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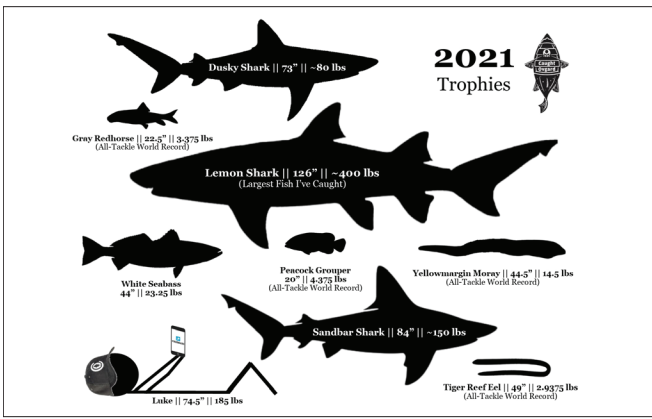
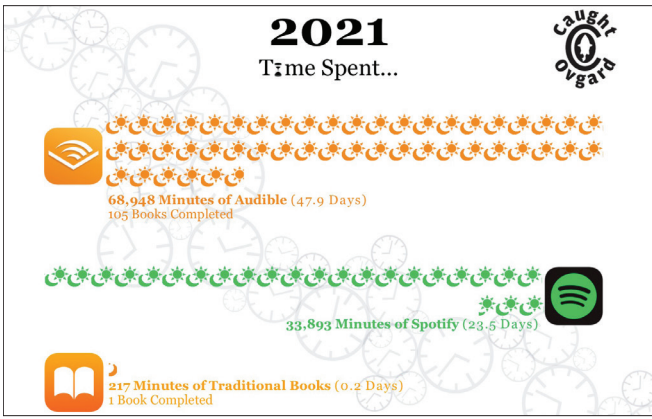
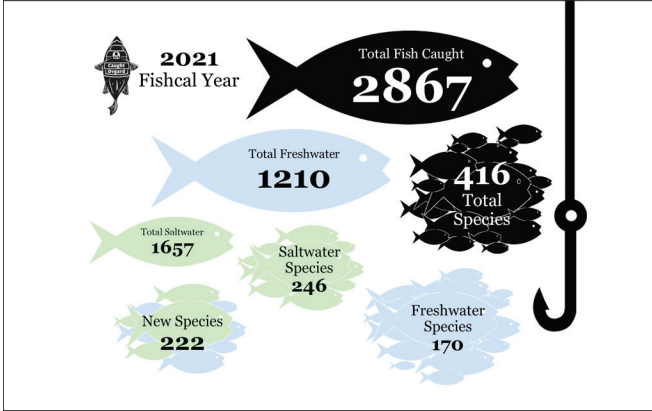
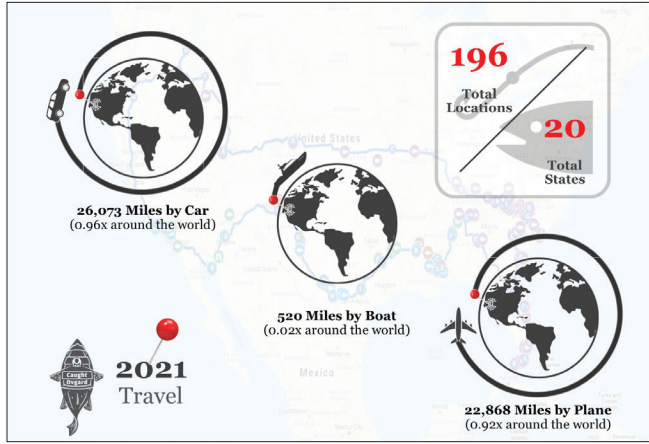
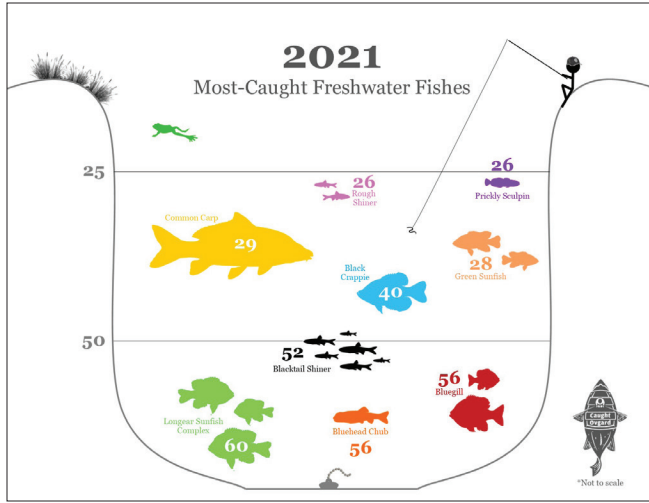
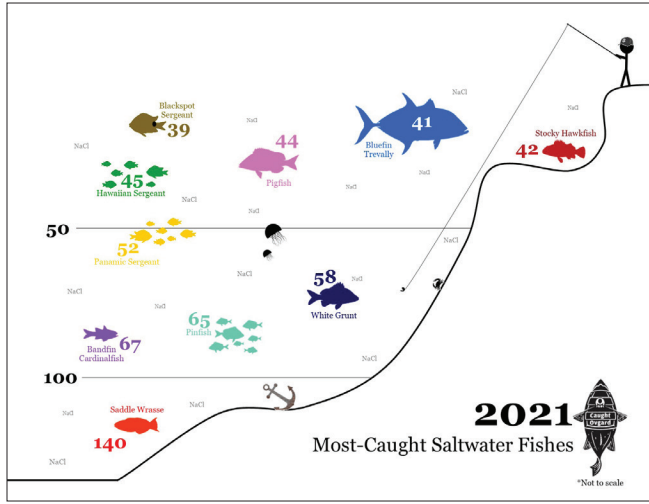
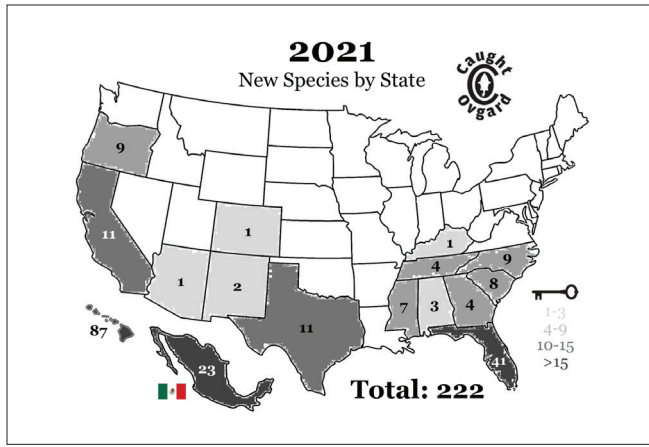
Spotify launched its highly popular personalized infographics summarizing individual listeners' "Year in Music" at the end of 2016, and I loved the idea. They named it "Spotify Wrapped," and it quickly became something to look forward to every year. I loved the idea so much so that I created my own personalized infographics summarizing my "Year in Fish" or "Fiscal Year," launching the graphics in 2017.

