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As your new Washington Cattlemen’s Association (WCA) President, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I was born and raised in Pomeroy, Washington in Garfield County. My wife Sheree and I have three daughters. Jamie and Josh Hames, Collin, Hadley, and Jordyn; Samee and Pete Charriere, Hailey; and Tora and Vincent Marchi (Lynnlee due in Jan. 2019). Without the permission and support of my family I would not be able to serve as your president.

You may have noticed my current address is Clarkston, WA. Over the years the address has changed four times, but the ranch has never moved. The ranch encompasses land in both Garfield and Asotin Counties.

We do business under Dick Ledgerwood & Son, Inc. We have a Forest Service permit in the Blue Mountains where our cattle summer graze. The cattle are home Fall through Spring. With the help of family and friends it is a three-day trail ride getting the cattle back to the mountain in early summer and home again mid-fall. In addition to cattle we also raise wheat, barley, grass seed, and hay.

I have been involved with the WCA for many years. I served as Garfield County President, WCA Game, Farmer, Sportsman committee chairman, District 3 Representative, and Second and First Vice Presidents. I am truly honored to be asked to be President of the WCA.

The WCA spends, in my opinion, 90% of its time on the “big three”: wolves, water and brand. I would ask that you contact myself, your County Presidents, District Reps, State Officers, or WCA staff with your input on these issues so we can represent you to the best of our ability.

Right after our convention, November 12-14, Sheree and I attended the Idaho Cattlemen Convention in Sun Valley, Idaho. With over 400 attendees it was a great opportunity to contact our neighbors. Dick and Paula Coon also attended the convention. Dick is the NCBA Region V Policy Division Vice President. Dick and I were able to have a conversation with Cody Burlile, State Inspector of the Idaho Brand Department and Merle Olson member of the Idaho Brand Board. As neighbors of Washington, the Idaho Brand Department, Idaho State Veterinarian Dr. Barton, and producers in general are all concerned about the future of Washington’s Livestock Identification (Brand) Department and the effect it will have on Idaho. They will all be sending letters of concern over the possibility of losing the Washington Brand Inspection Program.

I am looking forward to working with all of you.

- Sam Ledgerwood
A Message from the WCW President

Back from WCW and WCA Convention just in time for the first big chill of the season. My that bite from Jack Frost was harsh this morning! Wishing everyone safe travels during this season as we scoot around for the holidays and our everyday obligations. This is my busy travel season as I have now begun the fair industry convention circuit as well. I’ll be in San Antonio after Thanksgiving for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (and might be in luck for slightly warmer weather there). Then, I’ll be off to Reno after the new year for the Western Fairs Association, shortly followed by the ANCW and NCBA Convention down in New Orleans.

At both fair industry conventions, I’m going to be giving talks on why agricultural partnerships are so crucial to the fair industry. Ag partnerships keep fairs relevant and continue their purpose to bridge the gap between producers and consumers in a celebratory and educational venue. I’m looking forward to sharing my story about how my involvement in the Washington CattleWomen and Young Farmers and Ranchers in Farm Bureau have made me a better asset to the fair industry through relationships, leadership, and education.

Between my convention travels, I would love to come visit you in your counties as well. If you would like me to attend any of your functions or annual banquets, please let me know! I really enjoy getting to visit with the industry’s members across our great state. I also have to say that I was so happy to see so many cattlewomen faces at our annual convention. Thank you to all who attended our meetings and made it such a successful event. Without all your donations, contributions, and volunteer efforts it wouldn’t have been possible. Thanks to you all for an outstanding silent auction this year as well as the huge success with the “Cash Cow” card game fundraiser.

I would like to personally thank Marty Stingley for heading up both efforts before convention and during. Marty’s effort just shows one more reason for how deserving she was to be named our 2018 Washington CattleWoman of the Year! Huge congratulations to Marty on this accomplishment and, might I say just how lucky we are to have you as one of our fellow cattlewomen. When Marty wasn’t busy running around taking convention pictures for everybody, she attended the Beef Commission meetings in her role as the CattleWomen’s liaison. Not only the state, but the Kittitas County CattleWomen are also extremely proud of Mrs. Marty Stingley from Ellensburg!

A few fun and new happenings were discussed at convention this year; one being our new beef promotion event that is going to take place at the Spokane Ag Show, Feb. 5-7. The WCW Beef Promotion Committee will be getting together very soon to organize the booth layout and activities for the show. Stay tuned!

The other project we are launching is our T-shirt campaign through the Bonfire website. WCW will be designing T-shirts for you and the whole family just in time for gifts for the holidays! Links will be posted on our website, as well as through our Facebook page. Make sure to check them out because they will only be available for a limited time!

Please note that our county reports are also enclosed in this Ketch Pen issue. If your county has not submitted a report to me yet, please do so now so I can get it published on our website with the others. We love to share the stories about what our CattleWomen are doing around the state! Don’t be afraid to send some lovely pictures with them as well. We can sure use them on both the website and in our scrapbook! A few people outside of our industry recently shared with us that we as CattleWomen have an amazing story to tell with all the activities and community support events we do throughout the year, but we’ve done a bad job sharing those stories with the public. So, one goal I have for this next year of my presidency is to find new ways to publish and promote these stories, but I’ll need your help to do it. You all do such awesome things, and people today are genuinely interested in what greatness is in their communities.
I’m not sure if you’ve heard or noticed… we just wrapped up our 2018 convention. Rumor has it, it went well, and people were generally happy – as staff we consider that a win. Plus, we took care of policy for another year, had some great conversations, watched some excellent presentations, and saw some innovative new products offered in the tradeshow. As you read through the Ketch Pen you’ll get a great idea of what went on. Please be sure to read the new policies.

If you didn’t make it to convention or couldn’t be in three committee meetings at one time, here’s a recap of what we’ve been working on lately:

Animal Health & Research Beef Cattle Improvement: WSU has broke ground on a new WADDL building, WCA was involved in getting the legislature to approve funding (in addition to generous donations) for this facility. WSU Animal Science and Vet Med faculty and students provided updates on their agency’s activities. A group of cattlemen have been meeting with DNR employees over the last several months working on grazing permits and leases – the pricing, how they are awarded, qualifications, etc. so that these lands remain a viable option to cattlemen.

