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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The weeks have been flying by since session ended in March and I have been busy meeting with constituents, stakeholders, businesses and civic organizations. I've had the opportunity to tour several businesses to get a firsthand glimpse at their operations and the role they play in our business economy.

On Saturday I left for a week-long trip to Taiwan to learn more about international trade opportunities and to promote tourism in Southwest Washington—you can read about my upcoming trip below.



I have also been working on regional transportation solutions. We have a long road ahead of us to redevelop trust, credibility and understanding with the state Department of Transportation, but I am committed to working towards solutions that will most benefit our region and state. As conversations take place over the next several months, please know that it is my intent to include the public when possible. Please don't hesitate to call or email me with your questions and concerns.

I'm proud to introduce you to my new legislative assistant, Jonathan Meier. He will likely be the first face you see and voice you hear when you visit or call my office in Olympia, and I am glad he has joined our 18th District team. You can read more about his background [HERE](#).



Meet Jonathan Meier -
my new legislative
assistant

If you are a hunter, please read below for details about an upcoming public meeting with WDFW.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state Senator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann", written in a cursive style.

CALLING ALL HUNTERS: Help set game-management priorities at an upcoming meeting in Vancouver



The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is hosting a series of public “open house” meetings to give hunters and members of the public an opportunity to help shape the state’s game management plan for 2015-21.

Key issues in the draft plan include hunter recruitment and retention, hunter access to timberlands and possible new rules requiring the use of non-toxic shot. WDFW said they will also consider new proposals for managing predator/prey relationships and developing a plan to manage wolves after they are no longer classified as an endangered species.

The meeting closest to the 18th Legislative District is being held in Vancouver TOMORROW.

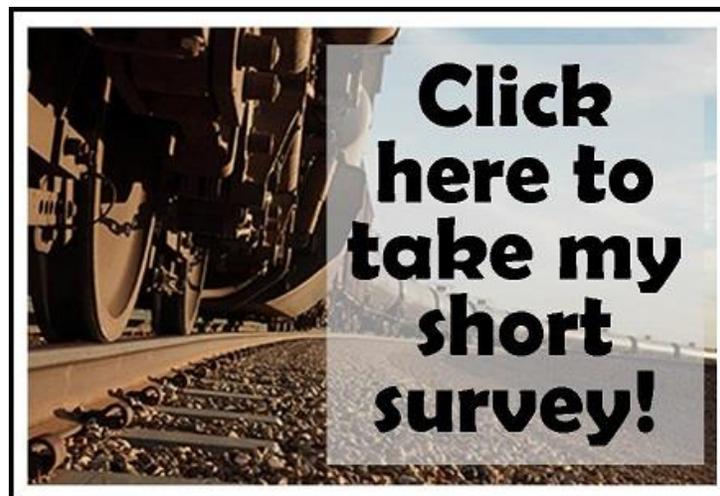
June 24, 7-9 p.m.
Heathman Lodge
7801 NE Greenwood Drive
Vancouver, WA 98662

If you can’t attend the meeting in person, be sure to submit your comments before July 18 via an on-line survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gmpobjectives>

Final recommendations will be presented to the state Fish and Wildlife Commission for a public hearing in August and adoption in September. For more information, please visit: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/news/jun1014a/>

Take My Survey!

I’m interested in your thoughts on the Tesoro Bulk Petroleum Facility at the Port of Vancouver. Please take my short survey to voice your opinion.



Promoting Tourism and Trade in Taiwan

This week I am in Taiwan with Lt. Governor Brad Owen, other state legislators, and council members from the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, for a week-long educational program.

As part of the Washington state delegation, we have been invited to visit various Taiwan government agencies such as national security, foreign affairs, international trade and economic development, education, and health care. One of the highlights will be visiting Washington agricultural trade booths at the US Pavilion of the 2014 Taipei International Food Show.

I am giving local honey produced in our district as a gift to our hosts while we are in-country. I am excited about the opportunity to explore and help create trade opportunities between Washington state and Taiwan. ***Please know that taxpayer dollars are NOT being used in any way to fund this trip.*** Click [HERE](#) to read more information.

Captain Strong Primary School Visits Olympia

Last month, fourth graders from Captain Strong Primary School in Battle Ground visited Olympia to tour the Capitol building and learn more about our state government. I visited the students in their classroom a few weeks later to hear about their trip and all that they learned while visiting Olympia.

We are lucky to live less than two hours from our state's capitol, so I encourage you to make the trek north if you have the time this summer. Free tours of the Legislative Building are offered every day. If you have a group that would like to visit Capitol Campus, please don't hesitate to call my office at 360-786-7634 if we can help plan your visit.

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