This year marks my fifth-annual "CaughtOv-

gard Finfographics," and although I may be biased, I think these are the best yet. Since there are eight infographics, and they take up a lot of space, I'll wind the column down here. As always, please feel free to let me know what you think.

God bless in 2022, and I hope your year looks at least as good as these finfographics.

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Lisa Britton/Baker City Herald
Black Mountain rises above the southeast corner of Phillips Reservoir on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022.

SHOELESS

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ground, creating an unfortunate and awkward stance that my aging hips don't cotton to at all.

I understand the obvious question here.

Why didn't we just go back and get the snowshoes?

I have no answer — not a cogent one, anyway.

All I can offer by way of explanation is the same pathetic plea that people tend to give when they put themselves in a position over which they had total control.

By the time it got annoying it just seemed too onerous to turn around.

Olivia, who is savvy enough to not complain in such a situation, in fact declared the hike a success.

She also offered the clever, albeit obnoxious to her parents, suggestion that since we didn't wear snowshoes we got more exercise.

I couldn't deny this claim on purely cardiovascular grounds.

But I pointed out that had we worn snowshoes we could have gone considerably farther, getting even better views of the spectacular winter scenery and ultimately burning a comparable number of calories.

On the way back we

IF YOU GO

To get to Phillips Reservoir, drive south from Baker City on Highway 7, toward Sumpter. Between Mileposts 35 and 34 (the numbers get lower the farther from Baker City), and just at the top of the grade next to Mason Dam, turn left onto the access road for the Mason Damp boat ramp. There's ample parking. The shoreline trail starts just above the restroom. There is no fee to park or to use the trail.

detoured down to the reservoir. It's a much longer detour than usual, since the drought dropped Phillips to its lowest level since it first filled in 1968.

The ice, based on the remnants of a few ice-fishing holes, was several inches thick.

I thought, as I inevitably do on the rare occasions when I'm standing on a frozen body of water, of the scenes in "Grumpy Old Men" of the temporary towns of ice fishing shanties that spring up each winter in the frigid Great Lakes region.

Our ice-fishing culture isn't quite so formal, but Phillips is a fine spot to pursue the pastime.

As we trudged back along a well-trodden path to the parking lot, Lisa and I agreed that it was a beautiful place to spend a couple hours of a January day.

And that we would never do it again. Not without snowshoes.

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- Rainy weather system
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- Rte.
- Memphis loc.
- Fork or spoon
- Heifer's mouthful
- Thick-skulled
- Take a header
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- DEA agents
- "Rush, Rush" singer
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- Gambling town

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