

# Marketing, outreach & website replacement project

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The more people know about what WDFW does, the more likely they are to be supportive.



We promote outdoor opportunities for all – Licensing services, fishing derby and related promotions, YouTube videos, Go Hunt, Fish Washington, Great Getaways family vacations, etc.

#### Expand and Increase Demographic Diversity

We are committed to expanding and increasing the demographic diversity of our workforce and customer base – more kids, new residents, more people from historically under-represented groups



The Wild Future initiative embodies these values by emphasizing customer service and responsiveness to the public.

### Communication, outreach & marketing yalues that form foundation

**WDFW** 

## Work together to promote brand

Why are we here today? Communication, outreach, and marketing is all about "content".



### **Collaboration Examples**

Fishing Derby **Clamming Opportunities Community Events** 



Blending communication & outreach

Increasingly blending different communication types and outreach activity, such as license marketing, public relations, and media relations.



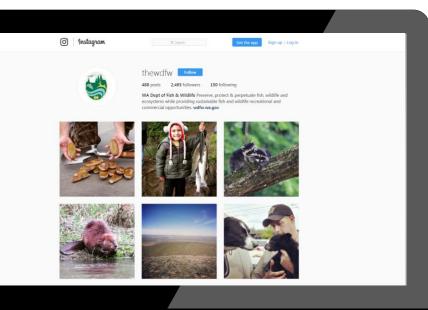
Planning displays and handouts for the major hunting and fishing shows.

Wild Future & cross promotion

The next phase of the Wild Future initiative will continue cross-program, and multiregion outreach information efforts.



## Social media outreach





## Opportunities to showcase values

Examples include the Fir Island restoration project, National Hunting and Fishing Day, major wildlife viewing opportunities such as community birding festivals, elk feeding at Oak Creek, and the Sinlahekin 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.



#### Facebook

Perfect for feature stories that promote our brand as an effective conservation organization – plus a huge array of recreational activities.

#### YouTube

We use YouTube videos more heavily than ever.

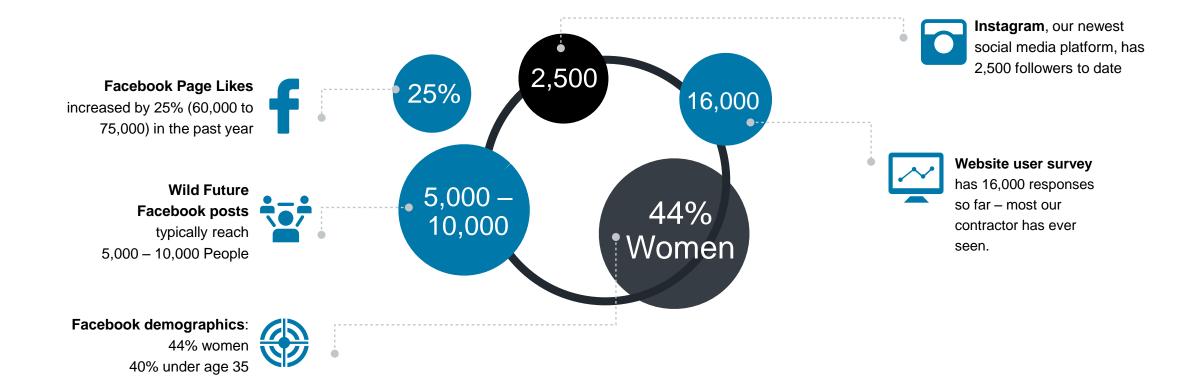
## 1.75 Million

Our YouTube has had 1.75 Million views since 2006.

**40%** Of our 1.75 million YouTube views happened in the past two years



### Social media success



### Community relations person to person

Person-to-person interaction – such as sports shows, demographic diversity outreach, on-theground outreach and technical assistance.

### WDFW Wildlife Areas

Planning activities at WDFW wildlife areas – allowing the public to have a strong say in how we conduct fish, wildlife, and habitat management.

