OWHF. These donors really stepped up and helped make the auction a huge success.

It goes without saying, that the success of every event begins with our sponsors. Our thanks to:



Please note that the Portland 2009 Upland Bird Banquet & Auction will be Thursday, March 12th, seats are limited.



Salmon Quest & Golf Classic Events

The **2008 Salmon Quest** was held on April 19th, with 78 legal Spring Chinook caught among 178 anglers. After a day of fishing, anglers and guests enjoyed good food, drink and festivities at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn.

SALMON QUEST



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We greatly appreciate our guides and boatmen without whom we would not be on the water! The following guides and boatmen donated their time and equipment. If you are in need of a guide, please consider these professionals. Our guides this year were Pat Abel, John Aho, Brian Campbell, Brian Childers, Tyler Courtney, Drue Cramer, Greg Frogner, Gary Geis, Brandon Glass, Jack Glass, Roger Goodwin, Dan Haak, Steve Johnson, Don Keller, Bill Kremers, Kevin Lund, Mark Lytle, Kevin Marshall, Marv McQuinn, Bill Miller, Ross Morrow, Terry Mulkey, Dennis Pratt, Kelly Short, Jim Stevenson, Bob Toman, Jeremy Toman, Jerry Toman, Ted Wade, Paul Wobkenberg and Paul Woodrum. Our boatmen were Ris Bradshaw, Dave Cummings, Dave Eng, Ron Hiller, Scott Kappes, Jeff Melberg, Bill Monroe, Bob Moore, Craig Mostul, Dudley Nelson, Bill Raglione, Buzz Ramsey, Neil Robins, Gil Rodriguez, Bill Shake, John Schmilenko and Rick Verhaeghe. Also a shout out to our media providers: Dave Schamp, and Don New.

Trophies were given to the three top teams with the highest score, and one to the largest fish.

- First Place: Guide- Terry Mulkey with his anglers Cheryl Cope and Renie Brown
- Second Place: Guide- Mark Lytle with his anglers Doug New and Don New, Sr.
- Third Place: Guide- Marv McQuinn with his anglers Celeah Norris and Carin Norris
- Largest Fish: Angler Cheryl Cope who brought in a 44" Spring Chinook



The 2008 Salmon Quest was sponsored by; Stevens Marine, Mercury, Toman's King Camp, inter-fluve inc., and Alten Sakai & Company. This year's event was also supported by Northwest Salmon Derby Series out of Washington. The Northwest Salmon Derby supports various fishing events throughout Washington and Oregon each year by giving all attendees a chance to win a boat through a raffle held in September. You can read more about the Northwest Salmon Derby on the web at <http://www.northwestsalmonderbyseries.com>.

Together with supporters and attendees, this event netted \$29,000 to be used for fish projects in the greater Portland area. Ongoing 2008 projects include: acclimation ponds on the Clackamas River, kids fishing opportunities, and a disabled anglers access fishing dock on the Clackamas River at Estacada Lake above River Mill Dam.

Please note the 2009 Salmon Quest event will be Saturday, April 11.



The **2008 Golf Classic** will be at Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora on Wednesday, September 24th. The day begins at 10 am with registration, lunch at 12-noon, a putting contest and raffle before tee off and a shotgun start at 1:00 pm.

The golfer entrance fee is \$200, event sponsorships are still available. For complete event information and registration, visit our website at www.owhf.org.

For more information on OWHF events, you may call the office at 503-255-6059
OR visit our website at www.owhf.org under the calendar section.

GRANTS MADE

BACK HOE PURCHASE



The Foundation is working with the Columbia Plateau Chapter of Pheasants Forever to improve pheasant habitat in the Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam counties. In 2007 we assisted with the purchase of a Great Plains No-Till Drill and in March 2008 we partnered with Pheasants Forever in a banquet/auction to raise money to purchase a tractor with backhoe attachment. The local Soil & Water Conservation District is providing a habitat technician to operate this equipment to improve pheasant habitat and install guzzlers on public and "open to hunt" land in the three counties.

NORTHEAST OREGON MOOSE MONITORING

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife came to the Foundation seeking a grant for funding helicopter flights to identify and radio collar the distribution of Shiras Moose



in the Wenaha Wildlife Management Area. This is the first time in recorded history that Shiras Moose reside in northeast Oregon, and ODFW is looking to obtain baseline information and data associated with moose distribution, population status, calf recruitment, mortality, seasonal habitat use, and seasonal movements. The flights are necessary to net-gun capture and put radio collars on a few of the moose to follow movements and habitat use.



PRONGHORN ANTELOPE



Pronghorn Antelope are year-round residents of the Owyhee Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) in Southeastern Oregon. Population surveys are done twice a year. Summer herd composition surveys are conducted in late July and early August to estimate summer fawn to doe ratios and pre-hunting season buck to doe ratios. Winter population counts are used to develop a modeled total population estimate.

According to Dr. Don Whittaker, ODFW Pronghorn Program Director, the plan is to use a helicopter net gunning operation to capture and radio collar up to 65 adult female pronghorn during the winter of 2007-2008 and collect information related to migration corridors, movement barriers, and timing of movements.