Water & Ecology: Discussion of the report conducted by WRLC’s intern, Katherine, regarding Hangman Creek and the relationship between DOE and Spokane Riverkeeper. WDFW’s Riparian Areas Management Vol. 2 was also a topic of conversation including WCA’s next steps. Unfortunately, although we requested complete withdrawal of the document, it does not appear that is going to happen.

Wildlife/ Rancher/ Sportsman/ ESA: John Robinson joined us Wednesday to help us work on our messaging and whom we should address regarding predators. (See page 14.) We passed three new policies, two with regard to managing specific endangered species and one regarding land purchases. The overrun of elk on the agricultural valley floor in Skagit county has resulted in two meetings between stakeholders and co-managers, we’ve yet to see any significant action to resolve the issue. Wolves continue to be the main topic discussed in this also further discussion of proposed National Heritage Areas and other possible land grabs.

Breed: There are 107 bulls entered in the WCA Bull Test. The WCA Bull Test is going to try to improve marketing and was working on a marketing strategy including use of social media. Keep an eye out!

Marketing & Trade: Danielle Beck from NCBA presented about the future in Washington D.C. post-election. She is also the resident expert on fake meat: labeling, regulation, route to market, etc. The WCA adopted policy regarding fake meat (imitation products).

Tax: We had a 5-person panel on Thursday morning discussing Estate Planning/Generational Transfer/Succession Planning. It was very well received and one we are likely to repeat. The variety of expertise on the panel (brought together by Toni Meacham) and their stories offered insight to those in attendance about what to do and what not to do.

Vice President continued on Page 27
Livestock Identification (LID) Program Funding LID 2018-1
WHEREAS, livestock identification (brand and/or 840 RFID tags) is a deterrent to theft, is necessary for interstate and intrastate movement of cattle, and provides proof of ownership; and

WHEREAS, livestock identification (brand and/or 840 RFID tags) is a necessary component of animal disease traceability and food safety,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WCA supports an efficient and equitably funded Washington State livestock identification program. Any newly proposed fees, or any increases to current fees to maintain a viable LID program must have the support of the WCA Executive Committee.

Definition of Identified Cattle LID 2018-2
WHEREAS, industry is asking for an avenue to provide proof of ownership other than a hot iron brand,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WCA supports using officially issued electronic technology (840 RFID tags) accepted by industry, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, hot iron brand will always supersede any other form of identification.

Imitation and Substitute Products MT 2018-1
BE IT RESOLVED, in the interest of not misleading consumers, WCA takes the position that manufacturers and distributors of non-beef products or other products designed to imitate or substitute for beef and beef products, should be prohibited in product promotion, advertising, or labeling from using pictures or pictorial facsimiles of beef and beef products, and from using names of natural beef and beef products or terms directly associated by the consumer with natural beef products.

Army Corps of Engineers LP 2018-1
WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) has recently attempted to expand its authority along the Snake River through regulations and polices, and not by legislation; and

WHEREAS, when successful, these efforts by the ACE create additional regulatory burdens upon agricultural producers and their abilities to exercise fully the use of the land; and

WHEREAS, the ACE has historically, to date, done nothing to fence or maintain land nor control noxious weeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WCA shall aggressively oppose any effort of the ACE to expand its statutory authority either through the legislature or by regulation and/or policy.
RESOLUTIONS

County Purchases of Resource Lands WRSE 2018-1
WHEREAS, if natural resource-based county governments desire to purchase private resource lands from willing sellers; and

WHEREAS, these private resource lands most often are purchased by other state or federal government agencies:
1. Who cancel existing grazing leases which increases the fuel load on the land and reduces the county’s economic productivity and economic stability, and
2. Who are not mandated to produce revenue and/or are opposed to logging thereby reducing timber tax funding to local taxing authorities, and
3. Whose non-management of timber land causes widespread disease and insect infestation, unprecedented fuel loads leading to catastrophic fires causing the loss of natural resources, wildlife habitat, homes, and human lives, and
4. Who seldom conform to county weed ordinances which then spreads weeds to private lands, and
5. Who may not pay the required state or federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) on their lands which affects the rates of all county property owners and creates a hardship on rural counties; and
WHEREAS, agency ownership always has a negative economic effect on rural communities and its citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that WCA prefers that if these resource lands must leave private ownership, they be purchased by rural county governments with state and/or grant monies, using a Community Trust Agreement (Agreement) with mandates as follows:
1. This Agreement would mandate that renewable resources are managed and maintained solely at the discretion of the purchasing county government using but not limited to existing practices including: agriculture, sustainable grazing, sustainable logging along with a forest health strategy.
2. The purchasing county government would also pay the yearly PILT assessment for the purchased property.
3. In the Sale and Trust agreement it should be documented that the ownership is in perpetuity.
4. That the purchasing county government allow outdoor recreation on the property.

Columbian Sharp-Tailed Grouse Recovery WRSE 2018-2
WHEREAS, Columbian Sharp-Tailed grouse recovery is important to the livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, Columbian Sharp-Tailed grouse are one of seven species of grouse, found in seven Western states and Canada and are not listed on the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), yet they are Washington State ESA-listed as endangered based on future predicitions and speculations; and

WHEREAS, in the Status Review the Executive Summary quote “Habitat quantity, quality and fragmentation limit the populations” and then goes on to describe ideal and historic habitat areas “Most of these areas (historic) are now in crop lands or orchards and many areas that were not converted to cropland have shallow soils or steep slopes, factors that affect productivity for sharp-tailed grouse.” These habitat areas best describe present day grazing lands; and

WHEREAS, WDFW has spent tens of millions of tax payer dollars purchasing over 26,000 acres of lands from the private sector, taking it out of production agriculture, applied habitat restoration and enhancement, augmented the population with over 900 birds. All of which appears to have had little or no positive effect on the birds’ population; and

WHEREAS, predation as quoted in the Status Review “Predation is an important factor affecting the population dynamics and is responsible for most mortalities, 85%” and that “the odds of a female having a successful nest were eight times greater in landscapes with fewer corvids”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, WCA supports using the tool of managed grazing to reduce stubble height to help prevent severe and/or catastrophic fires that destroy the winter riparian habitat, crucial to the yearly food chain of the bird; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WCA supports the use of predator control in critical nesting and brooding areas as predator control is the least costly and most cost-effective tool available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WCA will support work on collaborative and voluntary habitat conservation efforts needed to support a viable population of Columbian Sharp-Tailed Grouse. These efforts should include predator control and fire management – the two main causes of the present-day population dynamic.

