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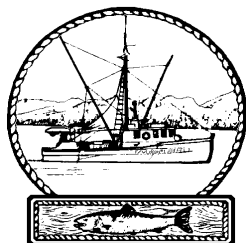
As in 2008, disaster is the best way to describe the way that the 2009 troll season is coming together for the area South of Cape Falcon. The continued collapse of the Chinook run in the Sacramento River system has led the CA delegation to propose no ocean salmon fishing off of the CA coast. The options have gone out with a minimum trolling opportunity off of Oregon after Sept. 1, but there is strong indication that it will not happen. The lack of opportunity South of Falcon will likely cause several Oregon trollers to shift their effort to the area North of Cape Falcon. We think that the North of Cape Falcon troll fishery will have a few more Chinook available in our quota this year, but the increase in effort from South of Falcon trollers will likely reduce the catch for those that traditionally troll North of Falcon. As you can see from the attached options, the proposed Chinook quota ranges from 22,500 to 10,000. There are considerably more coho forecast for harvest in 2008. The coho run into the Columbia River is forecast to be over one million fish. However, WDFW is committed to marked select harvest for the Coho harvest and the only chance that we might have of an all Coho harvest would have to be after September 1. Another bright spot in the salmon projections is the forecast of over 20 million Pink salmon to return to a combination of the Frazer River and Puget Sound Rivers. Is anyone interested in trolling for Pink salmon in 2009?

Since last season there has been pressure from WDFW to move the Chinook troll fishery into a marked select fishery that is similar to the marked select Coho fishery. In 2010 the salmon out of the Columbia River hatcheries are going to have clipped adipose fins. This year there are no Chinook marked select troll fisheries proposed, but WDFW wants to make our 2010 Chinook fishery into a marked select fishery. Oregon trollers have started a "genetic stock identification" (GSI) program that may be used to identify what Chinook stocks we are catching on the ocean. The WTA Board has evaluated the GSI program and thinks the program might be a long term means to avoid Chinook marked select fisheries.

As you can see, many issues affecting our industry are constantly changing. Ed Owens has been busy in Olympia dealing with F&W Commission representation and proposals to increase licenses. Our marketing committee is working with the Makah Nation to continue our marketing and public education program. Don't forget that those with VMS can retain an incidental by catch of one ling cod for each 20 salmon up to 10 ling cod total per delivery. (continued P2)

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## President's Report (continued)

Again, big thanks to Jim Olson (Our PFMC rep) who led our crew of Joe Dazey, Glen Aurdahl, and Joel Kawahara at the Seattle PFMC meeting. We are headed for San Francisco the first week in April to finalize the 2009 season. Be sure and come to the port meetings or contact the Board Members

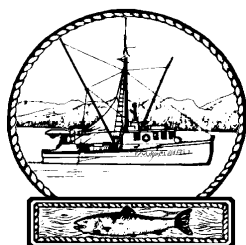
directly to let your views known on how to best utilize the fish that we have available for 2009. We hope everyone can make it to a port meeting in your area. Also, if you are around Westport on March 30, at 7 PM, the PFMC will be taking comments on how to manage our fishery.

## A Pound of Salmon, its Carbon Footprint & Marked Select Fisheries – Tony Rouff

For most of the trip boats fishing the Washington Troll Fishery the season plan is to be ready May 1<sup>st</sup>. Travel to the coast and fish whatever openings are available in hopes of making a few dollars before having to move on to other fisheries such as tuna, Alaska salmon, or black cod. The amount you make varies from year to year but is an important contributor to the overall income of the boat come years end. This describes a normal season on the Dream Catcher. Barbara and I top the diesel tanks off in Seattle and head out usually for Neah Bay, fish as many openings as weather allows, then deliver our last catch to Westport where we replace the fuel and get ready for the tuna grounds. This last year we used 775 gallons. Even though we don't have a flow meter on the boat to break out each trip a bit of high school division tells that for each gallon diesel burned we caught only 1.8 pounds of salmon for the 2008 season, 2007 was a bit better at 2.8 gallons per pound. From this info it won't be difficult to figure out that were not Highliners but that's not the point. Compare this to tuna fishing which has long enjoyed the reputation of being the most fuel thirsty fishery with boats dropping out all over the world because of high fuel costs. Last year wasn't a spectacular tuna year but even so we managed 24.7 pounds of tuna per gallon of diesel and 2007 almost the same with 24.8.

