



# Washington Trollers Association

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## President's Message

By Doug Fricke F/V Howard H

Where were all of the salmon this summer?? The preceding is the same sentence that I started my President's report last fall. Again this year, it seems that the Chinook salmon disappeared off our coast in mid July. For most salmon trollers this summer was no problem because most trollers could not catch the allowed limits through late July and August. Also, like last year, the river returns are not as dismal as the summer fisheries would indicate. In fact, the salmon jack returns to the Columbia River for most chinook runs are up above the 10 year averages. This jack chinook increase return is a big increase over recent years and should bode well for future years. There was one bright spot for the salmon trollers off of the

Columbia River in August this year in the harvest of fin clipped coho salmon. It was recorded that in one opening that the trollers off the Columbia River landed around 7000 fin clipped coho. Good work guys!

As usual, the fall political season is starting. Joe Dazey attended a meeting in Portland on how the salmon abundance models are being modified. It seems that the Managers have finally realized that the California Chinook stocks actually range off the WA Coast. We hope this will help in increasing the abundance for diluting the critical stocks. Joe will have an up date at the annual meeting. Jim Olson participated in a PFMC Salmon Advisory Conference call in September and October. With Jim's help and the help of the Oregon Troll Advisor, Paul Heikkila, we are trying to get consid-

eration for a salmon troll lingcod landing allowance in the 2009-2010 management regulations. I just returned from Russia where I attended the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC). At the NPAFC we learned that some of our WA Chinook stocks range all the way to the Bering Sea!! Another mission of the NPAFC is to prevent illegal High Seas Gillnetting (HSGN). This year our Coast Guard in conjunction with the Russian Coast Guard busted an illegal Indonesian HSGN with 90 ton of salmon aboard. We hope that everyone will plan to attend the Boat Show on Saturday Nov. 17 and attend our WTA annual meeting on the same day. Bring your ideas and opinions. Don't hesitate to contact me or one of the Board members for more information prior to the meeting.

## Pacific Marine Expo

**November 15-17, 2007 \* Qwest Field Event Center \*  
Seattle, WA**

Pacific Marine Expo welcomes members of the Washington Trollers Association. As a valued member of the marine community we'd like to extend a free invitation to attend the show. Simply mention this code, **3819**, when pre-registering to secure your free admission to the exhibit hall, a \$20 savings! To pre-register: visit [www.pacificmarineexpo.com](http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com) or call 800-454-3005.

Being in this business can be tough; this show makes it easy to get the latest information in gear, technology, and industry updates to help you stay one-step ahead and to increase your bottom line. We hope you find Pacific Marine Expo to be a valuable tool for keeping your business running smoothly and efficiently.

This is more than just a place to do business; it's where you come to see friends, old and new. That's why this year promises to add more events and attractions for you to experience; including a maritime art pavilion, recipes for the galley, the ever-popular Fisherman of the Year contest and more.

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# ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 8:30 A.M. \* MEDIA ROOM 1D01  
QWEST FIELD EVENT CENTER \* SEATTLE, WA

## PMFC Science and Statistical Committee / Salmon Technical Team Report By Joe Dazey

### Comparison of Coho FRAM Base

**Period Averages:** Jim Packer of WDFW. The current base period uses the years 1986-1991. In addition to this period, Jim compared the same years with an updated data set, and various combinations of years from 1986 through 1997 both with and without the Upper Fraser for 1986 (because of poor data). The final recommendation to the Council is to use the years 1986-1992 without Upper Fraser. Jim did not think the new base period would have made any difference in management decisions or fishery regulations. An interesting note is this discussion was that the Canadians are able to predict Strait of Georgia outside migration base on salinity. This is helpful only in determining whether or not the fish will be inside or outside, not the strength of the run.

### Adding New Chinook Stocks to

**FRAM:** Larrie La Voy and Angelique Hagenbreaux spent 6 months looking at adding four new stocks to FRAM: Central Vally Falls, Washington North Coast, Willapa Bay Falls, and Lower Columbia Natu-

ral Tules. The biggest impact comes from the CV stock. A GSI analysis of legal and sublegal fish landed in Area 2 showed a non-modeled stock component of up to 50%. FRAM currently estimates 11% of fish coming from non-modeled stocks. The dilution factor of the added stocks should lower our impacts on Lower Columbia Tules.

### Review of Recovery Exploitation Rates for Lower Columbia Natural

**Tules:** Michael Ford from NMFS presented an analysis on exploitation rates on the survival of Lower Columbia Natural Tules stocks. This was a complicated paper and I won't go into the details, but the recovery of some stocks, most notably the Grays River, is doubtful even with zero harvest levels. Some points of interest are that the methodology (including equations) was seriously questioned, that NMFS acknowledges the problem of using RERs when the spawning population consists largely of hatchery strays, and that while the original workgroup consisting of both NMFS and WDFW staff, the workgroup is no longer

meeting and NMFS intends to carry out further analysis alone. Doug Milward of WDFW deserves a big thank you for raising the point that NMFS was focusing solely on the harvest component or recovery efforts. What about the Habitat, Hydro, and Hatchery pieces? I'll bring the NMFS paper to the Annual Meeting in case anyone wants a look at the graphs. They're pretty interesting.

**EFP for GSI:** An Emergency Fishing Permit is being requested for continuing the GSI sample collection program off of Oregon and California.

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WTA MUG, come by  
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♦ WTA Members	\$791.05
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 NOVEMBER 17  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
 Washington Trollers Association**

Yes-I would like to renew my WTA membership

\* Name \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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- Fishermen's Membership—\$150/year from subscribing date
- Associate Membership—\$50/year for retired fishermen
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- 1% season donation included if not contributed through season buyer
- Meeting/Marketing Fund donation, (i.e. PFMC, N of Falcon process) - \$100 year/additional suggested to help us with our marketing endeavors and representation of our industry in the processes.
- I would like to receive my WTA newsletter via e-mail



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