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President's Message

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As most of you are aware, April 9 to April 13 were the days in San Mateo, CA that the PFMC process was completed and the 2011 WA salmon troll season set. The chinook quota is about 1/2 of last year. The non-treaty ocean troll will be 30,900. With the abundance of chinook this year, we will have an unrestricted trolling season starting May 1 that will last until an estimated 13,700 chinook are harvested. After the 13,700 is caught, the season will be restricted to a landing limit with 5 days open and 2 days closed with the goal to catch the quota as quickly as possible.. When the landing limit falls below 50 chinook per opening, the weekly landing limit will be reduced to a number that will allow the fishery to continue to the end of June. The last openings in June may have a weekly landing limit as low as 10 chinook per week. The summer portion of the season will start July 1 and proceed similar to past years with 5 days open/ 2 days closed and landing limits each week for both coho and chinook. The coho quota this year is about the same as last year which means that we will need to avoid targeting coho or we may not have enough coho to catch our chinook quota. The troll season South of Cape Falcon will be significantly better in 2011. For the area immediately South of Cape Falcon, the season opened April 15 and is open through the end of August with a eight day closure in mid July.

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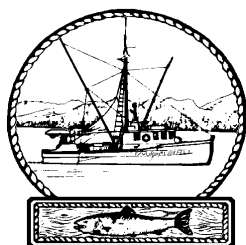
This season WTA boats are cooperating with WDFW in continuing the Genetic Stock Identification (GSI) program that we hope will lead to management opportunities that will avoid requiring our fleet to move to marked select chinook harvest. Mr. Scott Blankenship at WDFW has procured a grant to conduct the GSI sampling in 2011 that pays the fisherman \$5.50 per sample. If you are interested in participating, contact Joe Dazey at the WTA office ASAP.

With the situation this year there are four important issues to remember:

Do not target marked coho. Retaining too many coho this summer will cause the season to close and we will not be able to harvest the chinook.

Freezer boats must work with Doug Milward at 360 902 2739 to track chinook catches during the spring and summer. Please call Doug every week to 10 days to insure that he can keep track of the total chinook caught. Going over the quotas will cause serious problems in the future. Ice boat trips need to be a maximum of four days with

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delivery on the fifth day to maintain the quality that our markets expect. Doing trips over four days may force us into the 4on/3off in future years. Volunteers are needed to help with the GSI study. Contact Joe at the WTA office if you can help take GSI samples. WTA really needs samplers that will likely fish out of LaPush.



Again this year, Jim Olson led our delegation of Joel Kawahara, Joe Dazey, Steve Wilson, Mike Ziara, and me to the PFMC meetings to preserve the maximum opportunity for the WA trollers. These guys have committed almost two months of their life to see that the Washington Trollers get a fair allocation of the allowed salmon harvest.

This May we are rejoining with the Makah Nation for a joint marketing/public relations luncheon in Seattle. The public really responds favorably to meeting commercial fishermen. If you have time, please let our Executive Directors, Joe

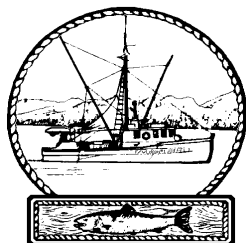
and Sue Dazey, know that you might be available to attend the event. As usual, Ed Owens is watching issues for us at the Legislature in Olympia through our membership in the Coalition of Coastal Fisheries. Ed is particularly busy this 2011 session in Olympia. As of this mailing, Ed has been able to maintain our fuel tax exemption, our albacore tuna landing tax exemption, no increase in the B&O tax rate, and maintain our commercial fishing license increase to \$115 per year which is the goal that the Board is hoping to maintain.

Don't forget to ask your buyer to withhold the 1 % assessment to support the Association that works all year to maintain our access to harvest ocean salmon. Also, ask your buyer to match your 1% assessment as this assessment represents approximately 50% of the WTA income. Have a safe and profitable summer.

WTA Hats and Mugs

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Blue Hat	_____	\$20	_____
	Green Hat	_____	\$20	_____
	Red Hat	_____	\$20	_____
	Tan w/ blue Bill	_____	\$20	_____
	WTA Mug	_____	\$20	_____
			Total	_____

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San Mateo PFMC – Steve Wilson

We touched down at the San Francisco Airport and after a lengthy wait for the hotel shuttle, arrived at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, site of the final PFMC meeting. (Note to self: eat dinner at the airport, it's cheaper and the service has to be better). The process for most of us began Saturday morning with an 8am Washington State delegation meeting. (Note to self: tell anyone interested in the Troll Advisor position that the socialization process begins Friday night, usually in the bar, alcohol not recommended, and continues every night throughout the process- plan on about 5 to 5 ½ hrs of sleep per night. You must find common ground with sports, tribal, state, federal and fellow commercial groups and respect them all. Your honesty and integrity will be challenged).