Now lets think about carbon footprint. The EPA says that each gallon diesel burnt releases 22.2 pounds of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere, gasoline is a little less at 19.4. Does this mean the carbon footprint of a pound of salmon caught aboard the Dream Catcher is 12.3 lb CO<sub>2</sub> and a pound of tuna just under 1 lb. Don't know Im not a scientist rocket or otherwise but it does seem we are approaching the point of not being responsible to the environment. Especially if our catch rate is further cut by a marked select fishery. If the marked rate is 50% would our carbon footprint double? I guess it really wouldn't matter aboard the Dream Catcher, having to shake loose every other King Salmon would be a death blow to that fishery in all but the highest abundance years. Carbon Footprint should also be a concern when considering low landing limits.

Not claiming to be a conservationist, I still drive a full sized truck and bitch that the tree huggers are out of hand but still we have the responsibility to try and use resources wisely. The earth gave up the diesel oil, evidence is growing that global warming is real, and hopefully salmon are a renewable resource.



## CROOS Report – Paul Johns

WTA was invited to send some delegates to a meeting of the West Coast GSI Collaboration In Newport Oregon. Jim Olson, Kim Reisbick, Paul Johns and Joe Dazey attended.

The Oregon Salmon Commission, together with scientists from Oregon State University and state federal agencies formed the CROOS PROJECT IN 2006 through funding by the Salmon Disaster Fund and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

The CROOS PROJECT (Collaborative Research on Oregon's Ocean Salmon) was formed because of the inadequate science that supports the management of multi-stock ocean fisheries.

The objective of CROOS is to address the problems of wide area ocean closures that protect weakened stocks and to understand the behavior and migration patterns of the individual salmon stocks.

In 2006 most of the Oregon fishery was shut down due to the weak run of the Klamath River Chinook. Again in 2008 California and Oregon fisheries were closed due to low returns to the Central Valley hatcheries.

CROOS developed a pilot project to test GSI (Genetic Stock Identification) and the GAPS (GENETIC Analysis of Pacific Salmonoids). The purpose is to identify in "Real Time" the areas that these stocks occupy during their travel up and down

our coast. This real time data allows fishery managers to determine if we would be fishing on a weak stock or one that is healthy. We could then relocate the fleet to a different area rather than close the entire area. They used the Oregon fishing fleet to provide GSI sampling for the scientists in order to develop the management profiles for their areas. In 2007 PROJECT CROOS utilized 93 boats, fishing a total of 853 days on the water in order to provide 3360 GSI samples while enabling the fishermen to retain their catch.

By using the fleet as trained samplers, CROOS was able to develop estimates of stock profiles and this year they are going to address the PFMC (Pacific Fisheries Management Council) on the importance and value of future GSI testing in their area. They are worried about continued testing in the coming year because of the low Central Valley stocks and California's concern regarding fishing of their stocks as extremely low returns which make up approx. 26% of the Oregon catch.

Later in the afternoon, we broke up into smaller groups that discussed such items as website, marketing, management, sampling protocol & science tools. I went to the meeting on sampling protocol and learned the proper procedure to produce a usable scale sample and GSI fin sample along with proper techniques of listing and labeling for proper fish to sample inventory. Also mentioned were the addition of real time data loggers that may be used in the future and seemed to be even simpler than paper forms.

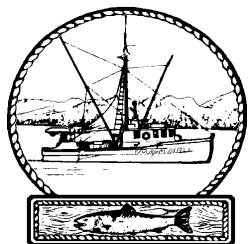
## PFMC Report – Jim Olson

With the first PFMC meeting over we have a full set of options to consider. Over the next 3 weeks we will condense these down to one final option. To have your input be sure to attend your port meetings and the board meeting.

