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CA BHA HEADS TO THE MARSH

The chapter held its annual duck hunt at Mendota WA this past season and it was the best one yet. This year the chapter partnered with CDFW's Advanced Hunter Education program and invited wardens, biologists, and refuge staff for presentations & hot tips of how to be successful in the field.

A mixture of 27 mentors, mentees, and intermediary hunters joined the camp, which included some amazing food around the campfire, hunts on both Saturday and Sunday, presentations on cooking, calling, and setting up a successful spread.

IF YOU ARE A NEW HUNTER OR ANGLER, these camps are an excellent avenue to learning how to hunt in CA.

FISHING IN THE DARK

CABHA is proud to partner with our collegiate sub-chapter at Cal State Fullerton, and they recently held a pier fishing 101 clinic teaching folks the basic. Nearly two dozen students attended, and handful of fish were caught, and the break from studies was very welcomed. If you would like to get involved with this chapter, contact csufbha@backcountryhunters.org



POLICY

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AWPAC

Support smart, conservation-based management

COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION CALIFORNIA

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STOP MPA EXPANSION

Support **DATA-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS**

SERIOUS ANGLERS ARE JOINING THE FIGHT

SIGN THE LETTER
READ ALL MPA BIN 2 PETITIONS
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

CURRENT ISSUES

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MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Representatives from the national & state levels of BHA have played an active role in both the decadal review, and consideration of new petitions for CA's Marine Protected Areas. We will be hosting pint nights prior to the upcoming public meetings considering the petitions, so stay tuned!

SECOND BEAR TAG

On April 15th the CA Fish & Game Commission will vote to accept the black bear regulatory package, and finally approving CA hunters to purchase a second bear tag per season.

Spearheaded by CABHA, this petition was introduced nearly one year ago and is the first regulatory increase in bear hunting opportunities since the release of CDFW's updated black bear management plan



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TURKEY CAMP

We are returning to NorCal for another year chasing spring toms. This year the chapter will be hosting our Turkey Camp near Clearlake between April 24-26th, and spots are open now. Good food, good people, and hopefully some good hunting. [RSVP here!](#)

CHUCKWALLA SHEEP SURVEY

Every year the Chapter partners with CDFW and assist them with their bighorn sheep surveys. This citizen science helps the department monitor this population of sheep, and is an excellent opportunity to get some time glassing before big game season. The next survey is in the Chuckwallas, [RSVP here!](#)



NEWS

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MEGHAN HERTEL ANNOUNCED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF CDFW

Meghan Hertel has officially been appointed by the Governor as the Director of the CA Department of Fish & Wildlife. CABHA would like to congratulate Meghan on this appointment and looks forward to working with her to improve CA's wildlife & hunting/angling opportunities

JASON SCHROEDER JOINS BOARD

The Board of Directors is excited to announce the confirmation of Jason Schroeder. A native originally to Wisconsin and now in Sacramento, Jason has been active within the chapter for many years and is eager to contribute at a higher level.

To learn who is your CABHA Board of Directors is, [click here](#)



RAFFLE INCOMING

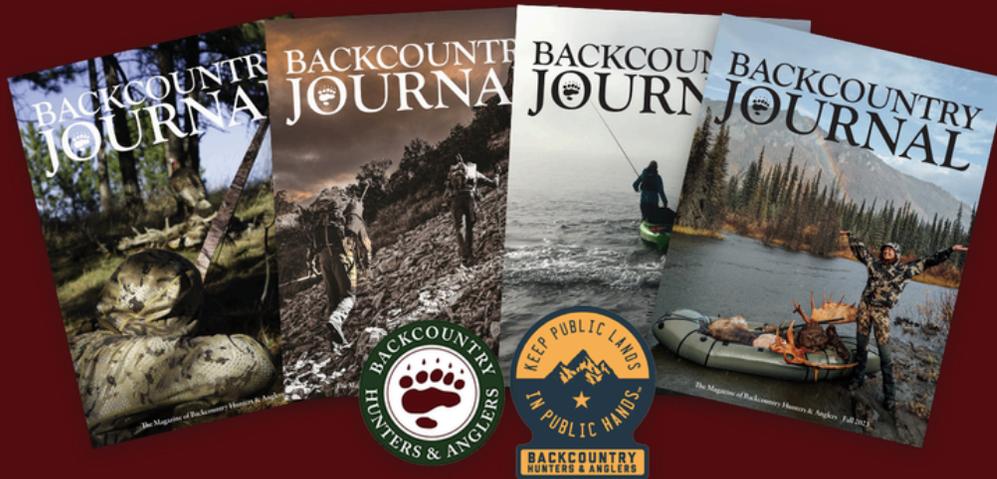
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The Summertime Raffle is coming back! Last year we gave away over \$10,000 in prizes including Weatherby firearms, pig hunt with 805 outfitters, some sweet packages from Sitka, Dometic, Vortex, OnX, & many other sponsors, and this year we plan on going bigger! Make sure to keep an eye out for when tickets go on sale, only 200 tickets will be sold, and you won't want to miss out!



JOIN TODAY

When you become an Individual Member of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, you're not just joining an organization—you're joining a community dedicated to preserving North America's outdoor heritage. For just \$35 annually, you'll receive exclusive benefits and make a real difference.



Exclusive Member Benefits:

- **Backcountry Journal Subscription:** Our magazine is packed with inspiring stories on conservation, hunting, fishing, and fair chase ethics.
- **BHA Decals:** Show your BHA pride with our distinctive decals.
- **Event Invitations:** Get access to local chapter events where you can connect with fellow outdoor enthusiasts and experience the boots-on-the-ground impact of BHA's work.
- **Monthly eNewsletter:** Stay updated with the Backcountry Beat, featuring the latest news on BHA's efforts to fight for your outdoor passions.
- **Feel Good:** Experience the satisfaction of actively contributing to the protection of the backcountry and the traditions you cherish.
- **Special Discounts:** Enjoy exclusive savings from our corporate partners like First Lite, Vortex, Weston, onX, Waltons, XOP, Grayl, Work Sharp, and more!

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