#### Big Tent Outdoor Coalition

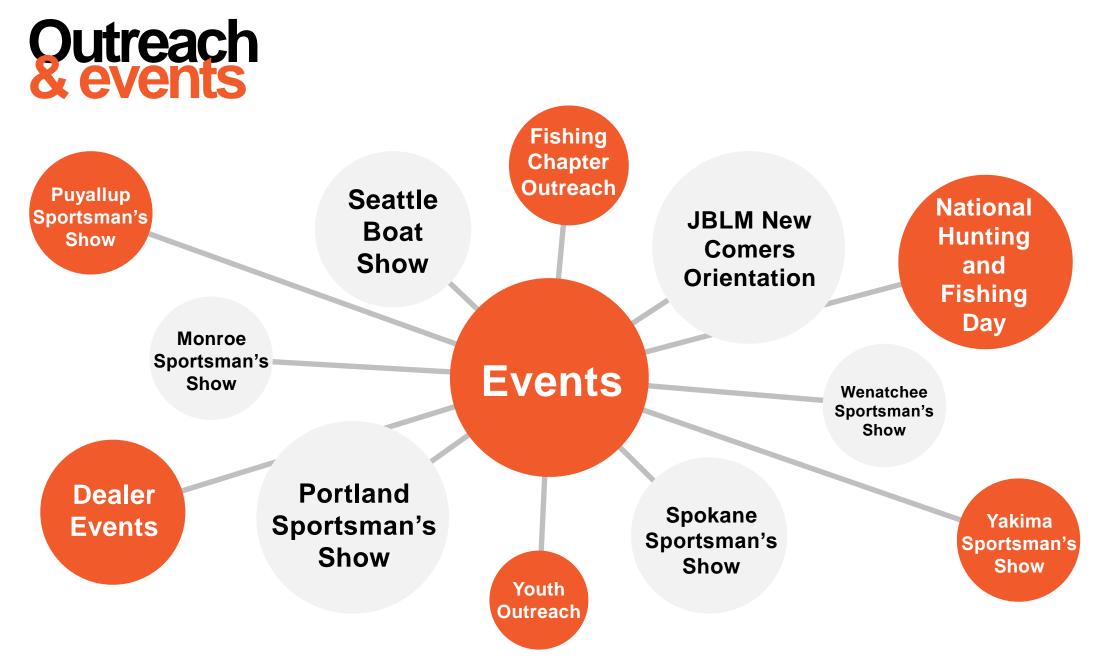
WDFW represents state resource agencies on the board of the coalition, which raises awareness of the economic, social and environmental importance Washington recreation. Major regional hunting and fishing shows

## Wild Future Outreach

Emphasizing customer service, responsiveness to the public, and the need for stable resources to fulfill our mission and meet public expectations.



Long Beach Razor Clam Festival, Othello Sandhill Crane Festival.





## **Marketing Promotions**

WDFW has shifted focus to targeted promotional campaigns to both traditional and nontraditional user groups. A continued partnership with the Public Affairs Unit helps to drive success and a consistent message to all user groups.



## **Trout Fishing Derby**

**R3** Recruit, retain & reactivate anglers



### **Cross Promote**

License dealers online and w/ press





## Replicate

Continue the derby each year



#### **RBFF Grant** Received \$10,000 for 2017 Derby

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## Who's in the derby?

Marketing Provided a website

and other advertising

License Dealers Donated all derby prizes

#### **Public Affairs**

Coordinate social media and news media promotions

Fish Program Tagged and stocked derby fish

#### Customers

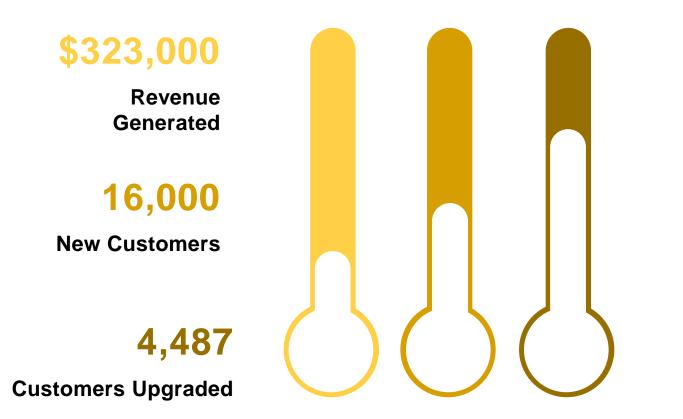
Redeemed their prize at the dealer locations

## 2017 derby success

WDFW donation period lasted approximately 6 months. At the end of the donation period the department received over 900 prizes valued at over \$25,000. The majority of prizes are held at dealer locations, with only a few exceptions (manufacturers, and some corporate accounts).



