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As I write this, the WCA Board of Directors has just concluded two days of meetings in the Ellensburg office.

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A Message from the WCW President
Kady Porterfield

Fair season is among us again!! Cattlewomen from across the state have been actively participating in their local county fairs. I’ve seen some great photos on Facebook of cattlewomen booths and beef cooking. Don’t forget to send us your photos to share on our website too!! You gals are awesome!!

Coming up quickly though, we will be serving beef and hosting a cooking show at the Central Washington State Fair. The Beef Promotion Committee has a recipe lined out and we hope you’ll join us on September 20th from 12:30PM-3:30PM in Yakima. Admission and parking into the fair will be free, just let us know you’re coming and we will get you your passes. We will also have sign ups at our next meeting on Monday, September 9 at the WCA office in Ellensburg!

I recently attended the Mid-Summer ANCW Meeting in Denver, Colorado. This meeting focused a lot more on the business end of our organization and getting things lined out for voting at the ANCW Annual Convention come February. We reviewed over 23 new or updated resolutions, which was a tedious process. We also touched on future changes to the College of Beef Advocacy Program as well as splitting the Ways and Means and Budget Committee into two separate committees with separate chairs due to workload.

The leadership class was awesome and led by our ANCW Secretary, Leslie Lorenz, who works for the USDA. We started with talking about EMPOWERMENT, moving along to support systems and customer service, and wrapping up with marketing our organization to lead to new and increasing membership levels. There was some great discussion and stories shared throughout the presentation, so it definitely felt worthwhile to attend.

Our ANCW Communications Committee talked a bit about the different forms of communication they put out with mailed and online newsletters, website, and social media. The chair emphasized the use of our official hashtags and encourages all cattlewomen to use them when posting pictures or stories on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. They are: #beefpros #ancw #ourheritageourlifestyle

This year, we held a mini-auction at the end of one of the meetings. We had sponsors donate a 6-fun vaccine cooler and a jewelry set from Montana Silversmiths. ANCW was able to raise $1150 with those two items and it was fun to do that with just our group of ladies. Some other states brought some of their fundraising items to display and sell at the meetings as well. Cutting boards, baby bibs, coin/jewelry bags, and purses made a wide variety to choose from.

Looking forward to seeing you at the WCW meeting on September 9th. Please shoot me an email to let me know if you can make it and I’ll turn a head count in for lunch. Enjoy the rest of your summer!!

Dates to Remember:
Next WCW Meeting at WCA Office: September 9
WCW Beef Promotion at Central WA State Fair: September 20
WCW/WCA Convention at Three Rivers Convention Center: November 13-15
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Region 5 Conference in Pendleton, OR: April 30-May 2

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In July the executive board approved sending me to the NCBA summer business meeting in Denver July 30-31. I feel it was time and money well spent for me as the new EVP to get to connect with key people from the NCBA that help support Washington Cattlemen. It would be great to see some members attend this meeting next year. As soon as those dates are set we will let everyone know so you can get it on your calendar.

Dick Coon and I had a meeting with Ethan Lane and Tanner Beymer with Public Lands Council. The main topic of conversation was predators, in particular grizzly bears, and how we can continue to help our members legislatively and also what members can to do to engage in these issues. As you may know by now the public comment period was reopened regarding the reintroduction of grizzly bears in the North Cascades. The date for public comment has not been set but will be tentatively the first part of October in Omak. It will be important that we take the time as producers to attend and make our voices heard. We will send an email out and post that date on Facebook as soon as we hear a solid date.

As far as wolves are concerned, WDFW had opened the in person open house schedule for public comments on the post recovery plan but canceled them due to information they received that would have made those meetings an unsafe environment for people attending. Instead, WDFW will offer 3 live webinars for people to comment on this issue. This is an unfortunate turn of events as face to face communication between producers and the department is important for us to convey our feelings about the post recovery plan and how to manage wolves into the future. The people that made these “threats” are not part of the solution, they are part of the problem and shouldn’t have the power to control how we govern ourselves as citizens. Please reach out WDFW and let them know that we want these meetings rescheduled in the communities around our state.