2018 Predator Management and Loss Restitution WRSE 2018-3
WHEREAS, the number of predator livestock kills confirmed by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is only a fraction of actual predation; and

WHEREAS, predation is an increasing problem for livestock owners; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of predation is affecting the economic sustainability of individual owners as well as livestock communities; and

WHEREAS, there has not been a definitive economic analysis of the impact of predations; and

WHEREAS, the WDFW agency is currently operating $30 million dollars in the red,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WCA shall lobby in the 2019 Legislature regarding future WDFW budgets. The new budget will require that the WDFW prioritize mitigation strategies and restitution policies for predator loss on livestock; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WCA work with the WSU CAHNRS, School of Economic Sciences, in developing an economic evaluation of actual losses incurred by the livestock industry from both direct and indirect predator loss.

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It has been a busy year for the CattleWomen of Kittitas County. Our officers, President Paulette Forman, President-Elect Kris Akehurst, Vice President Brenda Hart, Secretary Gail Shelton and Treasurer Barb Weber worked hard to promote the welfare of the livestock industry.

February was the Cattlemen’s Banquet where Gail Shelton was selected as CattleWoman of the Year. We look forward to serving beef to the folks at Spirit of the West and we had a nice crowd.

The Bull Sale at Trinity Farms kicks off March and the CattleWomen serve dinner on Friday night and lunch before the sale on Saturday. Ag Day Celebration is an opportunity to provide wonderful books to our county’s eight elementary schools and Judy Ragland does a wonderful job finding meaningful books for the kids. The CattleWomen served lunch to the buyers at the bull sale at Eltopia.

The Farm Fair at the County Event Center is attended by 4th graders from throughout the County and we prepare sack lunches for the adult volunteers and the many FFA students who help with the event.

May gives us an opportunity to provide a Mother’s Day basket to the first baby born in the County. The Western Art Show arrives, and the CattleWomen serve beef to artists on Thursday night as they set up and serve them lunch on Friday. It’s a great community service and appreciated by all the artists.

For the 10th year, the Beef Commission starts the Explore Beef Experience at Trinity Farms. The CattleWomen serve lunch to the attendees and bake cowboy cookies for them to take on their travels. Father’s Day is celebrated by surprising a family at a local restaurant who is eating beef and giving them a certificate to purchase their meal. The WA Beef Commission holds a Beef Brisket Biscuit and Brew event in the Seattle area each year and several Kittitas County CattleWomen drove over to help WBC with this event.

The CattleWomen and Cattlemen partner to provide two County Pride Awards to young-sters who show beef that is born and raised in the County. September brings the Fair and the Jr. Livestock Buyer’s luncheon where we serve BBQ beef sandwiches, chips and cowboy cookies to all the buyers. Bite of the ‘Burg is our opportunity to reach out to the students at CWU and we hand out tri-tip bites and beef sausage. The end of September is the Central WA State Fair and Kittitas County CattleWomen look forward to the opportunity to help with the WCW Beef Promotion. Kittitas County CattleWomen and Jane Lee from Klickitat served Fiesta Bake with Cilantro Cream to fair attendees.

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County Fair Foundation Auction which will be held in March. The Ag Day committee will get a cost amount for books to be donated to local public school libraries. The books will be a sequel to “Little Star, Raising Our First Calf.” We welcomed our two new members to the group, Joana Harold and Terry Wilson.

February: Scholarship application paperwork is completed and ready to send to local high schools and FFA Advisors. We booked a table for folks in the group to attend the Thurston County Fair Foundation Auction. Members, Kay Nelson and Kathy Colvin along with Thurston County CattleWomen gave two $50 gift certificates for beef at this auction.

March: Books were delivered to several local school libraries titled “Star Becomes a Mother.” The beef gift certificates were a huge success at the Fair Foundation Auction. Local county fair is scheduled for August 1st-5th this year. Scholarship information has been sent out and waiting for replies. Thurston County will host the April 9th State CattleWomen’s meeting at Rivers Edge in Tumwater.

April: Continued working on scholarships, plans begin for contributions at Thurston County Fair, and Beef for Father’s Day ideas. Washington State CattleWomen had the meeting in Tumwater which was exciting, fun, and a great opportunity to meet folks and learn more!

May: Contacted the Olympia Thurston County Food Bank

2018 Washington CattleWomen’s Association Annual Convention attendees.
Do I need a trust?

One of the most common questions that people ask me is, “Do I need a trust?”

Upon asking a few follow up questions, I determine they have heard a neighbor or friend speak of establishing a trust and are trying to determine if they need one too.

Of course, this is also because many people try to avoid probate, which seems to have gotten a bad name.

In Washington state, the two main ways to transfer assets upon your passing are a will and a trust.

Washington laws make is so that using your will and going through probate is both efficient and not very expensive. Lawmakers have put into the laws a section called “non-intervention.” This allows the personal representative to have powers like a trustee and not have the courts interfere with the probate.

This is different than 48 other states in the United States.

Texas does have a similar probate process to Washington, but if you are in another state, non-intervention does not apply.

For those living in Washington state, using the non-intervention provision in your will, will be the best way to transfer assets and you will not need a trust.

The type of trust most are considering when they ask about needing one, is a revocable living trust. This means it is put in place while you are alive, and you can make changes to it. This type of trust has no tax benefits compared to a will because it is a grantor trust and the IRS treats the income as if the trust does not exist for tax purposes.

Another interesting aspect to creating a trust, is that the administration process is very similar to the probate process for a will. At the bottom is a side by side comparison of each after an individual passes.

