

**HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES**

March 10, 2018, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Washington Cattleman's Association, 1301 W. Dolarway Rd., Ellensburg

⊙ **Welcome & General Interest Announcements**

⊕ IAC Member Roundtable

- Megan Shaffer
 - Megan heard from another instructor that had a class in November with a great turn out and had another good class in February.
 - She has noticed a shift in the republic area teams to the online format.
- John Malek
 - In 5 classes between September and December John's HEI Team certified 161 students, 32 more students than the 7 classes held January to August (129) for a grand total of 290 for 2017.
 - He had a February 2018 online class that had 22 students with the next one scheduled in March, 6 signed up at that time. The BDGC Traditional Team just completed their first class certifying 22 as well.
 - Also helped Evan Windom with the new class in North Bend and loaned Orange guns.
 - John is in the process of putting the rest of his classes for this year on the Kalkomey website.
 - He is also working on getting a Turkey clinic set up Saturday, April 7th, at the Black Diamond gun club.
- Jeff Bull
 - Jeff worked at the sportsman show in Wenatchee.
 - He has a scheduled class at the end of the month and no students are signed up at this point.
 - He will be putting on some traditional classes this year.
 - Jeff held an online class and used the teaching system that Larry Lufkin talked about at the last IAC meeting. Jeff was able to go through the class in four hours.
 - He started a class with handling and firearms manipulation and then went through the PowerPoint. This method worked very well.
- Rich Mann
 - Rich knows of several classes that are going.
 - He has been working a lot for the National Wild Turkey Federation.
 - He has seen some online classes that are running longer than the 4 hours.

- Rich helped Aaron on the mentored pheasant hunt in December.
- He will also be doing an Oregon turkey clinic at the end of this month.
- Jim Sevier
 - Jim posted his schedule for the entire year in early January.
 - He filled his late January class with a full waitlist.
 - For Jim's live-fire, the kids generally do two shots of trap.
 - Jim's February class was also full.
- Sam Grubbs
 - Evan Windom is starting to teach in North Bend and Sam went to help.
 - Sam's first class is this Monday and he has 10 signed up.
 - Sam did some research on trespassing while hunting and talked to Officer McQuid.
 - He found RCW 77.15.435 and found that trespassing while hunting is a misdemeanor.
 - It was suggested to inform instructors to about RCW 77.15.435 and the ramifications.
- Jim Gleiter
 - Jim has his 2018 classes scheduled.
 - He is also going to help Captain Chadwick at a class in July.
- Eric Lauver
 - Eric has a traditional class scheduled for Monday and only has 11 of 15 signed up.
 - He might have an online class before turkey season.

⊙ WDFW Updates

⊕ Student statistics

- In 2018 the student stats are as follows:
 - Capacity – 1,241
 - Registered – 992 (80%)
 - Total Passes – 809
 - Total Fails – 18 (2%)
 - Total No-shows – 153 (15%)
- In 2017 for the same time frame:
 - Capacity – 1,291
 - Registered – 1,076 (83%)
 - Total Passes – 869
 - Total Fails – 22 (2%)
 - Total No-shows – 162 (15%)

⊕ Instructors & Instructor Applicants

- There have been 17 instructor certified so far in 2018.

⊕ Brief Regional Field Coordinator Updates

- Region 3 – Aaron Garcia

- Aaron has a new team in Walla Walla led by Steve Aichele. They are working with the Walla Walla Gun Club and he has many classes scheduled throughout the year
- The Cross Trail Outfitters team has four new instructors certified. They are focusing mainly on classes during their youth camps, but will be doing other classes in Walla Walla
- The December pheasant clinic had 30+ participants, 16 dogs, 40 volunteers. 185 roosters were released thanks to Pheasants Forever and Bob Okes(WDFW). Many more birds were harvested than in prior clinics.
- Spring Turkey clinics/mentored hunts are open for signups. Mentors from First Hunt Foundation have been contacted and nine private properties have been currently secured. Aaron is working to secure more.
- Aaron has several PSTs scheduled for late March/early April and will be doing more throughout the year.
- Aaron is continuing to work on creating more connections with the instructors in Region 3.
- Multiple instructors brought up a shared class calendar idea for instructors to look for assistance recently and Aaron think it is a good idea. WDFW could create an online calendar that instructors can post upcoming classes to that they need additional instructors for.
 - Jan said that she would suggest this to Kalkomey and would run it down.
- Multiple HE instructors volunteered and helped out at the three central Washington sportsman shows. Their help was very appreciated.
- Aaron is working with SCI, NWTF, PF, MDF, FHF, and WHEIA on outreach events this year. First Hunt Foundation is going to have a youth day near Cheney on May 12 at Jack Dolan's property. Another First Hunt Foundation youth day event near Ellensburg will be scheduled for June.
- Aaron has talked with MDF, PF, NWTF, and Wenas Valley Muzzleloaders who are all committed to be at National Hunting and Fishing Day. He is working on getting commitments from Back Country Horsemen, Washington Waterfowl, SCI, Kittitas county field and stream, and Richland Rod and Gun. Additional contacts will include TU, RMEF, Yakima Greenway, Nature Conservancy, Reds fly shop, and NASP. Aaron is asking for additional ideas of organizations to contact.