The new ESA rules were released this month and WCA helped to make a big change in these rules. Back in 2016, Pacific Legal Foundation and WCA teamed up to file a petition seeking a repeal of the “blanket 4(d) rule” prohibiting the take of threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The new rule eliminates the blanket take prohibition for species listed as threatened in the future. This is a significant win for private property rights.

We just completed our August Board of Directors/Resolutions meeting and I was impressed by the number of members that turned out. We will be posting the proposed amended polices in the October Ketch Pen. Please review those and all the policies. The only way we can improve our effectiveness as an organization is to have feedback from our members. With that being said, convention is around the corner and if you are interested in volunteering, please contact myself, Bev, or Liann. There are no shortages of chores to be

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Beef Commission
Patti Brumbach, Executive Director

Sustainable Beef Production is Hot Topic at School Conferences

Beef nutrition in the schools has always been a hot issue as food activists challenge beef’s role in healthy school lunches. Over the past few years, the conversation surrounding what constitutes a healthy diet has evolved into a discussion about sustainable nutrition – food that contributes to a healthy diet without negatively impacting the environment.

To ensure that beef is positively represented in the conversation, the Beef Commission has engaged in several school-related conferences to educate key opinion leaders about positive outcomes that beef production has on the environment, such as upcycling. We also focus on the collective improvements made by beef farmers and ranchers over the years to produce a nutrient-dense product with far less impact on the environment than any other place in the world.

In July, the Washington State Beef Commission participated in the annual Washington School Nutrition Association’s trade show. The focus of our booth was sharing sustainability information about our state’s beef community with school district nutritionists as well as with the many school cooks who attended this event. The Commission distributed recipe inspiration and provided facts and infographics telling beef’s sustainability message to the approximately 400 attendees. Many participants who visited our booth indicated they include beef regularly in their school’s menu rotation and shared that they appreciated hearing more about beef’s sustainability.

The Beef Commission also teamed up with Yakima County rancher and teacher Dottie Record to give a presentation about sustainable beef production in Washington State at the Washington Family and Consumer Sciences Educators’ (FACSE) Summer Conference in Spokane. Together, they shared science-based research about improvements in resource usage, dispelled myths about modern beef production and provided first-hand examples of beef sustainability in action.

In October, your Beef Checkoff will be front and center at the fall Food and Consumer Science Educators conference in Grand Mound. KayDee Gilkey, the Beef Commission’s Director of Industry Image, will be giving a presentation about the cow’s upcycling superpower and keeping food waste out of landfills. We will also have a booth in the conference trade show sharing more Checkoff-funded information about sustainable beef production.

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Update From Olympia
Mark Streuli, WCA Lobbyist

State Board of Health – Keeping of Animals WAC 246-203-130

As you may have read, the State Board of Health is working to update rules that could very much affect ranchers and farmers. WAC 246-203-130 has not been updated since the 1960's and was intended to regulate manure handling in “populous” districts and was basically written to apply to dairies. However, the State Board of Health has now been floating proposals that would apply statewide to all ranching operations and may even threaten “right to farm” protections in current law. That means if your new neighbor thinks your manure should be handled differently – hello lawsuit. The State Board of Health proposals we’ve seen so far even includes pets, i.e. dogs, cats etc.

On behalf of the WCA, we have been pushing back HARD on this issue as unnecessary regulation and more unfunded mandates on our local governments. More to come as this develops further.

Wolves

I certainly don’t need to tell you how bad the wolf situation is. Grateful to WCA Committee Chair Dave Duncan for his tireless efforts and much appreciation for his traveling the state to work on this issue. To bolster those efforts, Sam Ledgerwood was joined by Danny DeFranco and Jeff Dawson at the most recent meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission in Olympia. All three did the WCA proud with their testimony in imploring the Commission for help in this desperate situation for cattle ranchers. In addition, they followed that up by attending the Commission’s sub-committee on the issue, where they expounded further on how devastating the situation is. This one is obviously far from over. More to come.