As you can see, they are almost identical. Which makes the trust more expensive and more complicated for no reason.

In Washington state, there is only one reason an individual might want trust and that is if they own real estate outside of Washington.

As I mentioned, probate can be costly and expensive in the 48 other states, so property owned outside Washington should be placed into a trust to avoid an ancillary probate.

An attorney is required to draft the documents listed above, while HFG Trust can be named as trustee or successor trustee. We can act on your behalf, making sure your goals and objectives for the trust are met even when you have passed.

Many clients have expressed relief that their children or relatives will not need to carry the burden of trying to operate the trust and having an independent third party can help families get through an emotional time period.

I have been told it makes Thanksgiving Dinner more of a family environment and less of a family argument.

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“Have you had any grazing or general problems with BLM ground, especially the management of said public lands?”

The Public Lands committee would like to know.

Please contact the office 509-925-9817 or wacattle@kvalley.com.
Connell FFA places fifth at nationals

The Connell FFA Chapter was honored to represent the great state of Washington in the Conduct of Chapter Meetings Leadership Development Event at the National Convention this year. In this event, members take a knowledge test, present the opening and closing ceremonies of an FFA meeting, conduct a parliamentary procedure demonstration, and answer oral questions relating to parliamentary procedure and conduct of FFA meetings. Members of the team included Delaney Shattuck, Mackenzie Shattuck, Corrigan Niel, Madison Smith, Bryce Corrales, Joy Thompson, and Maycee Brown. The team placed fifth in the nation! The National FFA Convention was held in Indianapolis, Ind. October 24–27.

Courtesy photo
Well another great WCA Convention is in the books.

Once again, I was the emcee for the Learning Lounge Thursday. I always enjoy the opportunity to have a front row seat to the phenomenal speakers we bring in.

The first panel was near and dear to me as it was an Estate Planning discussion featuring M. John Way as moderator. John is an estate attorney with Schwabe, Williamson, and Wyatt in Seattle. The panel also featured Brian Newhouse, ag accountant; Randy Harvey, speaking on how insurance can be a tool; Greg Brandhorst on banking; and Jake Carpenter on trusts and alternatives to capital gains tax.

The panel discussion was very well received with a few take home messages that I will summarize in this article:

1) PLAN, even if you feel like it is too late, do something. The worst thing you can do is nothing.

2) There is a difference between an estate plan and a succession plan. An estate plan takes care of your estate when you pass away, a succession plan transitions the business/entity to the next generation and can occur while you are still alive to see it (yes, seriously, it can happen while you are alive for those of you that cannot hand over the reins).

3) Make a long-term plan, including long-term care policies. Decide what you want to happen to you in the twilight of your life. Life happens if you have planned for it or not, and it will be smoother if you make decisions that impact you before the choice is taken out of your hands.

4) Decisions that impact generations should be decided by those generations, not by one person that has failed to consider what everyone else may want. Family dynamics are not “cookie cutter” but are rather site-specific and need to be considered. Have discussions, talk, make plans, and put things in writing. There are experts out there to help you. It won’t be easy, it won’t be fun, but in the end, it should be worth it.

5) Look at all plans with a holistic approach, knowing that plans change and evolve. I tell people that your documents are living, you must take care of them, and they aren’t that hard to change once you have the format figured out. Estate/Succession planning is like running a ranch, decisions need to be made on a daily basis, with big decisions documented.

So, that is my summary of an hour and a half discussion with my twist on it due to the fact that my practice also deals with these issues. I can’t thank this panel enough for coming and being open and honest about this subject. I have also asked these gentlemen to help keep this topic open by submitting articles to the Ketch Pen. We need to keep both subjects, Estate Planning and Succession Planning, in our minds as we proceed forward with our everyday work, but we also need to feel comfortable enough to discuss these issues, which I hope we all feel a bit better after this panel.

WSU had some really great presentations on Thursday as well regarding the research being conducted as well as our new CAHNRS dean, Dr. Andre Wright, introducing himself and taking time to discuss concerns and plans for WSU and, specifically, the Animal Science Department.

Dr. Kris Johnson was also present to help facilitate discussions about how we, as alumni and interested people, can help the Animal Science Department. My suggestion was a “rancher for a day” program where we could pair college kids with ranchers and other people in our industry to help these college kids gain some perspective on what we do and why we do it.

The Water and Ecology meeting went without a hitch. David Bowen from DOE was at the table to hear the concerns that WCA has regarding the Hangman settlement. The WCA has also had concerns regarding the Riparian Ecosystems, Volume 2: Management Recommendations with the WDFW which we perceive as overreach through an attempt to expand their regulatory authority onto GMA, SMA, and VSP. A resolution left committee and was passed at the general meeting regarding WDFW’s policy. WCA has requested that WDFW repeal this document.

On Friday, Elizabeth Howard from Schwabe, Williamson, and Wyatt came and spoke on the CAFO lawsuit and the outcome at the PCHB level. DOE sees this outcome as their victory but, as a person who has read the PCHB findings, the victor here was ag. PCHB issued findings supporting the current CAFO in most of the areas of concern however, the ag industry prevailed on NRCS standards concerning the lagoon and lagoon liners. This is a huge win as the lagoon issues would have been cost prohibitive for most dairies that had already built their lagoons to NRCS specs. Elizabeth couldn’t comment on appeals, but I believe that an appeal from the environmental side will occur.

Also on Friday the intern from Lewis and Clark Law school, Katie Jourdan, who was overseen by Elizabeth and myself, presented on her whitepapers, Grizzly and Hangman Creek. Katie did great work for our association on these two topics. She spent the summer doing research and drafting these documents to advise the WCA on these subjects. I am excited to see how Katie does in her last years of law school and hope she is able to come into Washington to practice law.

I also spoke to the Cattlewomen on Friday about a topic we did not really cover in the Learning Lounge: WOTUS. Since its 2015 release, the EPA’s rule redefining the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) continues to face significant public opposition, controversy, and a multitude of legal challenges in federal courts. In 2018, the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced their intent to repeal the rule, which was finalized in 2015 and defines the scope and reach of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act.

