

**HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

April 27, 2019, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Washington Cattlemen's Association, 1301 W. Dolarway Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926

⊙ **Welcome & General Interest Announcements**

⊕ IAC Member Roundtable

- Mike McDaniel
 - Mike has held a couple classes this year.
 - He has a couple more scheduled for the rest of the year.
- Butch
 - Butch has taught a couple classes.
 - He had a class where 25 signed up and only 16 students attended.
- Jim Conway
 - Jim has taught three classes this year.
 - He has seven more scheduled.
 - Jim's no-show rate was 21%.
- Marty Kotzke
 - Marty's traditional classes have been filling up this year.
 - He volunteered at the sport show in Puyallup.
 - Marty also helped with a small game survey project for Master Hunter hours.
 - He is working on holding an online class the same day as some traditional class field days to see if he can combine the field day activities.
- John Malek
 - John held two classes as the chief HEI and helped with another class.
 - He has not seen as many no-shows this year.
 - John held a turkey hunting clinic at the Black Diamond Gun Club.
 - He also held one traditional class at Black Diamond and the class was well attended.
- Bob Palmer
 - Bob held a traditional class for over 50 students.
 - He has also held online classes.
 - Bob offers NRA basic classes to HEI to augment their level of knowledge.
 - WHEIA has been supportive of the effort to provide NRA training to HEI as well.
 - He is working towards holding muzzleloader and archery NRA classes as well.
- Cathy Lynch
 - Cathy taught in a female oriented class.

- Her next class is in September.
- Jim Gleiter
 - Jim increased his July class seats because he knows the June class will not be well attended.
- Larry Lufkin
 - Larry is scheduling online classes in Sep. Oct. and Nov.
 - He knows of another instructor in the Olympia area that is in need of instructors.
 - Larry wanted to talk about an email he sent to the IAC about a proposed change to the firearm caliber requirements for deer. This item was tabled until the Hunting Equipment Discussion later.
- Jim Sevier
 - Jim has all of his 2019 classes scheduled but registration does not open until the day after he finishes the previous class.
 - He is averaging about 25% female attendees in his classes lately.
 - Jim volunteered at the Portland sportsmen's show.
 - He had two foreign language students in his class last week. They both passed.
- Steve Mills
 - Steve helped at Take Your Kids to Work Day at the WDFW Region 5 office in Ridgefield.
 - He volunteered at the sportsmen's show in Portland.
 - Steve is getting his display for the 2019 NHFD celebration ready.
- Eric Lauver
 - Eric is still struggling to fill some of his classes.
 - He is scheduling an online class for later this summer.
 - He will schedule a traditional class later this year as well as more online classes.

⊙ **WDFW Updates**

⊕ Student statistics

- 2018 finished with the following numbers:

Total Classes	708
Capacity	15,330
Registered	11,954
Total Pass	9,669
Total Fail	258
Total Incomplete	127
Total No-show	1,898
Total % Fail	3
Total % NS	16

- 2018 stats through March were as follows:

Total Classes	134
Capacity	3060
Registered	2421
Total Pass	1998
Total Fail	57
Total Incomplete	24
Total No-show	339
Total % Fail	3
Total % NS	14

- 2019 stats through March are as follows:

Total Classes	121
Capacity	2907
Registered	2341
Total Pass	1926
Total Fail	58
Total Incomplete	26
Total No-show	331
Total % Fail	3
Total % NS	14

- The difference of 2018 and 2019 year to date was as follows:

Total Classes	-13
Capacity	-153
Registered	-80
Total Pass	-72
Total Fail	1
Total Incomplete	2
Total No-show	-8
Total % Fail	0
Total % NS	0

⊕ Instructors & Instructor Applicants

- WDFW now has 1,035 certified instructors as of the end of March.
- Eighteen new instructors have been certified so far this year.

⊕ Brief Regional Field Coordinator Updates

- Mike Whorton
 - Mike has worked on trying to create new teaching teams in rural areas with limited instructors and a public need.

- Mike and Aaron are trying to cover region 2, which has been challenging.
 - He is working with lands access staff and Pheasants Forever for public access on private lands for youth mentoring.
 - Mike's hunter education trailer is running full time between instructors for hunter education classes.
- Aaron Garcia
 - Aaron has visited eight different teaching teams so far this year.
 - He is planning on visiting classes in regions 2 and 3 as much as possible this year.
 - He updated the instructor directory to group it by region and requested the directory be posted online.
 - Aaron has new Instructors in Walla Walla and the Tri-cities.
 - He helped at the Richland Rod and Gun pheasant clinic.
 - Aaron assigned 65 new turkey hunters a turkey hunting mentor. In total, 76 mentees signed up for the opportunity.
 - Next weekend he will be at the National Wild Turkey Federation women in the outdoors/Jakes workshop.
 - He has several in-service trainings scheduled.
 - Aaron is helping plan the National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD) event in Moxee. SCI is holding an event with support from the department.
 - He is also planning upland bird and waterfowl clinics and mentored hunts in regions 1, 2, and 3 this year.
 - Steve Dazey
 - Steve conducted two Range Safety Officer (RSO) classes in eastern Washington and certified 44 instructors.
 - He conducted NRA Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun, and Basic Pistol training for wildlife program staff.
 - Steve assisted in a NRA Basic Instructor, Rifle Instructor, and Shotgun Instructor training to certify a DFW staff member as an instructor for WDFW staff who use firearms as part of their job.
 - He sent reminders out to instructors about the incentive permit applications, Terry Hoffer nominations, and the deadlines for each.
 - Steve presented at the Friends of the NRA Washington State Grant Committee meeting on how WHEIA and WDFW have used past grants to support NHFD. The next day FNRA WA Grant Committee recommended granting WHEIA approximately \$11,000 for a new laser shot system to be used to promote hunting at events around the state.
 - He hosted a WHEIA meeting at the region 4 office.