Tax Preferences – Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC)

A 2015 ag study in Washington State found there was a 130 percent return on investment to the state on every dollar of tax preference provided to agriculture (For every $1 of tax break, $1.30 came back to the state). Nevertheless, there is much concern in the agriculture community that tax preferences for farmers and ranchers may come under fire over the next two sessions. Preferences are currently undergoing a performance audit by JLARC. Lobbyists for the various commodities are working to develop legislative strategy on this issue – We’re meeting on August 26th at the Farm Bureau bldg. I’ll be there on behalf of WCA.

Livestock ID Rulemaking (SB 5959)

As I’m sure all remember, SB 5959 passed last session and allows for the continuation of the WSDA Livestock ID program. Agency rulemaking (CR-102) is now underway to align with the bill and entails the following:

- Establishes definitions for call out fee, certified veterinarian, electronic official individual identification, field livestock inspector, and livestock legacy brand;
- Increases the membership of the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee
- Expands the Electronic Cattle Transaction Reporting (ECTR) system to allow for all cattle producers to report change of ownership and movement out of state transaction electronically;
- Establishes an ECTR licensing and renewal fee
- Modifies those able to perform livestock inspections and the requirements associated with being a certified inspector;
- Reflects a legacy brand transfer fee; and
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Hearings will be on August 28th in Yakima and August 29th in Olympia.

Ruckelshaus Center – A Roadmap to Washington’s future

In 2015, Washington State legislators asked the William D. Ruckelshaus Center (Center) to design a process for a comprehensive and collaborative look at the Growth Management Act (GMA). To gauge support for this effort and identify an appropriate scope, the Center conducted a Pre-Assessment from October 2016 through June 2017. The Pre-Assessment consisted of a series of conversations with individuals from dozens of groups, organizations, tribal, state, and local governments. Based on input from the parties, the Center recommended a process to: (1) articulate a vision of a desired future for Washington, and (2) examine the planning framework that provides the path to reach that desired future.

The Center presented its final report in July and I attended the presentation on behalf of WCA. All discussion was very broad. No specific legislation was discussed. Nevertheless, we will need to keep an eye on these efforts as farmers and ranchers have the most to lose. Their main recommendation is below:

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The growth planning framework in Washington includes the Growth Management Act, the Shoreline Management Act, the State Environmental Policy Act and other laws, institutions and policies.

The Legislature responded to the pre-assessment by allocating funds to the Center for a two-year project to create a “Road Map to Washington’s Future.” The budget proviso outlined a scope, schedule, and general process for the project. The purpose of the project is to articulate a vision of Washington’s future and identify additions, revisions, or clarifications to the state’s growth management framework of laws, institutions, and policies needed to reach that future.

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Bottom line: Livestock grazing is an essential land management tool that prevents catastrophic wildfire, cycles nutrients through the soil, fosters healthy habitats for wildlife, and supports rural economic development.
Snake River Cattlemen go to Washington DC to meet with Army Corps of Engineers and elected officials
Bill Ryan

As a quick review, landowners along the north side of the Snake River in Whitman County have been engaged with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) regarding trespass violations on ACE lands. Common land use practices which have been acknowledged for over 40 years have become unacceptable by ACE. Landowners began receiving notices of cattle trespass on ACE lands in 2012. Efforts to reach a solution began immediately but have been fruitless to date. Political channels to reach a resolution produced similar results.

The landowners united and formed an LLC and the governing board are the ranchers who received eviction notices. Working closely with Toni Meacham, the board agreed to hire the services of Falen Law Offices from Cheyenne, WY. After 2 years, we were finally granted a meeting with Ryan Fisher, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army. On Aug 13, 2019 in Washington, D.C. Dick McNeilly, Ty Meyer, Sarah Ryan, and Bill Ryan represented the LLC members by attending this meeting. Also present at the meeting were representatives from Falen Law Offices and the Public Lands Council.