The debate over WOTUS has sparked considerable legal challenges. Numerous lawsuits have been filed to challenge the rule’s definition of “waters of the United States,” arguing that the EPA’s interpretation went beyond the intentions of Congress. Critics argue that the rule expanded federal jurisdiction too far, potentially affecting small streams and rivers that could be considered the “outlets” of larger water bodies.

The rule’s repeal process has been met with mixed reactions. Proponents of the rule have defended it as necessary to protect clean water supplies, while opponents argue that it encroaches on property rights and could lead to unnecessary regulations.

The WOTUS debate is still an active area of legal and policy discussion, with implications for the management of water resources and the potential impacts on land use and development. As such, it is an important topic for the livestock industry to remain informed about and engaged in discussions around its implementation and potential future changes.

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The differences between USDA beef grading, beef inspection

For the last several years, Beef Education Awards have been presented to a youth market steer exhibitor in association with the Steer of Merit awards for the Benton Franklin Fair and Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show. To meet the criteria for this year’s award, the exhibitors were given subject and asked to write a short essay. The essays were evaluated for thoroughness, clarity, ability to gather information from a variety of sources, and demonstration that learning took place.

The following essay was written by the 2018 winner of the contest.

By Amillia MacHugh

The USDA is the United States Department of Agriculture. This department makes and executes federal laws regarding farming, forestry, and food in general. (4) Among other things, the USDA grades and inspects beef. The differences between USDA Beef Grading and USDA Beef Inspection number many, including the fact that they are two separate programs, inspection is for wholesomeness and grading is for quality, and inspections are mandatory and paid for by public funds while grading is optional and paid for by meat producers or processors.

The first main difference between USDA Beef Grading and USDA Beef Inspection is that they are two separate agencies, or departments, within the USDA.

The second big difference is that inspection is for wholesomeness while grading is for quality. Wholesomeness in meat is defined as being “Conducive to or indicative of good health or well-being; salutary” (5), meaning that it brings about or is an indicator of good health. Quality is “an accomplishment or attainment” (3), meaning that quality is an attainment. In the USDA, there is different levels of quality, or attainment, like Prime and Canner. (1) So, the other difference between grading and inspect is that grading is for quality and inspection is for wholesomeness. Yet another big difference exists between grading and inspection in the USDA.

The third major difference in USDA Beef Grading and USDA Beef Inspection is that inspections are mandatory and paid for by public funds while grading is optional and paid for by meat processors or producers. Inspections can be confident that the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the public health agency in the USDA, ensures that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged.”

(1) And, they are paid for by the public so that the public can rest assured that their meat is safe to eat. Beef grading is “the evaluation of traits related to tenderness, juiciness, and flavor of meat; and, for poultry, a normal shape that is fully fleshed and meaty and free of defects.” (1) It is paid for by those who request the grading because it is not a necessary thing, but a measurement of the quality of beef, not how safe it is to eat. The last major difference between USDA Beef Grading and USDA Beef Inspection is that inspections are mandatory and paid for by public funds while grading is optional and paid for by meat processors or producers.

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Wolves, cougars, and bears, oh my!

As it turned out, the predator strategy discussion on the first day of the 2018 WCA/WCW Annual Convention largely focused on wolves and dealing with inquiries from the media and consumers about wolf depredations.

Vice President of Membership and Communications for the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association John Robinson shared his expertise with everyone in attendance for the session.

“I’ll be honest with you, the situation you’re facing here is not an easy one,” Robinson said to open the discussion. “There are no easy answers here and there are no right answers but there are definitely wrong answers when dealing with consumers.”

To prepare for the discussion, Robinson put NCBA resources to work to track mentions of wolves in the news, on social media, and in general for two weeks. What that tracking discovered was that wolves weren’t really a large issue for consumers or the media but were rather discussed by and between producers.

“What does that mean from Robinson’s perspective? Cattlemen and cattlewomen need to be prepared to talk with consumers and the media, when they come calling but needn’t ‘invite themselves into jail’ by seeking opportunities to comment about wolves.

To that end, the discussion turned to tips and tools for being prepared for how to engage with consumers and the media.

“How many of you have personal experience dealing with predators?” Robinson asked. In answer, nearly every person in the room raised a hand.

“How many of you have experience talking with consumers,” Robinson followed. Only two hands were raised.

Robinson went on to say the critical part of messaging about wolves, and other predators, is learning to understand the intended audience and determining how to find common ground in that discussion.

What do you do about cell phones, asked cattleman Rick Nelson.

“When you go try to talk to consumers, they have very little knowledge and think they know more than I, with generations of experience, because they have that cell phone,” Nelson said.

Robinson agreed, that consumers are sure they know as much or more than producers about their cattle operations.

“It’s not reality but it’s the world we live in,” Robinson said. He noted that consumers have access to an unbelievable amount of information at their fingertips and that attention spans are getting shorter, making it even more crucial for the message from cattlemen and women to be humanizing, consistent, and concise.

“What you really need is to try to find common ground and have a conversation,” Patti Brumbach, director of the Washington Beef Commission said.

Robinson asked what the ideal outcome would be for cattlemen and cattlewomen moving forward with wolves on the landscape.

“We want [consumers] to understand how essential the issue is to our survival. If they understand it, then when we get to removal, they won’t object,” Nelson said.

Based on that answer, Robinson continued to lead the discussion and offer tips about how to make that connection with consumers.

“You connect through shared values,” Robinson said. “Common ground is five times more effective than facts.”

The tips Robinson offered to help producers connect with consumers were simple: What critical information do you need your audience to know; keep answers basic; make sure your points are true, memorable, timely, relatable, and influential; what’s the take-away message for the consumer?

WCA President Sam Ledgerwood said, “I’m a real person. I care for my animals, my family, and my land” was his take-away message to a consumer.

Robinson noted that was precisely the type of answer he liked to see.

“That’s what you have to do when you’re called upon to tell your story,” Robinson said.

