

WLSA NEWSLETTER

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If there is something you would like printed in the newsletter whether it be articles, events, recipes, etc, please contact Debbie at 392-2504 or email wlsawebmaster@telus.net. We would also appreciate pictures of your outings for our photo gallery.

February is fast approaching. Dena Gysel is collecting pictures of our member's trophy entries so please forward all of your pictures along with brief descriptions to her so that Dena can put together a Power Point presentation for our next Wild Game Banquet in February 2009. Her email address is: denagysel@hotmail.com

2009 WLSA Annual General Meeting



The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, January 19th, 2009 starting at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse on Bond Lake Road.

One of the items on the agenda will be a resolution to increase membership dues. Due to the BCWF raising our dues by \$2.50 per year, per member, over the next 2 years (\$5.00 per member by 2010), the executive of the WLSA will be recommending an increase in dues for our members. Membership dues play a key role in the club's ability to continue operating. The cost of lights, heating, insurance and maintenance have all increased.

Last year the WLSA pulled in approximately \$40,000.00. Half of our revenue came from membership dues (\$20,000.00) and half came from fundraisers: the Wild Game Banquet, hall rentals, CORE training and trap shoots.

Here is the approximate breakdown of where your dues went last year and where they are going to go again this year:

- ✚ 40% of your dues went to the BCWF
- ✚ 38% went to cover the cost of building insurance
- ✚ 14% went to repair and maintenance, and
- ✚ 8% went to utility expenses

At the end of 2007, the WLSA netted \$300.00 after all the bills were paid. This year we are hoping to see a positive balance of \$3000.00.

February Wild Game Banquet



Our next Wild Game Banquet is being held on Saturday, February 7th, 2009 at the clubhouse on Bond Lake Road.

Kim Judd will be catering again this year so the food will be delicious. Tickets will be going on sale sometime in January of 2009.

- ✚ Meat donations for the banquet are being requested and can be dropped off at Chilcotin Guns at 1542 Broadway. If you wish to call, their phone number is 250-392-6800. Thank you in advance.
- ✚ Calling all members to register their game whether it be bear, cougar, moose, wolf, weighed fish, deer antlers, etc, regardless of the size as there is an award just for registering. Gerry Lucas will be scoring this year and can be contacted at 250 392-2706.
- ✚ Please join us in the celebrations. As there is every year, there will be numerous door prizes, auctions and of course, the moose horn draw, not to mention the awards and a great opportunity to visit and have fun.

BC Wildlife Association AGM & Convention



The 2009 BCWF AGM and Convention will be held in Fernie, BC April 22 – 25, 2009. The Williams Lake Sportsmen's Association needs to send two delegates to this event. Hotel expenses will be covered by the WLSA. If interested, please contact one of the following executive members:

- ✚ President, Barry Jenkins: 392-6750 or email ibarryjenkins@shaw.ca
- ✚ Secretary, Debbie Barron: 392-2504 or email wlsawebmaster@telus.net
- ✚ Gerry Lucas at: 392-2706

Check out this websites for great ways to cook wild game meat:

<http://www.bowhunting.net/susieq/moose.html>
<http://www.whitetails.com/recipes/recipes.cfm>
<http://www.canadaintherough.com>
<http://www.bcsalmon.ca/bcsmc/recipe1.htm>

The Clubhouse Telephone

At the November 3, 2008 Executive Meeting it was decided that the clubhouse phone will be disconnected. The WLSA has been paying \$93.00 per month for a service that was very rarely used and in the last several months there has been a problem with static on the line which Telus determined was the club's responsibility to have repaired.



There is cell phone coverage at the clubhouse and the "Contact Us" pages on the website have been updated to provide contact phone numbers. For those of you who do not have website access, please save the contact information that is contained in the previous article.

Black Bear Hunt on the Queen Charlottes



The BC Provincial Government is considering restricting the hunting of black bears on the Queen Charlotte Islands which, has reportedly nothing to do with conservation concerns. Wayne Biffert wrote a letter to Premier Campbell with a cc to both our MLAs and other cabinet Ministers to request consideration. Wayne has given permission for his

letter to be published in this newsletter along with MLA and government contact information. Please take the time to write, phone or both and let your views be known. Here is Wayne's letter:

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Dear Premier:

Re: Bear hunting on the Queen Charlotte Islands

From information that I have received, I understand the government is considering helping the natives severely restrict the hunting of "Black Bear" on the Queen Charlotte Islands. My understanding is that this is NOT a conservation concern.