While in D.C. this group, joined by Sonny Riley, also met with House minority natural resources committee staff and Senate majority energy and natural resources committee staff. Additionally, we met with staff from Reps. Cathy McMorris-Rogers and Dan Newhouse’s offices. All the meetings went well and everyone was willing to help find a solution through writing letters and phone calls to ACE or even legislation if needed. Being there in person to tell our story added an urgency to our situation and helped gain their support.

ACE informed us that the easiest way for them was through legislation. In other words, an Act of Congress. Because we have been pursuing this avenue for 7 years with no progress, we felt a direct meeting with Ryan Fisher would be beneficial. It proved to be as progress has been set in motion. It appears that ACE is willing to send someone out from D.C. with decision making authority to assess the land in question. It is clear that ACE wants to find a solution but warned us that the amount of red tape involved is tremendous and will require a length of time to facilitate a solution whether it be a lease, land trade or sale. I will say that I have always been told how important it is to show up in person. The fact that we all left our wheat harvest and haying to attend these meetings made an incredible impact. These people hear from lobbyists every day whom they know by name, and who champion a cause from whomever pays them the most. But when people who are directly affected come to them, they tend to listen. Sarah Ryan and Sam Ledgerwood talked to the NCBA about helping us last spring. They were told it was a local issue and that they would not get involved even though some of us are NCBA members. We had some time to tour the NCBA D.C. office, which is impressive. When we strolled in with hats, boots and an attorney, things happened. NCBA got the message; get on the wagon or get out of the way. They got on the wagon and have become one of our very strong allies. Again, being there in person showed we meant business. Did I mention that this was our first time ever making a trip like this? I feel we made some key contacts and left feeling positive about the interactions we had.

We would like to thank Sam Ledgerwood for his continued support and the WCA for donating $2000 to help defray legal and travel expenses. No matter how we look at it, this will be an expensive venture and your help is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Toni Meacham for her legal advice (keeping us out of jail), Sarah Ryan for setting up meetings and being our chaperone, herding cowboys is not easy; Suzy McNeilly for a meeting place and making travel arrangements and Jon Kincaid for many hours of work behind the scenes (picking up the bar tab).

We appreciate the support the WCA has given us as this has the potential to set a precedence for others along the Snake River with ACE as a neighbor. Please reach out to any of those who attended the trip to D.C. for more information, we are happy to share our story and welcome comments or suggestions. We have been made aware of the need for a presence on social media. Since most of us have difficulty operating our cell phones and social media is not in our wheel house we will be looking for someone to help us in that arena. Please watch for a Snake River Landowners page in the near future. Like us on Facebook! Tweet us on Twitter! If anyone has any questions or comments or would like more information please feel free to contact any of us. Danny, Sarah or Sam have all of our contact information. I hope everyone had a safe, bountiful harvest and that the calves are getting fat.

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In Defense of Cow Farts
Beyond Meat-Truth or Trend
By Erina Hammer, Ph.D, LICSW, MSW)

Have you ever wondered about the future of Fake Meat? United States Lawmakers have ratified a 2019 report (1) from the United Nations in the form of the Green New Deal to reduce alleged greenhouse gas emissions and manage natural resources by controlling every aspect of farming and ranching. Beyond Meat has marketed itself as a solution to this “sustainable lifestyle”. The United Nations and the Green New Deal will supposedly save us from the existential threat of cow farts.

Beyond Meat (BYND) is an alternative (aka fake) meat-producing company with the spiel: “At Beyond Meat, we believe there is a better way to feed the planet…to create The Future of Protein® – By shifting from animal, to plant-based meat, we are creating one savory solution that solves four growing issues attributed to livestock production: human health, climate change, constraints on natural resources and animal welfare.” (2)

Beyond Meat went public May 1, quickly trading 680% from its initial public offering, but is currently finding difficulties sustaining a high of $238/share (July 26). Bloomberg(3) reports that the alternative (fake) meat market is poised to explode to $140 billion in market cap by 2029. Taking advantage of the trend, Tyson foods (4) currently the leading exporter of beef worldwide, is also creating its own fake-meat product.