The funding for this study is coming from the Oregon Hunting Associations and the Order of the Antelope, as well as ODFW and the Foundation. The Foundation funds will primarily be directed to the cost of Pronghorn capture.

GRANTS MADE

YOUTH ANGLING OPPORTUNITIES

The Foundation helped fund **Youth Outdoor Day** held on May 31, 2008 at the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Management Area. ODFW volunteers and Ducks Unlimited organized the event for kids to have a hands-on opportunity to learn about wildlife, habitat conservation, fishing, hunting and other outdoor sports. With a total of 188 volunteers the event was a huge success with 732 youth participants and 422 parents. ODFW lead activities for songbird box building, fish printing, wildlife identification and safety hunter mini classes. Other organizations offered sessions such as: waterfowl calling, sporting clays, archery clinics and fly casting and tying.



Fish printing

The Foundation is partnering with ODFW and providing funding for their **Youth Angling Enhancement Program (YAEP)**. This program is designed to introduce Oregon's youth to fishing and encourage them to consider fishing as one of their recreational activities. Some of the events offered are teaching the kids the importance of maintaining healthy, clean environments so there will be fishing opportunities in the future. Program funds are used exclusively to buy privately raised trout and transport them to the ponds and lakes used for YAEP events.

The Foundation granted funds to the Clackamas Chapter of Trout Unlimited, for their **Youth Instructional Fly Fishing Camp**. This camp includes a half day of classroom and field instruction followed by a weekend of stream side casting lessons, introduction to entomology, and fly fishing on the Clackamas River.

GRANTS MADE

On June 21st, the Foundation's Project/Event Director, Rod Brobeck, worked with Janette Clay, Activities Coordinator for the Columbia Northwest group of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The Foundation hosted 40 "bigs" and "littles" for a day at Small Fry Lake. The day was spent fishing, building birdhouses and learning about wildlife. Art Israelson provided all the building materials for the birdhouses and Sue Barnes, ODFW biologist, introduced the group to wildlife using their "pelts & skulls" instructional program.



Pelts & Skulls



Little and big brothers and sisters enjoying fishing at Small Fry Lake just past Estacada



Building bird houses



Previous Camp Angelos Logo

Camp Angelos is holding a kids fishing camp from July 27th through July 31st, offering campers ages 10-15 many outdoor activities, as well as, instruction on how to fish. Fishing is done in the camp's private trout ponds. The Foundation has granted funds in the past and again this year to Camp Angelos to help provide scholarships for kids to attend this camp and also stock the trout ponds. This camp is located on the Sandy River near Corbett, Oregon.

SPONSORED PROJECTS

DISABLED ANGLER FISHING DOCK

The Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation is raising \$71,000 to construct a disabled anglers fishing dock at Estacada Lake. Estacada Lake is a reservoir formed by River Mill Dam, a PGE hydroelectric facility on the Clackamas River. This new dock increases fishing opportunities for disabled anglers. There are only two other fishing platforms accessible by people with disabilities in the greater Portland area. Our structure will be larger and provide quality year around fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout. Partners for this project are Portland General Electric, Oregon State Parks, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Restoration & Enhancement Program. Construction needs to be completed by September.

Additional funding support is provided by Bill Swindells. At press time, our foundation still needs to raise an additional \$17,500 toward the construction of this fishing platform. If you would like to support this worthwhile project with a tax-deductible contribution please contact Rod Brobeck at 503-255-6059.

Bonneville Gift Store



The Gift Store has adopted a new logo! Our favorite Herman the Sturgeon is newly characterized, featured throughout the store, and exclusively ours. Angel Williams, Store Manager, has worked hard to bring our customers a variety of merchandise representing the Northwest, as well as cold beverages, an assortment of speciality coffees, blended beverages, and snacks. The staff are friendly and knowledgeable about the Hatchery and the surrounding Gorge area.

Summer is a popular time to visit the Bonneville Hatchery. The grounds are in full bloom, paths marked with stenciled fish indicating the direction for self guided tours, and a few picnic tables (bring a blanket in case tables are unavailable) on the lawn area beside the parking lot are available. While there, be sure to visit the Sturgeon Interpretive Center where Herman and his pals live and can be viewed through a large picture window or from above on a viewing platform at Kelly Pond, named after Allan Kelly, our foundation's first Executive Director.

To get to Bonneville Hatchery travel I-84, take exit #40 (Bonneville Dam), turn north and go through the gates, and take the first left at the "Y". This is where you will find the fish ponds, Herman, the Gift Store and picnic grounds. The Bonneville Dam, fish ladder and locks are to the right of the "Y" and another great destination with plenty of information for self guided tours. If you are looking for an event further out, the web site for the Dam notes that September 13th is the Fall Salmon Festival at Bonneville Lock and Dam and will feature special speakers, activities, and films. So much to do, and about a 30 minute trip from Portland- come on up and spend the day exploring and rediscovering some of Oregon's heritage... having fun along the way!



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If Portland General Electric is your electric utility, you have the power to make a difference for **Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation**. PGE is donating \$20,000 to local environmental groups — and you can vote on where the money goes. Simply sign up online for PGE Paperless Bill by August 15 and you can direct funds to **Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation**. With PGE Paperless Bill, you can simplify your life, make an earth-friendly choice and give a boost to Oregon watersheds and habitat.



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