## 2016 fishing derby measurements



## Multiseason promo

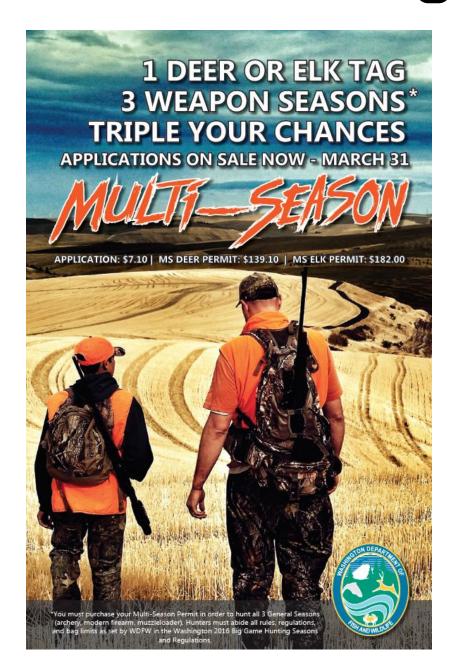


**5** Targeted Emails

**49%** Average Email Open Rate

**1-3** Flyer in Every Dealer Location

**10** Seconds To Sell Out Tags





## Multiseason applications

#### Cost

#### Results

Year 1:

#### Revenue

\$95.87 For 1,500 -8.5"x11" Full Color, In-House, Promotional Flyer Prints

Year 1: **Deer Applications** Elk: \$81,690 **47% Sales Increase** Deer: \$77,424 Year 2: Elk Applications 36% Sales Increase Elk: \$85,482 Deer: \$80,490

Year 2: **Deer Applications** 4% Sales Increase **Elk Applications** 5% Sales Increase

## Multiseason tags

#### Cost

\$3,569.94 For Postcards and Postage

#### Year 1: Deer Tags 33% Sales Increase Elk Tags 23% Sales Increase

**Results** 

Year 2: Deer Tags 5% Sales Decline Elk Tags Sold Out Again

Year 1: Elk: \$165.000 Deer: \$839,160 Year 2: Elk: \$165,000

Deer: \$799,092

Revenue



## Turkey promotion

Turkey hunting is a great entry point for new hunters and a growth potential for active hunters. Nationwide, wild turkey is the second most commonly hunted species at 23%. In comparison, turkey is the 10<sup>th</sup> most commonly hunted species in Washington state, hunted by only 5% of hunters. Turkey is also the second species that hunters would be interested in trying, but currently don't hunt now.