Despite over a decade of animal rights activists fiercely discouraging real-meat consumption, a 2018 Gallup poll (5) showed that fewer than 5% of Americans self-reported as Vegetarians or Vegans, numbers relatively unchanged since 2012. The Gallup poll also reported that Americans earning less than $30,000 annually, being under 30 years old and self-reporting as politically liberal represented the largest concentration of vegetarian/vegan consumers.

Nigeria, Indonesia and Pakistan were listed as nations being the most “enlightened”, with the most new consumers committing to a “sustainable, non-meat lifestyle”. (6) It is worth noting that in the years measured by this EuroMonitor report (2016-2017), these countries contended with bloody civil war, child-labor practices and re-instatement of Sharia law while Pakistan negotiated multi-billion dollar deals with China, all of which created inordinate difficulty for the people to feed themselves without difficulty.

So what are the folks actually consuming? World-wide, the folks tend to consume real-meat. Particularly in climates which present with weather-related extremes while still supporting grazing (Alaska, Australia, Brazil, Argentina, Russia). Whereas in climates which are more temperate (such as the fertile Nile valley) or non-grazing regions (Saharan Desert), plant-based diets or diets which include smaller ruminants (goats/sheep) were recorded as being more ecologically appropriate options. As the 2018 Gallup poll suggested, very few consumers were willing to abstain from real meat altogether, particularly if respondents surveyed also enjoyed some degree of economic means plus stable central-government leadership.

From what we can see, most regular folks living within a civilized and organized government and with some economic means will be more likely to purchase real meat. The data available also suggests that, even among many self-described liberal Americans under 30, less than 15% identified as Vegetarians/Vegans. Over time, Beyond Meat may prove to be a footnote in the classic “The Big Short.”

(1) https://news.gallup.com/poll/238328/snapshot-few-americans-vegetarian-vegan.aspx?g_source=link_NEWSV9&g_medium=NEWSFEED&g_campaign=item_&g_content=Snapshot%3a%2520Few%2520Americans%2520Vegetarian%2520or%2520Vegan
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Animal Health Proposed Rulemaking
By: Jodi Jones

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is proposing to amend chapter 16-610 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) to align with recently enacted legislation.

The amendments would:
- Establish definitions for call out fee, certified veterinarian, electronic official individual identification, field livestock inspector, and livestock legacy brand;
- Increase the membership of the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee;
- Expand the Electronic Cattle Transaction Reporting (ECTR) system to allow for all cattle producers to report change of ownership and movement out of state transaction electronically;
- Establish an ECTR licensing and renewal fee;
- Reflect livestock inspection fees; and
- Reflect brand transfer fees.

The Department also proposes an amendment to chapter 16-610 WAC, increasing the certified inspector certification fee and revise language to increase clarity and readability and to conform with current industry practices.

April 2019, the Washington State Legislature passed engrossed substitute senate bill 5959 (ESSB 5959). This bill increases the membership of the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee, modifies livestock inspection fees, allows field livestock inspectors to perform livestock inspections, and expands the ECTR system to all cattle.

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Application are for the 2019/2019 academic year and are available at www.washingtoncattlemen.org

Rotz et al., 2019. Ag Syst. 169 (Feb.):1-13
We encourage all of our cattlemen to send pictures to use in the Ketch Pen. We are also proud to acknowledge our “future ranchers” by publishing their accomplishments. Send stories and pictures to frontdesk@wacattle.org

Franklin County Awards Don Bauermeister Scholarship

It was double the pleasure this year when the Don Bauermeister Scholarship was awarded to McCall and McKenna Lovejoy. The two are the daughters of Diann Lovejoy from Eltopia, Washington. Both are sophomores at Oklahoma State University.

