



February 23, 2023

Eagle Lakers,

What a phenomenal season 2022-23 was!! Record breaking harvest totals on Mallards!! Incredible stretches of straight limit shooting for all!! We averaged over 30 limits a day for 2.5 months from early November to mid-January. The early cold spell and TONS of ducks calling Eagle Lakes home, made for a deadly combination. When it got really cold and all the other outfitters/ guides were froze up and out of business, we were holding close to 750,000 ducks for weeks at a time. The goose shooting was excellent as well. We harvested a lot of honkers this season like we normally do but our cackler/ lesser Canadian numbers were pretty wild. They were really user friendly and hanging out close to the lodge. The honkers decoyed wonderfully all year, 25-30 yard shots right in the kissers hole. Snow goose shooting was OK this year, definitely not lights out like last season.

#### **Reservations-**

Colleen will be charging credit cards next week for those of you who prebooked for this season. As you can imagine with as good as the hunting was most guests prebooked before they left. Our office staff has all the season dates and books ready to go for all. After the first big wave of prebooked clients are entered, dates are gonna go fast. Don't be disappointed, book soon!!! I have enclosed a calendar for your scheduling benefit.

#### **23-24 Season-**

No real major changes expected from the feds or the state of Washington. One thing I did notice was that it looks like we will be able to hunt snow geese right off the bat on opening day, Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure they will have a closure at some point to stay within federal guidelines. I will keep you posted as more information comes out and the season gets closer.

#### **Grand Prairie Alberta-**

Ryan has 3 dates left available for groups of 4-8 for this coming season. Anyone interested should contact him directly 509-528-8754. Combo hunts were epic last season, we ran close to limits of both ducks and geese every day. Looking for groups Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> through Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Deer Hunts-**

Ryan has 4 slots available for the upcoming modern firearm season. He also has 2 muzzleloader spots available. If you want a beautiful muley or whitetail, give him a call.

**Doves/ Early Goose-**

Doves open Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> with early goose starting on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. The lodge will be full so get on the books for this soon.

**Eagle Lakes Staff-**

We had some new additions this past season that turned out to be incredible team players. With the new employees joining my existing crew, we were stronger than ever. Thank you to all our amazing clients that took such good care of these great people.

I will keep you posted on any new projects or properties that we will have available for this upcoming season. Every year the boys work their tails off to make Eagle Lakes Ranch some of the most pristine wetlands anywhere in the country.

Happy Hunting!

Mike B