**Targeted Emails & Social Media Outreach** 



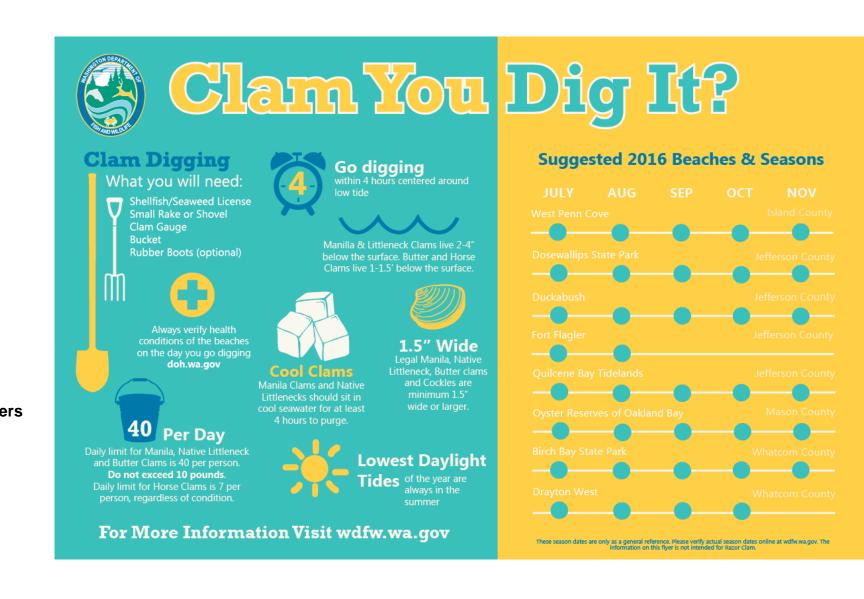
## **Clam** promotion

Clam digging and oyster harvesting are some of the easiest activities Washington's unique environment provides. With plenty of open beaches and the abundance and variety of clams and oysters, it is no wonder that shellfish harvesting has become an iconic Pacific Northwest hobby.

11" x 17" Flyer in Costal Dealers

**Email to Limited-License Customers** 

**Outreach & Education at Events** 







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**TOP 10 REGION** 

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WATERS FOR BASS



Bass are one of the most widely distributed, and underutilized fish in Washington State. The Marketing team believes promoting Bass fishing will aid in the recruiting, retaining, and reactivating anglers across Washington State.

 11"x17" Flyers Distributed by Region
Email Campaign Surrounding New State Record
Pandora Campaign Targeting Military and Colleges in Spokane and Pierce County

WDFW began a regionalized campaign to highlight popular bass facts. These facts included popular methods and tackle to use, a top 10 list of waters to fish for in the specific region, and where potential customers could go for more information



## Squid fishing promo



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## Point of purchase

Currently, 85% of the license sales occur at Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW's) nearly 600 dealer locations.

WDFW has determined that an effective floor display could prompt customers to purchase a license by triggering that decision at the time they are in the store. WDFW believes an impactful display will help recruit and reactivate customers because it cuts down the need for anglers to seek out any information about WDFW.

WDFW is testing the POP displays in 4 Fred Meyer locations across the state to determine if a statewide rollout would be beneficial.

## Website redesign project



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## Website project goals

The WDFW website is our most important communication tool and is visited 33 million times per year. Redesigning the website will influence how WDFW is perceived by the public, and how people interact with the department. We expect to launch the new website in about 18 months. In the meantime, we will continue to operate and update content on the current website.



Focused on meeting customer' needs

Well-organized, with highimpact visuals

Mobile-friendly, especially for users in the field



More useful for people with visual impairments

## **Website Project Teams**



#### Anthro-Tech: Contractor

Anthro-Tech is a nationally recognized expert in user-centered design and plain language communication. Anthro-Tech will be assisted by Celebrate Drupal for technical development of the website. Both companies are based in Olympia.

#### Steering Committee

Comprised of WDFW leadership from each program, the Steering Committee will advise the overall project direction, address risks and concerns, and make project resources available as needed.

## Business & Technical Teams

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WDFW staff from each program, including representatives from the regions, will work together to:

- Review and evaluate website content for migration to new website, revision, archiving, or deleting, and develop new content as needed.
- Work with contractor to develop technical system design and functionality requirements.

## Tools to gather data



#### Website Survey

16,000 people have completed our survey of website visitors to tell us what they like on the current site and what they'd like to see on the next one. Survey of WDFW staff is next.



#### **Stakeholder Interviews**

Project team is interviewing WDFW leaders, regional and NRB customer service specialists, and others to ensure the new website meets the department's business needs and mission.