Our WTA team was led again by Troll Advisor Jim Olson, with support from the Habitat Committee Chair Joel Kawahara, the Highly Migratory Species Chair Doug Fricke, and ... roommates Joe Dazey and me, and, NEW GUY, Mike Ziara . We were blessed to have Mike take the time to travel down to observe the process and offer guidance, particularly during state meetings. In spite of the steep learning curve, there is no doubt that he was an asset to the team.

Our season was influenced by fisheries to the north and hatchery reductions, but thanks to the leadership

of Phil Anderson and his staff (Note to self: Write thank you notes to Phil, Doug Milward, Wendy Beeghley and Pat Patillo), we salvaged a "total allowable catch" (TAC) higher than many of us had prophesized. The spring fishery, as directed at the WTA Puyallup meeting, should put smiles on those who head north or pursue other fishery opportunities as well as those who seek to stay home and fill local market demands (Note to self: propose to levy a WTA fine of \$1.00 every time someone uses the term "professional" or "boutique" when referencing our members). The summer fishery will start out at 50 Chinook and 50 coho per week and hopefully, the quota will be caught by September.

There was much discussion regarding halibut and I fear too much became "public." If we do not catch our allocation, or imply that we cannot because of low Chinook abundance, there are others who covet our halibut pounds. We really need someone to sit in on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel discussions (GAP) to protect our interests. (Note to self: There is an 'Open Access' position available right now. Publicize it to our members and hopefully, someone will step forward and protect our interests).

Finally, thank you for the opportunity to represent you during this season-setting process. Now it's back to work on the boat.

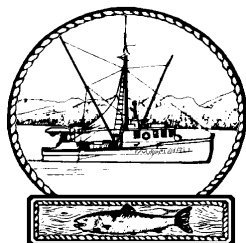
SAS Report – Jim Olson

This was the year with ups and a bunch of downs. We started out hearing about high fall returns and then found out that we would lose most of the fish to the northern fisheries .

With the help of the help of all the user groups we managed to put together a fair season which fits the wants of the board.

At this time I would like to thank all the

people that help with season setting process: Joe Dazey, Joel Kawahara, Steve Wilson, Doug Fricke, Mike Zara and everyone that called with their suggestions. We are a group of professional fishermen, regardless of size, that have come together for the betterment of all. We need to stand together as one to keep the industry strong.



Voyage Termination Rules

The following is taken from the Federal Register and describes the conditions under which the Coast Guard can terminate your trip.

§ 28.65 Termination of unsafe operations:

(a) A Coast Guard Boarding Officer may direct the master or individual in charge of a vessel, with the concurrence of the District Commander, or staff authorized by the District Commander, to immediately take reasonable steps necessary for the safety of individuals on board the vessel if the Boarding Officer observes the vessel being operated in an unsafe manner and determines that an especially hazardous condition exists. This may include directing the master or individual in charge of the vessel to return the vessel to a mooring and remain there until the situation creating the especially hazardous condition is corrected or other specific action is taken.

(b) Hazardous conditions include, but are not limited to, operation with—

(1) An insufficient number of lifesaving equipment on board, to include serviceable Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), serviceable immersion suits, or adequate survival craft capacity.

(2) An inoperable Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) or radio communication equipment when required by regulation. There should be at least one operable means of communicating distress. When both are required, then at least one must be in operable condition to avoid termination of the voyage;

(3) Inadequate firefighting equipment on board;

- (4) Excessive volatile fuel (gasoline or solvents) or volatile fuel vapors in bilges;
- (5) Instability resulting from overloading, improper loading or lack of freeboard;
- (6) Inoperable bilge system;
- (7) Intoxication of the master or individual in charge of a commercial fishing vessel. An individual is intoxicated when he/she is operating a commercial fishing vessel and has an alcohol concentration of .04 percent, or the intoxicant's effect on the person's manner, disposition, speech, muscular movement, general appearance or behavior is apparent by observation;
- (8) A lack of adequate operable navigation lights during periods of reduced visibility;
- (9) Watertight closures missing or inoperable;
- (10) Flooding or uncontrolled leakage in any space; or

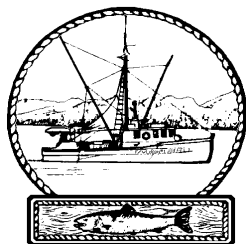
A missing or expired certificate of class, as required by 46 U.S.C. 4503(1), for a fish processing vessel.

(c) A Coast Guard Boarding Officer may direct the individual in charge of a fish processing vessel that is missing a Load Line Certificate, or that does not comply with the provisions of the Load Line Certificate issued by the American Bureau of Shipping or a similarly qualified organization, to return the vessel to a mooring and to remain there until the vessel obtains such a certificate.