I believe this is contrary to the Ministry of Environment's Wildlife management principles and has no scientific information to warrant such action.

My understanding is that the government is concerned about declining numbers of hunters and fishers in the province. These activities contribute to the economic health of communities, as well as the province, and is greatly needed to help diversify our economy. In order to help increase this industry the government must maintain control of these resources and administer them in accordance with sound scientific principles, not the likes and dislikes of special interest groups.


I hunt and fish which helps provide healthy food for my family. Please do not destroy my opportunity to participate in these healthy activities thru negotiations with First Nations. We have one of the best wildlife management systems in the world. Please do NOT PRIVATIZE any segment or region of the wildlife resource so only rich or certain groups may participate.

Yours Sincerely,




Cc: **MLA Charlie Wyse**
MLA Bob Simpson
Honourable Michael de Jong (Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation)
Honourable Barry Penner (Minister of Environment)
Honourable Stan Hagen (Minister of Agriculture and Lands)

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Privatization of Resource Puts Public Fishery in Jeopardy



Here is yet another issue that you may be interested in writing your elected officials about.

Vancouver – “The decision of past federal Ministers of Fisheries to restrict the public fishery to a mere

12% of the total allowable catch (TAC) of halibut for the recreational fishery will result in significant reductions in limits and fishing time for anglers in 2009. This decision will have an immense adverse impact on the economic and social benefits derived from this fishery,” B.C. Wildlife Federation president Mel Arnold announced today.

“Considering that the allocation of halibut to public fisheries in jurisdictions south and north of B.C. are 51% and 20% respectively, we can only surmise that, by restricting the public’s allocation to only 12% of TAC, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is deliberately and capriciously trying to minimize, if not eliminate entirely, the public fishery for halibut in the Pacific region of Canada,” Arnold warned.

“This is not a conservation issue”, BCWF tidal water fisheries chairman Ken Franzen pointed out. “At the end of 2008, there will be almost 1 million pounds of unused halibut quota left in the water. This is an allocation issue and DFO is determined to provide ownership of 88% of the TAC to a small number of individuals. That such a move is contrary to several Supreme Court of Canada decisions appears to mean nothing to this federal government”, Franzen continued. “The Supreme Court has ruled that the Minister and government lacked the legislative authority to enter into contracts with private interests for the exclusive harvest of a common property resource”.

"Already this year, while commercial harvesters continue to fish, we have seen a mid-season closure of the public Halibut fishery despite assurances from former Fisheries Ministers that there would be no such closures," Franzen continued. "Based on the level of public harvest above 12% in 2008 and the inability, or refusal, of government to facilitate transfer of additional quota from the commercial fishery to offset this overage, we can expect reduced limits and fishing period in 2009. As previously noted, this action will have negative impacts on the B.C. economy and will also mean hardships and layoffs for many of the 7,700 people employed in businesses associated with the public fishery".

"The aspect of this fiasco that is hard to comprehend is why DFO did not lease individual quotas annually and thereby maintain public ownership of the resource and provide a source of revenue for improved Halibut management and harvest information. Instead, the former Ministers chose to give away 88% of the TAC in perpetuity to commercial harvesters, many of whom no longer fish their quota but lease it to other fishermen and for considerable sums in some cases," said Wayne Harling, long time member of the BCWF Fisheries Committee. "Requiring the public to buy or lease quota from these entrepreneurs who paid not one dime for their exclusive use of this public resource is truly bizarre. Even more bizarre, is the fact that DFO has now flatly rejected the only viable "market-based mechanism" identified by all sectors to acquire additional quota for the public fishery in accordance with Thibault's 2003 edict".

BCWF president Mel Arnold concluded by stating, "For all of these reasons and more, our Federation publicly calls upon newly-appointed Minister of Fisheries, the Hon. Gail Shea to acknowledge that the Thibault allocation policy is unreasonable and unworkable; to recognize the public's right to reasonable access to their resource; and to establish a viable allocation framework that will provide stable, predictable year round opportunities for anglers and sustainable economic benefits for those who are employed in the public fishery and for the coastal communities in which they live."