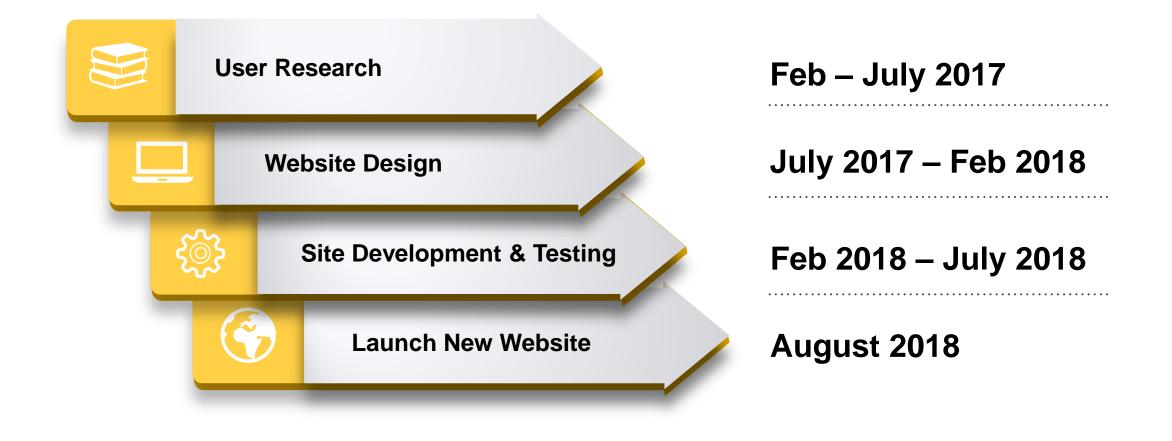


#### Website Analytics

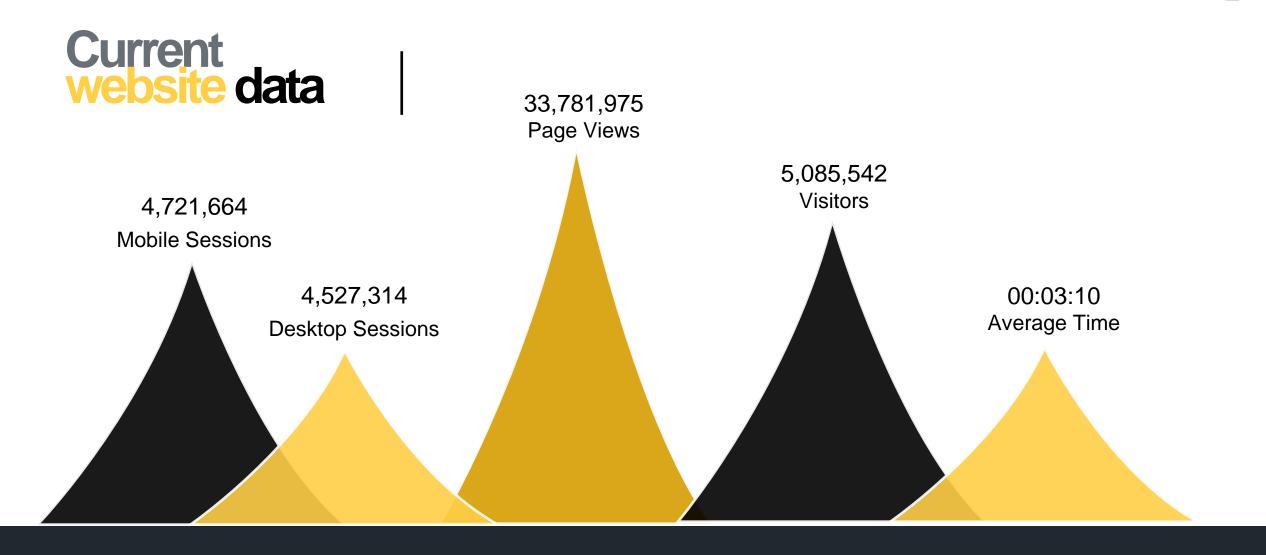
We're tracking many aspects of current website usage, including how often people visit our web pages and what they do once they've found us.

Identified 2,400 existing pages that need to be reviewed for accuracy and relevancy.

## Website redesign timeline



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## What's coming up?

#### **Wild Future**

Balance funding issues with customer service and responsiveness.

#### Elevate Visibility of Non-Hunted, Non-Fished Wildlife

Continue to emphasize recovery, protection of critical habitat, and related strategies, especially in social media.

#### Sharper Focus on the Department's "Recreation Identity"

Many opportunities for improvement.

#### **Video Production**

We are preparing to expand our video production capability pending available funding.

#### **Fish Washington App**

New Fish Washington App for anglers to use on-location.

#### **Demographic Diversity**

More outreach to Hispanics and other historically under-represented groups.

#### **New License Packages**

We are looking into multi-year, family, and sportsman's licensing packages.

#### **Outreach and Education**

Working with OSPI and League of Women Voters on K-12 curriculum to strengthen youth outreach and education.

## **Questions** & contact



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