

Northwest Guides and Anglers Association

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The Northwest Guides and Anglers Association (NWGAA) is seeking members to fulfill its mission. NWGAA's mission is to **protect, enhance, and promote healthy sportfisheries and the ecosystems they depend on in the Pacific Northwest**. In just the last 13 years, sport anglers have witnessed the closure of 5 of the last 6 remaining wild fish fisheries on the North Oregon Coast. Limited sturgeon quotas, limited salmon allocations and additional regulations have continued to erode away opportunity for us in the Northwest- particularly on the Columbia River.

The Northwest Guides and Anglers Association was formed to address issues in the Northwest, including the Columbia River that limit the capability of fully prosecuted sportfisheries. Although our fish and fisheries are the victim of a thousand cuts, we are slowly gaining ground as a recognizable industry in the Northwest. NWGAA seeks to advance this recognition through work in these areas:

1. Unfair fishery allocations- Fisheries must be allowed to perform that best meets the needs of our regions economies. While sport and commercial fisheries must co-exist together, it is important that the proper attention is given to the user group that gives the greatest return on our investment. We will work towards solutions that will allow all user groups fair and tangible allocations to meet the needs of their industry.
2. Unfair and unnecessary regulation- While recognizing the necessity for restrictions that promote conservation, it is important that we aren't regulated out of our workplace. We support conservation measures that are backed by credible science with fair public and professional input. Unnecessary regulation cripples interest in our sport and jeopardizes our industry.
3. Environmental factors that limit the production of wild fish- The operation of other industry often affects water quality that limit fish production in our streams and rivers. Excessive water temperatures, improper flow and spill for outmigration and barriers to fish are just some of the problems that wild fish face. Our policy of **no net loss of fish habitat** applies to any industry that affects our industry and we will adamantly oppose actions that limit wild fish production.
4. Environmental impacts that jeopardize our industry- Toxic contamination is becoming a factor that is affecting our fisheries. Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's) on the Willamette River, nuclear waste leakage from the Hanford site on the Columbia River, dioxin discharges from paper mills and mercury contaminations are just a few of the environmental factors that are beginning to jeopardize our industry. We will work to find solutions to these potential environmental disasters that currently affect our salmonid and sturgeon fisheries to ensure a safe product for sportanglers to consume.
5. The Pacific Northwest is still a relatively untapped resource as a sportfishing destination. With the sportfishing options available to us and the possibility of working collaboratively as a group, we can make the Northwest a premier destination location for sportanglers worldwide. With catch and release fisheries a recent trend, the Northwest has some very under-marketed opportunities available for tapping.
6. Continue to enhance the relationship between industry professionals and the general fishing public. It is important that we are viewed as good stewards of the resource and cordial participants in the sport. We will always have to work towards a positive relationship with our fellow anglers and engage them in our quest for better opportunities for all of us. We can do this through contributions of finances or volunteer labor in many different ways.

The Northwest Guides and Anglers Association needs your participation to meet its goals and objectives. Here are just a few items on the radar for the 2017 fishing season:

- Oregon and Washington remain out of concurrence when it comes to Columbia River regulation. Washington has come the closest to full implementation of the Columbia River Reform Plan, which allocates 80% of the ESA impacts to the sportfleet, prioritizing the economics of Columbia River salmon.

- Oregon’s Fish and Wildlife commissioners have worked to derail the promises made in the Columbia River Reform Plan. It is NWGAA’s intention to replace rogue commissioners and highlight the important role the sportfleet plays in the sustainability of ODF&W’s mission.
- Sea lions and seals are having a detrimental effect on our smolt and adult runs of salmon. NWGAA will work with our Congressional leaders to address this incremental problem and find a solution that keeps more runs of salmon and steelhead from getting listed on ESA.
- Promotion of the Columbia River catch and release sturgeon fishery. We are already working with the Chamber of Commerce on developing this untapped resource which will mean more business for YOU!

Allow the Northwest Guides and Anglers Association to represent you in our state and federal forums so that our voices are united and heard! Help us get this organization off the ground by joining The Northwest Guides and Anglers Association and also enjoy these benefits:

1. Uninterrupted enrollment in the USCG approved required random drug testing program at Drug Screens, Inc. Members that submit their dues prior to December 31st to suffer no consequences in this program. For first time “enrollees”, a “pre-employment” screening may be necessary.
2. Regulation updates that effect your businesses and representation during season crafting meetings that will determine how our fisheries go forward.
3. Regular meetings to hear your ideas and concerns as we continue to make a living from this fragile resource.

We have an ambitious agenda but one that needs to be met in order for our industry to thrive. We hope you will join us to meet the threats that jeopardize our jobs for the sustainability of our sportfisheries.

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- Fishing guides usually choose to be a **business member** of the Northwest Guides and Anglers Association and receive all of the benefits. Please pay **\$150.00** if you need the random drug testing program/ **\$75.00** if you don’t.
 - I am a restaurant, retail store, motel or hotel and we wish to be an **affiliated member** of the Northwest Guides and Anglers Association and join in the fight for better sportfisheries. I realize that as an affiliated member, I will get listed as such in membership literature so I am recognized as a business that supports growth within the industry.....please pay \$75.00.
 - I wish to be a **member** of the Northwest Guides and Anglers Association as I am a benefactor of healthy sportfisheries. I want representation in decisions that affect my experience in the Northwest.....please pay between \$5.00 and \$25.00.

Member contact: _____
 Business name (if applicable): _____
 Number of employees: _____
 Member address: _____
 Member phone numbers: _____
 Member email: _____ web page: _____
 Fishing guides registering for enrollment in the random drug testing program only:
 Social Security Number: _____
 State Boat Registration Number: _____

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