Membership Renewal – Sue Dazey

Once each year you have a new opportunity to show your support for WTA, and our fishing community. By doing so, you give this organization the means to continue its ongoing efforts negotiating economically viable troll fishing seasons. If your time to renew is now, please take a moment to write that check.

The Board recently clarified WTA's renewal policy: If your current renewal date is within 12 months of your previous dues payment anniversary, the date will stay the same for next year. If it's over 12 months, you will start a new membership cycle, with the renewal due the month your check was received.



WTA Associate Members

Anderson Attorney-at-Law, Paul Anderson	(206)467-0237
Ballard Sheet Metal Works, Inc., Custom Fabrication for Fishing and Processing, Seattle	(206)784-0545
Bayview Building Materials, Westport, WA bayview@comcast.net	
Co-Ho Enterprises, Ilwaco, WA coho@willapabay.org	
D & M Live Crab - Dave Wolfenbarger	(360)268-9319
Ecola Seafoods, Canon Beach, OR	
Englund Marine Supply Co. Complete Marine Service, Astoria & Westport	(360)268-9311
Harbor Marine Supply, Westport, WA	(360)268-9166
High Tide Seafoods, Buyer, Ernie Vail, owner; Port Angeles, Neah Bay, LaPush	(360)452-8488
Hingston, Phil, of Jones, Kushman, Hingston Certified Public Accountant, Seattle	(206)285-2777
Icicle Seafoods, Lew Warner, Dillingham, AK	(907) 842-5204
Ikes's Fish, W.H. & Kiyoko Kendall	(360)697-6781
J & G Marine Supply, Don and Harold Jacobson, Tacoma	(253)572-4217
Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Co., Inc.—Salmon Buyer; Pierre Marchand, owner/manager	(360)648-3773
Masco Petroleum, Westport, WA	(360) 537-9744
New Day Fisheries, Inc., Scott Kimmel, Port Townsend	(360)385-4600
Pacific Net and Twine, Ltd., Richmond, BC, Frank Nakashima, Mgr	(604)274-7328
Redden Net Co. (Steveston) Ltd., Richmond, BC, Canada	1(866)233-1422
Sampo Inc., Manufacturing Terminal Tackle/Fishing and Marine Supplies, Barneveld, New York	(315)896-2606
Schiewe Marine Supply, Commercial Fishing Supplies, Newport, Oregon	(514)265-7382
Seafood Producers Cooperative, Bellingham, Sitka	(360)733-0120
Seattle Marine and Fishing Supply, Co., Commercial Gear and Marine Hardware; Sea	(206)285-5010
Select Fish, Quality Buyer, Airport Way in Seattle	(206)767-2642
Sid's Super Market, serving Seaview, Long Beach and Ilwaco, WA	(360)642-3737
Silver Horde—Gold Star Sports and Commercial Fishing Lures and Supplies, Lynnwood, WA	(425)778-2640
Ted's Red Apple Market, Serving Westport and the fishing fleet with their grocery needs	(360)268-9650
U.S. Seven Oceans, Inc, Jinkai Monofilament Trolling Line and Gear, Mukilteo, WA	(425)347-7770
United Trollers Fund, Phil Hingston, Mgr., Seattle, WA	(206)285-4341
Washington Crab Producers, Bottom fish, salmon, crab, shrimp - wholesale, retail, Westport	(360)268-9161
WESMAR—Western Marine Electronics, Woodinville, WA	(425)481-2296
Westport Diesel Service, Westport, WA	(360) 268-0669

WTA Retired Associate Members

Steve Spleen, Richard Haugen, Augie Roehr, Lloyd Gowdy, Karl Kollen, George Walden.

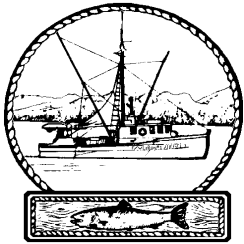
WTA Membership Application Form

Yes, I would like to renew my WTA membership

Name _____	Boat Name _____	Size _____
Street Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Phone # _____	Cell # _____	
Email _____		
Troll Licenses (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> WA <input type="checkbox"/> OR <input type="checkbox"/> CA <input type="checkbox"/> AK <input type="checkbox"/> Albacore		
Port of Registration: <input type="radio"/> Ilwaco <input type="radio"/> Port Angeles <input type="radio"/> Seattle <input type="radio"/> Tacoma <input type="radio"/> Westport		

- Fisherman's membership - \$150 / yr from subscribing date
- Associate / Business / Retired membership - \$50 / yr from subscribing date
- 1% Season donation included if not contributed through season buyer
- Additional donation to help us represent trollers with meetings, marketing, and season setting.
- I would like to receive my newsletter by email

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