- Steve presented to PLU business students from China on the economic return to Washington state and importance of hunting and fishing.
 - He attended a Washington Backcountry meetup. This group is focusing on mentoring adults who did not grow up in a hunting family and do not have a hunting background or support.
 - Steve conducted a pre-service training that certified six new instructors.
 - He previewed a possible new teaching venue in Bellevue.
 - Steve is working on getting a teaching team certified on Orcas Island where none currently exists.
 - He conducted 12 teaching team visits and assisted Olympia in conducting instructor inventory checks as needed.
 - He is also working on collaborating with Washington Civil Air Patrol on a program to conduct hunter education classes and rifle safety classes for their cadets.
- Amy Elliott
 - Amy worked at the sportsmen's show in Portland.
 - She participated in Take Your Kid to Work Day and facilitated some volunteers for the laser shot and bow hunting demonstrations.
 - Amy's first in-service training is scheduled for May 4.
 - She has completed two pre-service trainings so far.
 - Five of the twelve instructors certified are female.
 - She had a class recently where a student made an inappropriate comment that forced WDFW enforcement to contact and talk to the student about proper attitude and comments. The student will have to repeat the class in the future.
 - Bill Montgomery
 - Bill has gone to several non-government organizations banquets for support of NHFD.
 - SCI had a raffle for NHFD at their banquet and raised over \$2000 for rods and reels for participants.
 - Bill has held a couple pre-service trainings so far this year.
 - He completed the first region 6 in-service training.
 - Bill received an email from an instructor who was involved in a hunting incident during turkey season.

☉ National Hunting and Fishing Day Update

- ⊕ The event will be held at Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup on Sep. 28 from 10am-4pm.
- ⊕ WDFW is looking for interested volunteers to come and participate.
- ⊕ Currently we have 25 partners who have confirmed to be at the event.
- ⊕ Events scheduled:

- Mock back country camp
 - Virtual turkey hunting setup
 - Operation lifesaver safety game
 - Hands on knapping demonstrations
 - Live birds of prey
 - Bird egg display
 - Washington furbearer pelts and traps
 - Waterfowl mounts display
 - Survival game
 - Boating safety display
 - Butterfly boxes and seed balls
 - Wildlife track casting
 - .22\223\20 gauge\genesis bows
 - Owl pellet dissection
 - Pheasant display from WDFW
 - Exotic birds from ornamental game bird breeders
- ⊕ WDFW is estimating 500 participants will be at the event.

⊙ **Washington Hunter Information Sheet**

- ⊕ After the meeting in December, Kris updated the information sheet.
- ⊕ He asked the IAC to review and give their input.
- ⊕ There was a comment to add 209 primers to the updates.
- ⊕ Butch asked what the feasibility was to have some update/changes to the pamphlets from the previous year.
- ⊕ Kris reported that the change/update could be done but we would have some internal discussion on the matter.

⊙ **Hunting Equipment Discussion**

- ⊕ Larry sent an email to IAC members about proposing a change to the regulations by a retired WDFW police officer.
- ⊕ Larry asked for a show of hands in support of changing the regulation from .24 caliber to .22 centerfire round for deer.
- ⊕ Some members supported the change.
- ⊕ Kris discussed this issue with the game division.
- ⊕ Kris reported on his conversation with the game division.

⊙ **WDFW Budget and Legislative Update**

- ⊕ Dave gave an overview of the bills that had passed in the legislature in regards to hunter education.
- ⊕ The biggest bill that passed was the hunter pink bill.
- ⊕ The hunter pink bill directs the commission to add fluorescent pink as an option for hunters currently required to wear hunter orange.
- ⊕ The senator who proposed the bill is in process of fighting breast cancer and her husband was wearing pink in support. She noticed him in the fall woods as well or better than hunter orange clothing.

- ⊕ The bill passed almost unanimously.
- ⊕ Dave also gave a brief overview of the current budget situation and handed out the 2019 Budget Decision Impacts handout.

⊙ **Live-fire Protocols**

- ⊕ WDFW noticed that the live-fire protocols currently in use did not directly identify specific inspection requirements for firearm(s) to discharging rounds.
- ⊕ Since then, hunter education staff have completed a draft update to the live-fire protocols for IAC's review.
- ⊕ The draft also combines the live-fire protocols and archery range safety protocols.
- ⊕ WDFW would like IAC input on the updated WDFW Live-Fire Safe Verification Form as well.
- ⊕ IAC had a couple small suggestions to the protocols and the accompanying form.
- ⊕ Jim C. suggested once the protocols were finished, WDFW send an email out to all instructors regarding the updates.

⊙ **Spanish Traditional Course**

- ⊕ The ADA program manager has talked to the hunter education staff about holding a traditional class taught in Spanish.
- ⊕ Several instructors across the state are fluent in Spanish and could teach a Spanish class.
- ⊕ Kalkomey would not be able to translate the current traditional PowerPoint.
- ⊕ Since it is copy written material, WDFW cannot have the PowerPoint translated.
- ⊕ IAC recommended using the "Todays Hunter" material in Spanish and having the state specific information taught and reiterated by the instructor for retention.

⊙ **IAC Recruitment**

- ⊕ The department started recruitment for five seats on IAC currently at the end of their terms.
- ⊕ Kris has only received two letters of interest at this point.
- ⊕ WDFW encouraged all members whose terms end this year to reapply.
- ⊕ WDFW also encourages any instructor who would like to be a part of IAC to apply.

⊙ **Adjourn**