He did caution attendees that if they had recently discovered a depredation, it was well within their rights to take a moment to step back from the feeling of loss and/or anger they may be experiencing when the media or a consumer came calling. Robinson said a producer showing his or her emotions was ok as long as those emotions didn’t cloud the larger goal of finding shared values, common ground with the public.

“The problem is that for consumers, it’s abstract and for them, out of sight, out of mind,” Robinson said. “But for some of you, it’s a daily problem.”

In the spirit of conveying that daily problem, Robinson laid out a five-step process for media interviews that included establishing control; preparing; practicing; delivering the message; and evaluating the reporting.

Washington Beef Commission Executive Director Patti Brumbach added that before any producer got into the middle of a media report, they should call either the beef commission or the cattlemen’s association.

“We might be working on some other part of the same story,” Brumbach said.

Robinson echoed Brumbach’s comments, saying that even if NCBA weren’t working on some other part of the story, they’d like to get a heads up that a story might be coming.

“We want to call retailers and producers to give them a heads up,” Robinson said. “There’s a lot we can do, even if we don’t participate, if we know it’s coming because we can call legislators and others beforehand and it calms everyone down.”

The bottom line, for Robinson, was to be prepared but not seek out sound bite opportunities.

“If you go out and inflame the situation, you’ve ruined your ability to solve your problem,” Robinson said.
Industry Update from the WSDA

New rules for restricted holding facilities planned

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) plans to update the rules for restricted holding facilities. The changes would better align our rules with recent legislation that expanded requirements for proof of veterinary inspection at category two restricted holding facilities (feedlots).

In addition, we plan to make several other rule changes for restricted holding facilities.

These new rules would require:
- Additional oversight of Category 1 and 3 restricted holding facilities.
- The restriction that a Category 2 restricted holding facility has to be a “dry” feed yard “with no provision for grazing”
- The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection exemption for out of state cattle entering a Category 2 restricted holding facility.

They would also:
- Change some references of “cattle” to “livestock” and add the definition of “Designated surveillance area”
- Change the definition of “official individual identification” to mean an official United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved individual identification tag.
- Clarify Category 2 restricted holding facilities can have both in-state and out-of-state cattle.
- Increase notification and reporting requirements.

*These proposed changes apply to chapter 16-30 and 16-54 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC)

If you would like to be notified when WSDA’s Animal Services Division proposes a rule change, contact Jodi Jones at jjones@agr.wa.gov or call her at (360) 902-1889.

To receive automatic e-mails about WSDA Animal Services news, join our listserv at www.agr.wa.gov. It’s on our “Animal Services” page linked to the button at the top of the page.

Public Hearings:
Friday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.
Conference Room 238
WSDA Office
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Livestock ID update from 2018 WCA/ WCW Convention

Past WCA President and Livestock ID co-chair, Neil Kayser provided a few highlights from the discussion regarding the livestock identification (brand) program at the 2018 Annual Convention ahead of the formal livestock industry meeting on the topic set for early December.

According to Kayser, there was a great deal of discussion about the use of 840 official electronic ID tags and/or brand to stand as official proof of ownership on cattle in Washington state.

Kayser noted a straw poll was taken of those in attendance for the discussion and the popular opinion was that both or either method of identification was acceptable to the members in attendance. Based on that straw poll, the livestock identification committee gave the executive board the authority to iron out the details to help resolve the issues with the brand department.

At the time of the meeting during convention, no discussion of fee structure was had.

- Staff report

Expired Brands

Brand Registrations for Expiration Year(s) 2015

Brand Registrations for Expiration Year(s) 2015
Admittedly, consumer research can have its limitations – we only have to look back at the 2016 presidential elections to reinforce this statement. However, it can provide marketers critical insight into how consumer attitudes change over time and inform our response to issues impacting the industry. This is why your Beef Checkoff invests in a wide variety of tracking tools, whether it focuses on attitudes or actions such as monitoring social media response to the ever-changing news cycle.

One such research tool tracks consumer attitudes about beef and beef production among consumers nationally then compares them to consumers in the Seattle area. The data helps us identify trends, benchmark progress and identify areas of unique focus in the Seattle market. Research is the foundation for the establishment of our program priorities that include:

- Informing consumers about responsible beef production
- Promoting beef’s taste advantage over alternative proteins
- Educating consumers about beef’s nutritional benefits
- Addressing these consumer concerns through digital advertising.

Unfortunately, the Beef Checkoff in Washington State is low on resources and high on consumer concerns when it comes to beef and modern beef production. When asked their perception of beef, only 37% of Seattle/Tacoma consumers expressed positive views compared to 55% of consumers nationally. Thinking specifically about how cattle are raised for food, only 26% shared a positive perception in the Seattle market versus 43% of consumers nationwide.

Our current focus on responsible beef is a priority because trust among our Seattle-area consumers is 16% lower on nutrition, safety and production issues than consumers surveyed nationally. Their response to specific issues (see Page 21) demonstrate the challenges we experience here in Western Washington.

The Beef Commission is addressing these consumer concerns through digital advertising. We feature videos of local beef farmers and ranchers and by conducting industry tours, participating in consumer events and health professional conferences. We are proud to report that consumer awareness of the Beef. It’s What’s for Dinner tagline is 53% in Seattle/Tacoma versus 39% nationally.

Limited resources dictate that the Beef Commission focus its programs on the narrow target audience of older millennial parents in Western Washington. This study surveys a broader audience of Seattle/Tacoma consumers ages 18 to 65. What this means is that while our work is effectively improving perceptions among our target audience, we have considerable opportunities to expand the reach of your message.

This new consumer tracking study is conducted each month nationally and every quarter in Western Washington and the current information provides a timely snapshot of attitudes from July to October 2018.

The Beef Commission board of directors will review data and trends compiled for the year at their strategic planning meeting in March and will use it to set priorities for the coming year.

For more information about consumer research or any other program conducted with your $1.50 Beef Checkoff
Help Make a Difference During Beef Counts Week

In December, the Washington Beef Community has three opportunities to help at a food distribution during Beef Counts Week. We need cowboy hats and hands to help distribute beef and other food items to hungry families and help put a positive face on our local Beef Community.

