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## My coyote-shooting weapon



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In November of last year, while I was attending and covering for this paper the Baker City Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Club Youth Shoot, a gentleman asked me a question that came to mind again this year, as I thought about the quest to help control the predator population, during this winter: Why did I shoot coyotes with a .30-06 caliber rifle, and why didn't I save the hides?

These questions—fair ones, I will admit—may or may not have been presented to me, after he had consumed several beers, since alcohol tends to lead to a “freer flow” of thought, but I suspect that he wouldn't have been shy

about asking me about my particular hunting process anyway.

What prompted his interest and his questions were some social media pictures I had posted, with me posed with coyotes I had dispatched, and some articles I had written on

the subject.

He knew about my own interest in thinning the coyote population (among other predators), but he was confused about my choice of hunting rifle caliber—overkill in his mind—and my tendency to do nothing with the hides, since I left them fully attached to the carcasses, which I dragged out of the fields.

At the time of the Youth Shoot last year, I don't recall making any apologies to the questioner, for my standard carry rifle, a 1917 Enfield .30-06 Springfield, or for my standard ammunition, 180-grain bullets, nor do I make any apologies for that combination

now, since I consider it to effectively “cover all bases,” as far as game goes. Damage to game naturally varies, depending on the size of the animal, but I don't normally carry a full arsenal of rifles wherever I go, so, I choose to routinely stick with the .30-06.

His issue, of course, was with the damage done to coyotes with a .30-06, but I hadn't planned on sewing the holes in the hides, and the purpose for shooting the coyotes to begin with was mainly to help control the population, and to minimize attacks on cattle and other animals.

I have no issue whatsoever with anyone hunting or trapping animals, and benefiting from selling the hides.

It's just not something that I've focused much on in the past, though that may change in the near future—who knows.

I don't mind someone else benefiting from the animal I've harvested myself, but I can't be expected to put forth all of the effort, since the easier part is the shooting, while the harder part is the skinning.

I was asked recently by a friend, since she knew I have shot some badgers, if

I could possibly save any future ones I harvest, for a friend of hers, who makes different kinds of jewelry and other items, with the various bones and other parts.

Two years ago, I was asked by more than one person, if I save, or if I could possibly save, the quills from the porcupines I shoot.

In either case, the level of my generosity may depend on how the day goes, and on following the laws regarding trafficking in animal parts. (It's hard to have a truly “bad” hunting day, unless absolute success is expected.)

With the onset of winter, which brings with it the cold, wind, snow, and freezing temperatures, I see some benefits, not the least of which is the contrast of a predator's (or a big game animal's) body, with the white, snowy landscape. Lovely.

I don't plan to make the leap to solely carrying a smaller-caliber rifle anytime soon, however, but I may have one handy, along with my .30-06—especially with those two unfilled cougar tags still in my pocket ...

## Crabbing open on the coast

The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced the opening of the ocean and bay recreational crab fishery along the southern Oregon coast from Floras Creek (just north of Port Orford) to the California border.

The ocean and bay recreational crab fishery also remains open along the northern coast from Tillamook Head to the mouth of the Columbia River, including the area inside the Columbia River mouth. Tillamook Head is located between Seaside and Cannon Beach.

The 210-mile area between Tillamook Head and Floras Creek will remain closed to ocean and bay recreational crabbing due to elevated levels of domoic acid recently detected in the viscera of Dungeness crab.

Commercial crabbing is currently closed along the entire Oregon coast (in the ocean, in bays and in estuaries). Changes in the status of the ocean commercial crab fishery will be considered next week upon consultation with the commercial crab industry and the Washington and California Fish and Wildlife agencies. Additional crab viscera samples from impacted areas are being analyzed on a weekly basis to determine when and where additional fishery openings will occur. Two successive tests with domoic acid levels below the alert level are required to re-open areas for recreational and commercial crabbing.

It is recommended that crab always be eviscerated prior to cooking. Evisceration includes removing and discarding the internal organs and gills.

Despite the closure, crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers because these products were not harvested in areas closed for biotoxins.

Domoic acid or amnesic shellfish toxin can cause minor to severe illness and even death. Severe poisoning can result in dizziness, headaches, vomiting and diarrhea. More severe cases can result in memory loss and death. Shellfish toxins are produced by algae and originate in the ocean. Toxins cannot be removed by cooking, freezing or any other treatment.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at (800) 448-2474 or visit the ODA shellfish closures web page.

## Red Cross issues cold weather safety tips

### Build a Kit.

- Be sure you have non-perishable food items that can be eaten even if you lose power.

- Check the batteries in your flashlight(s) and keep them easily accessible (avoid candles).

- Make sure you have batteries in your radio (to receive information updates) and keep a spare battery for your cell phone handy (also keep your phone charged).

- Keep extra blankets on hand or identify a safe alternate heat source if the power goes out.

### Make a Plan.

- If weather does become severe and people are separated, make sure you have a plan for communicating with your family and/or friends to let

them know you are safe and well.

- If you have pets, make sure that you have food and supplies for them and that they have access to a warm and dry area.

### Get your vehicle ready for winter.

Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter with a window scraper, shovel, kitty litter or sand in case you get stuck, extra clothes and a Disaster Supplies Kit in your trunk. Pack high-protein snacks, water, first aid kit, flashlight, small battery-operated radio, an emergency contact card with names and phone numbers, extra prescription medications, blankets and important documents or information you may need.

### Driving in winter.

While the Red Cross

encourages you to stay off the road if possible, if you have to drive in snow or freezing rain, follow these tips about how to drive safely during a winter storm and what to do if you become stuck in your vehicle:

- Fill the vehicle's gas tank and clean the lights and windows to help you see.

- Pay attention to the weather forecast. Before you leave, let someone know where you are going, the route you plan to take and when you expect to get there. If your car gets stuck, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

- If you have to drive, make sure everyone has their seat belts on and give your full attention to the

road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones.

- Don't follow other vehicles too closely. Sudden stops are difficult on snowy roadways.

- Don't use cruise control when driving in winter weather.

- Don't pass plows.
- Know that ramps, bridges and overpasses will freeze before roadways.

If you become stuck in the snow or icy conditions:

- Stay with the car and call for assistance. Do not try to walk to safety.

- If you can, move your vehicle off the roadway. Stay with it—don't abandon it. If you have to get out of your vehicle, use the side away from traffic.

### Weather alerts and tips.

People can download the free Red Cross Emergency App for instant access to winter storm tips and weather alerts for their area and where loved-ones live. Expert medical guidance and a hospital locator are included in the First Aid App in case travelers encounter any mishaps. Both apps are available to download for free in app stores or at [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).

## B2H talks scheduled

Baker County is hosting an informal discussion about the latest development in the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line project, the BLM release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers of the Baker County Courthouse at 1995 Third Street, Baker City, Oregon.

Everyone interested in the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line project is invited to attend; Commissioner Mark Bennett and Planning Director Holly Kerns will host the meeting and discuss the options for the next steps in the process.

Contact Holly Kerns at 541-523-8219 or Mark Bennett at 541-523-8200 with questions.

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