⊙ **National Hunting and Fishing Day Briefing**

- ⊕ The event will be at Sun Valley Shooting Park in Moxee.

- ⊕ We will be having .223, .22, air rifle, archery, and shotgun shooting.
- ⊕ TIP trailer is already booked.
- ⊕ NGOs that have been approached for the event are:
 - Mule Deer Foundation
 - Pheasants Forever
 - National Wild Turkey Federation
 - Wenas Valley Muzzleloaders
 - Back Country Horsemen
 - Washington Waterfowl
 - Safari Club International
 - Kittitas county field and stream
 - Richland Rod and Gun
- ⊕ Wenatchee Sportsmen’s Association is having an event on September 29 at the North Central Washington Gun Club.

⊙ **2018 IST Status Briefing and IAC involvement**

- ⊕ So far there are 420 people registered for the IST.
- ⊕ Jan is working with the chef on meals and getting more options and better choices at the IST.
- ⊕ The agency is limited to state per diem for meals, so the selection may be limited based on the costs.
- ⊕ Jan is working on having a taco truck for food at the fun shoot on Friday.
- ⊕ The budget is tight this year and to keep costs lower, we may not have outside speakers. There is also a possibility we maybe an outside speaker at a low fee.
- ⊕ This IST will utilize WDFW staff to provide info on species populations, trends, and management.
 - This is good info to help answer Qs in classes, or to provide brief info to students.
- ⊕ WHEIA is making efforts to increase their support of HEIs & to be more involved w/ WDFW, & will have time on the agenda.
- ⊕ The agenda is still in draft form and may change.
- ⊕ Some questions that WDFW is asking of the IAC is:
 - Are there too many species-specific items?
 - No, there is a belief that these kinds of presentations will be beneficial for HEI to have to answer student questions.
 - How do you feel about breakout sessions for each region?
 - The IAC felt that the breakout sessions could be accomplished at the regional ISTs in 2019.
- ⊕ Below is a list of topics that WDFW has proposed to the IAC and the IAC’s priority to the associated topic.

Topic	IAC Priority
Policy Manual update and questions	High
Regional Breakouts	Medium to medium low

Hoof Disease Presentation	More disease coverage.
Cougar Population, Status, and Trends	High to medium high
IAC Panel Discussion	Low
MHAG Panel Discussion	Low unless MHPP orientation
Waterfowl Population, Status, and Trends	High to medium high
Private Lands Program Updates	Medium to high
Wolf Population, Status, and Trends	Medium high
Predator Prey Research Project	High
Kalkomey Inc Presentation	Mostly for CHEI not general HEI. More of the what is coming would be higher priority. Might be better as breakouts instead of a large meeting.
Deer Population, Status, and Trends	High to medium high
Elk Population, Status, and Trends	High to medium high
Rulemaking Process	Low to Medium low.
National Hunting and Fishing Day Hosting Tutorial	Low
Conflict De-Escalation	High

⊕ Other Suggestion

- Turkey status and trends .Medium to medium High
- General wildlife diseases (hoof diseases, Bluetounge, Information on CWD and not being able to bring back certain parts of animals from certain states, etc) high
- Kalkomey hands on training. Low
- Selected wildlife laws (trespass while hunting, whats wastage, etc) Medium

⊙ **Policy Manual Updates, Proposed Changes, and IST Agenda Item**

- ⊕ WDFW is proposing some slight changes to the HEI Policy Manual.
- ⊕ It is always a challenge to get the Policy Agreement Forms (PAFs) signed and returned when there is a change to the policies.
- ⊕ The IST is a good place to propose the manual changes and WDFW will have a large number of HEI there. This will facilitate easier gathering of the PAFs.
- ⊕ This subject will have an agenda item discussing the proposed updates.

⊙ **Adjourn**

- ⊕ Adjourned at 2:00pm