**Tuesday, Dec. 11th, Toppenish Community Chest Food Bank**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12th, State Fair Park in Yakima**

**Thursday, Dec. 13th, WCA Office in Ellensburg**

Volunteers need to be at locations at 11 a.m. to help prepare for the food distribution that will occur from noon to 2 p.m. each day.

**Contact KayDee Gilkey with questions / RSVP: kgilkey@wabeef.org or call her at 509-990-6105**

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**USDA**

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**In Memory**

Isabella Weitman 1924 - 2018

Isabella B. Weitman, 94, of Omak, passed away quietly at Golden Years in Riverside, WA. She was born at Spearfish, South Dakota on May 10, 1924 to Fred and Louisa Lemke. She is preceded in death by her husband Charley, her son Thomas, and three great-grandchildren. She is survived by her son Richard, daughters, Susan and Joan; 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. After graduating from high school, she went to Seattle and worked at Boeing while living with her sister (Marie) and family. On a visit to Omak to another sister (Ellen), she met Charley. They were married after a whirlwind romance on Sept. 22, 1945. After their honeymoon, they settled at the family ranch in Moses Meadows. Isabella became very active in 4-H, as the kids got older and went on to other things, she helped out with the judging and teaching sewing for many years afterward. During that time they had joined the Washington Cattleman’s Association. She became active helping the women’s side of it called “Cowbells” and later known as Cattlewomen. She was honored in the early years of 2000 as “Cattlewoman of the Year.” She was surprised and honored.

In 1992, they left the ranch and moved to Malott, WA. She got involved with a women’s group called the Chilliwist Club. She enjoyed a variety of things; was a great cook, sewed for many people besides family, and liked playing games with her grandchildren even in the middle of a hectic day.
Marguerite “Clem” Kayser
1930 - 2018

Marguerite “Clem” Kayser was born in Barrhead, Alberta, Canada to Paul and Dorothy (McBride) Richart on May 21, 1930. She spent her early years in Loveland, Colo. The family worked in migrant camps during the Dust Bowl years, finally settling in Battle-ground, Wash. where she and her siblings attended school. The last two years of high school she moved to Goldendale, Wash. to live with her sister, Berniece, who had married Maurice Marriott. There she became friends with Patsy (Kayser) Palmer and met Mark (Smoke).

Clem married Smoke in Goldendale on June 7, 1949 at the courthouse with Grandma Ina and Patsy as witnesses. Smoke and Clem ranched with the Kayser family in Centerville. The Kaysers expanded their ranch in 1960 with Clem and Smoke moving to Ellensburg to live on a new ranch in the “Red House.” In 1966, they purchased the Fred Adams Ranch and moved down the lane to the big “White House.” Throughout their marriage, many weekends were spent on the “rodeo trail” whether it was for themselves, with their friends, their kids or their grandkids, many lasting friendships were formed. Clem was an active partner to Smoke her whole life and a wonderful mother to Sam, Lynette, and Lori. They had a home full of love and happiness.

Clem was well known for her open heart and welcoming smile. She never knew a stranger. Many kids called Clem’s house home and each and every one of them held a special place in her heart; she had a huge impact on all of the lives she touched. Clem’s yard and garden were well cared for and she passed that passion to her girls. Her sewing and cooking were legendary! Flat Apple Pie and Clem Shirts are known far and wide.

Clem passed away peacefully in her home on the ranch surrounded by family Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018. Clem was preceded in death by her husband, Smoke Kayser. She is survived by her son, Sam Kayser and daughters, Lynette Prosser (Carlie) and Lori Peila (Bill), six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Is there someone who has passed that you would like to see remembered in Ketch Pen? Send us an obituary and photo.

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New and Reinstated Members

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*Recruited by Kevin & Rhonda DalBacon

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*Recruited by Colin Chopic

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Charmaine Despain
*Recruited by Leslie Alexander
# 2018 WCA Endowment Trust Fund Auction

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- CKP Insurance
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- Curtis Ikes
- Debbie Pearson
- Debbie Wiesler
- Dick McNeilly
- Don Blakmore
- Floyd Lewis
- Grant County Cattlemen
- Hang’n A (Alexander)
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- Justin Waddington
- Keith Pearce
- Kevin Curnutt
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- Kittitas County Cattlemen
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- Rex Harder
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- Russ Stingley
- Simplot Livestock, Keith Pearce
- Tyler Cox

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- Benton County Cattlemen
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- Diamond V, Kelly Reed
- Frank Sautell
- Gebbers Cattle Company
- Gebbers Farms
- Grays Harbor/Pacific County Cattlemen
- Kittitas County Cattlemen
- Kittitas County CattleWomen
- Klickitat County Cattlemen
- Les Bonke & Cathy Caraway
- Merck Animal Health
- New Generations
- Paddy Lewis Irwin
- Rachel McClure
- Record Ranch
- Select Sires
- The Sisters
- Toni Meacham & Leslie Bennett
- Vitalix
- Walla Walla Cattlemen
- Whitman County Cattlemen
- Yakima County Cattlemen
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to donate $300 to be used for purchasing beef for “Beef for Father’s Day” in June. We also gave money for buckles to be given out at the local county fair for the beef champions and reserve champions.

June: Scholarship application was awarded to Jordan Hummel who graduated from Yelm High School and was in her first year at WSU. We will sponsor an open class beef show at the Thurston County Fair and purchase a banner thanking donors. Planning began for the Don and Joyce Dalebout memorial display at the Thurston County Fair and the CattleWomen booth.

August: There was no meeting in July. Members set up the memorial display at the fair and our CattleWomen booth. A short meeting discussing “add-on” letters from 4-H members or FFA students at the market sale at the fair.

September: Plans are beginning for the Harvest Dinner/Auction in November. Date set for Sunday, November 11th beginning at 4:00 pm with social hour. There will be a live auction, silent table auction, and dinner.

October: Plans continue for the Harvest Dinner and Auction. Gift cards were purchased and sent for the State Conference in November and an auction item basket will be delivered to the conference. A thank you card was sent to Yelm High School FFA students representing Washington at the National FFA Convention.