McCall Lovejoy

McKenna Lovejoy also spent her time working on the family farm. Now that she is in college she is active in the Association of Student Agriculture, Biological Engineers, Collegiate Cattlewoman’s and Agronomy Club.

McKenna is majoring in Plant and Soil Science. She is a member of the Collegiate Cattlewoman’s at the university. Her years of working on the family farm have helped prepare her to reach her goal as a crop consultant for an agricultural company upon graduation. She has further plans to take over the operation of the family farm and build a small herd of Herford cattle.

Future Ranchers

Rydell Myers - Klickitat County
(Photo Courtesy of Brandy Myers)

Tell Rathbun - Grant County
(Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Rathbun)

Olivia Myers - Klickitat County
(Photo Courtesy of Brandy Myers)
Washington, D.C.; August 12, 2019: Today the Department of the Interior announced changes that will improve the way the Endangered Species Act is applied — changes that will benefit property owners and species. Interior’s new rules terminate an illegal and counterproductive rule that complicated the recovery of endangered species, change the way that critical habitat designations are made, and improve inter-agency permitting consultations.

**Blanket section 4(d) rule**

Interior announced the repeal of the so-called blanket section 4(d) rule, which ignored the different needs of listed species and failed to encourage efforts to recover species.

“This is the most significant gain for property rights under the Endangered Species Act in decades,” said Jonathan Wood, a senior attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation, research fellow at Property and Environment Research Center, and author of The Road to Recovery: How restoring the Endangered Species Act’s two-step process can prevent extinction and promote recovery. “The previous rule treated critically endangered species the same as those facing only remote risks. Because an endangered species’ recovery meant no change in regulation, the rule undermined property rights and denied property owners any reward for helping that recovery. Species paid the price, with a recovery rate less than three percent.

“The new rule aligns the incentives of landowners with the interests of species. This promises to significantly boost the rate at which we recover endangered species, because the primary challenge for recovering species is protecting and restoring habitat on private lands.”

The elimination of the blanket section 4(d) rule was prompted by two petitions that PLF filed asking Interior and the Fish and Wildlife Service to rescind the regulation. Interior proposed the new rule in April 2018, and PLF submitted a comment letter encouraging its adoption.

More information about the blanket section 4(d) rule is available at pacificlegal.org.

**Critical habitat designations**

The Department of the Interior also announced changes in the way that critical habitat designations are made. All currently occupied habitat must be designated as critical habitat before unoccupied habitat can be considered for designation. Any unoccupied habitat must also meet at least one of the biological needs of the endangered species. Additionally, property owners can express interest in having their property set aside for conservation efforts.

In 2018, PLF represented a Louisiana property owner in Weyerhaeuser v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In that case, the U.S. Supreme Court found that FWS regulators overstepped their authority when they declared 1,500 acres of land to be a critical habitat for a frog that couldn’t survive there. This change is in direct response to the Supreme Court’s ruling in Weyerhaeuser.

**CASE DOCUMENTS**

No files available.

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Pacific Legal Foundation is a national nonprofit legal organization that defends Americans threatened by government overreach and abuse. Since our founding in 1973, we challenge the government when it violates individual liberty and constitutional rights. With active cases in 39 states plus Washington, D.C., PLF represents clients in state and federal courts, with 12 victories out of 14 cases heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.
Show host Tip Hudson, rangeland management Extension specialist for Washington State University, interviews experts in rangeland ecology and livestock production to discuss ranching as a conservation strategy, invasive grass management, ecological and economic resiliency, the “dance” between animals and environment, grazing philosophies, challenges in public lands grazing, and more on the art and science of ranching.

Guests have included Dr. Ken Tate, Rangeland Watershed Science Specialist at the University of California-Davis; Floyd Reed, retired USFS range supervisor; Dr. Fred Provenza, author and animal behaviorist; Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, Univ. of Idaho Rangeland Center; Jack Southworth, award-winning rancher in eastern Oregon; Dr. Lynn Huntsinger, sociologist at University of California-Berkeley.
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