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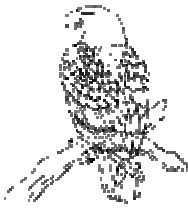
We are always looking for interesting websites and here are three that caught our eye:

<http://www.chj.ca>

<http://www.bcadventure.com/adventure/angling/protalk/curtis/curtis.phtml>

<http://www.bowhunts.com/index.html>

Vancouver Island man Fined \$10,000 for Trafficking in Eagles



Vancouver Sun
November 7, 2008

VICTORIA – A Vancouver man was fined \$10,000 in provincial court for his role in trafficking in bald eagles, following an investigation that began in April 2005. David Essary Bill of Brentwood Bay pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully trafficking in dead wildlife - bald eagles - in Victoria provincial court on Oct. 17, 2008. He was fined \$10,000 and ordered to pay \$9,000 of the fine to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, according to a news release. Bill was also ordered to repay \$830 to the courts that was considered to be proceeds from the commission of an offence. He has one year to pay the penalties assessed and must perform 100 hours of community service within six months. A year-long investigation throughout southern B.C. was undertaken by the Conservation Officer Service into the trafficking and poaching of eagles and other protected birds including golden eagles, hawks and swans. Charges have been laid against 15 individuals for possession of, and trafficking in, dead wildlife under the Wildlife Act. The accused are from Vancouver, Chilliwack, Chehalis, Langley, Duncan, Brentwood Bay and Hagersville, Ontario.

Bill is the seventh man convicted of 15 individuals who have been charged in a broad southern B.C. protected bird trafficking investigation. A total of \$52,430 in penalties has been assessed as a result of the convictions. This investigation began after a separate investigation into the remains of 50 bald eagles found on the North Shore determined that a broader investigation was warranted. The COS undertook the investigation with support from the Canadian Wildlife Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the RCMP, Vancouver Police Department and agencies in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. The COS would also like to acknowledge the support received from the Tseil-Waututh First Nation and Squamish First Nation, as well as the public, who provided numerous tips that aided the investigation. Under the B.C. Wildlife Act in effect at the time the charges were laid, penalties for poaching could be as high as \$50,000 for a first offence or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both for each count. The maximum penalty for a first offence conviction under the B.C. Wildlife Act is now \$250,000, up from the previous \$50,000 maximum, following amendments introduced by Environment Minister Barry Penner this spring. Penalties can also now include imprisonment for a term of two years, up from the previous six months.

An Important Reminder: Heating costs for the clubhouse are rising. If you turn the heat up when using the clubhouse, please remember to tap the thermometer back down to 15 degrees when you leave. Thank you in advance, your WLSA Executive.

Crock Pot Venison Roast

This is a recipe that we love to slow cook. The simplicity of it is also valuable. We load the crock pot in the morning and by supper, it is ready and waiting.



1 (3 to 5 pound) venison roast
1 envelope dry onion soup mix
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 cup water
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

- ✚ Pour oil into crock pot and set on medium heat setting.
- ✚ Sprinkle pepper and garlic salt on meat; brown on all sides.
- ✚ Combine soups and water; pour over roast. Set temperature on low and cook until done. We find that it takes approximately 8 hours to cook.
- ✚ Remove roast; let stand a few minutes before cutting. There is no need to thicken the gravy.
- ✚ Potatoes, carrots or quartered onions may also be added in the crock pot.

We Want your Email Address!



The WLSA has been gradually collecting email addresses from its members but we are far from done. The benefits of email would be a significant cost savings to the club when it comes to the price of paper, envelopes and postage. In addition, it takes a great deal of time to stuff envelopes and to print and post the newsletter.

If you have an email address, we would appreciate adding you to our mailing list. Encourage your friend club members to do likewise. The savings will be passed on to you with better and faster service. Please contact Debbie at 250 392-2504 to provide your email address or to notify her of a change. You can also email: wlsawebmaster@telus.net. Email is faster than snail mail!



Wishing the best of the season to one and all!