November: Officer elections and committee updates for the upcoming year will be on the agenda. We have an ornament exchange to end the year in a fun way. We are ready to start planning for the upcoming year and hopefully add more ideas we can make happen for the area. We have no meeting in December.

2018 Okanogan County CattleWomen’s Report

The Okanogan County Cattle Women remain active, with about 50 members. We usually meet once each quarter. We raised enough money selling beef sandwiches at the Okanogan County Fair in 2017 that we were able to give four $1000 scholarships to county graduating seniors. We also provided funds for a community Christmas giving. The 4-H program now requires an enrollment fee; some club members were not able to afford it. We donated $225 for this. We will have our annual meeting the first Saturday in December, in conjunction with the county Cattlemen.

Marty Stingley recognized for efforts

This year’s recipient joined CattleWomen in 2008 and immediately became active in the county and state cattlewomen organizations promoting beef, the livestock industry and the ranching family way of life and lifestyle. She and her extended family raise Angus cattle and hay.

She has served on and chaired numerous committees for her county cattlewomen including, Cattlemen’s Field Day, Fathers’ & Mothers’ Day, Fair Booth, 2nd Harvest (Beef Counts), Spirit of the West, N.W. Explore Beef Experience, Publicity, and Farm Fair. She served as county vice president in 2011 and 2013. She was selected as the county cattlewoman of the year in 2016 and her family was county cattleman of the year in 2007.

A strong and dedicated supporter of WCW, she has chaired publicity with Facebook and online promotion, legislative issues, attending legislative beef days and the Biscuit & Brews Festival, and beef promotion at the Central Washington State Fair and Central Washington University.

She eagerly attended ANCW meetings to become more informed about national issues and promotions.

She served as WCW President 2014-2015 and is the current WCW Liaison to the Washington State Beef Commission. Through her very successful photography business she portrays family ranching, the cattleman and cattlewomen way of life, and the rodeo as a legacy for future generations.

Her ranching family includes her husband, daughter, three sons, their wives, and numerous grandchildren.
WCA Executives

WCA 2018 Executive Committee members (L-R): Jeff Dawson, District 1; Russ Stingley, District 4; Rick Nelson, District 7; Sam Ledgerwood, President; Don Blakemore, 2nd Vice President; Pete Charriere, District 3; Tyler Cox, Past President; Jim Hutton, 1st Vice President; and Jeff Keane, 2nd Vice President. Not pictured: Brett Tonne, Secretary; Kevin Curnutt, District 5; and Branden Brink, District 6.

Taking the reins

Sam and Sheree Ledgerwood, center, pictured with their children and their children’s spouses and grandchildren after Sam’s inauguration as WCA President during the 2018 WCA/WCW Annual Convention.
NCBA, USCA issue statements about ‘fake meat’ regulation

From NCBA

Three Things to Know: USDA-FDA Announcement on Regulating Lab-Grown Fake Meat

Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) threw a wrench in the Friday evening plans of many fake meat watchers. Just after 4:30 pm, the agencies announced they had agreed on a framework for regulating lab-grown fake meat products.

Here are three things every cattle and beef producer should know about the recent announcement.

1. USDA takes the primary. Under the announced framework, the USDA would have the primary role in ensuring that lab-grown fake meat is held to the same food safety and labeling standards as real beef. The FDA would be responsible for all things cellular, including collection of cell samples and cell growth. But oversight of labeling and “harvest” (when cells are turned into food products) would still rest with USDA.

2. This is only the beginning. The announced framework is a positive step, but many more details need to be worked out before lab-grown fake meat products come to market. The USDA-FDA announcement is like a skeleton; now the federal agencies need to put (real) meat on the bones. To start, both agencies extended the public comment period on the regulation of lab-grown fake meat. Producers and consumers can make their voice heard by submitting comments in support of USDA oversight. Comments can be submitted here until December 26, 2018.

3. The labeling question remains. The framework gave no indication of how lab-grown fake meat products will ultimately be labeled. (Considering lab-grown products are not even available for independent analysis, that is not surprising.) The good news is that under USDA oversight, the process will be based on sound science and the label will have to be approved before lab-grown products hit the market. NCBA policy explicitly supports “the definition of beef to only include products derived from actual livestock raised by cattle farmers and ranchers and harvested for human consumption.”

From USCA

USCA Issues Statement on Joint Regulatory Framework for Cell-Cultured Foods

(WASHINGTON) – On Friday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced they will jointly oversee the regulation of cell-cultured food products from cell lines of livestock and poultry.

FDA will oversee cell collection, cell banks, and cell growth and differentiation. A transition from FDA to USDA oversight will occur during the cell harvest stage. USDA will then oversee the production and labeling of food products derived from the cells of livestock and poultry.

United States Cattlemen’s Association (USCA) President Kenny Graner issued the following statement:

“USCA is encouraged by today’s statement from the USDA and FDA on a joint regulatory framework for foods produced using cell-cultured technology. USCA has repeatedly stated that inter-agency collaboration is key for this issue, and this is exactly what was put forward today.”

“Now that we have settled on the jurisdiction of these products, it’s time to move on to ensuring a truthful and transparent label for consumers. Our petition for rulemaking to the USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service on the definitions of ‘beef’ and ‘meat’ must be addressed. We stand by our members and our product, and will continue to work on establishing accurate labeling of cell-cultured products.”

“We’d like to thank Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, and all of the staff at USDA and FDA for listening to industry feedback and incorporating USCA’s request into the final decision.”

Happy 91st Birthday to Bill Bennett!
2018 WCA Annual Convention in photos

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The Endowment Trust Fund annual auction generated over $17,000! Thank you to those who donated items and those who purchased. If you follow us on social media you should have seen our top selling item, donated by Asotin County, a commemorative belt buckle!

We would appreciate your feedback on the convention.

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P.S. Federally, H.R. 6784, the Manage Our Wolves Act, which would delist the gray wolf in the lower 48-states passed the House. We now need to put pressure on our Senators to pass this bill on the Senate side. There are several bills that have passed the House but not the Senate. If you have a moment, call or email Sen. Murray and Sen. Cantwell and encourage them to act, especially on this important issue!
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