This year we have a lot of coho and the Chinook will be about the same as last year. The stock mix will be a little different with the spring creek hatchery being down. There will be pinks this year on the north end.

California will have no fishing again this year and Oregon will be severely restricted to some fall fisheries.

Uncertainty lingers over the Sacramento Fall Chinook run with in-river sport seasons undetermined as well as the effect on 2010 of Oregon credit card fisheries.



## 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.

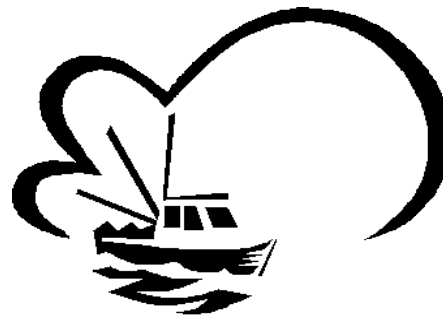
The Board recently clarified WTA's renewal policy: If your current renewal date is within 12 months of your previous dues payment anniversary, the date will stay the same for next year. If it's over 12 months, you will start a new membership cycle, with the renewal due the month your check was received.

## Port Meeting Schedule

Westport – March 22 at Ferry Boat Office, 7:00PM

Ilwaco – March 23 at the Port Office, 6:00PM

Seattle/Port Angeles/Tacoma – March 20, Nordby Room, Fisherman's Term., 6:30PM



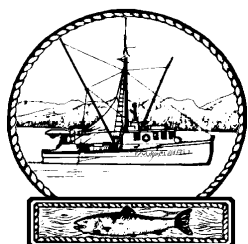
## Upcoming WTA Board Meetings

Friday, **March 27**, to discuss options for submittal to PFMC

The meeting will be held at the Puyallup Nazarene Church, 1026 7th SW, Puyallup, WA 98371. You can get a map at the following link:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Puyallup&state=WA&address=1027+7th+Sw&zipcode=98371>

There will be a light meal served at 6:00pm. The meeting starts at 6:30pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing [jdazey@centurytel.net](mailto:jdazey@centurytel.net) or calling (360) 638-1135 not later than the Tuesday preceding the meeting.



## Marketing (Now Promotion/Outreach) – Jeremy Brown

Efforts to get the word out about Washington Troll Salmon have continued this winter. Amy Grondin and I attended the Slow Food 'Terra Madre' conference again in Turin, where we were able to interact with many chefs and other food industry folks involved in the grass-roots side of promoting real, healthy food. Sometimes you go halfway round the world to meet someone from just down the street!

WTA is on track to continue our very well received 'Chef's Lunch' at the nationally recognised Lark restaurant. This event gives us a chance to answer questions and explain issues which otherwise, left to linger, can easily lead chefs to chose alternatives to our salmon. There is a lot of uncertainty in many folk's minds about Washington salmon- how sustainable is the fishery, what about hatchery management, climate change, pollution, and so on? This leads me to my main point; it is what each and every troller does to connect with the public and potential salmon consumers which will determine how we survive. As Roger Downey pointed out in a Seattle Weekly piece on Washington salmon, '



everyone in Seattle knows someone who knows a troller', so it is not that hard for each of us to make a positive difference, or to turn people off. Even if you don't market your own fish, everyone who knows you is a potential salmon consumer, and if they have a positive impression from you, they will in turn feel positively about Washington salmon.

General Motors got to be where it is today by making a 'just barely good enough' product, getting their butt kicked by the likes of Toyota who pursued excellence through what is called 'Total quality management'. Most salmon, and other seafood is still being landed on the 'just good enough' schedule, and so is like General Motors, barely surviving.

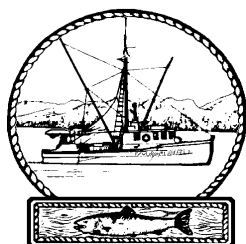
This season we all need to commit to making every single fish we land as perfect as it can possibly be. For direct marketers, that means unconditionally guaranteeing every fish, and for the conventional wholesale market, moving beyond 'good enough' to making the buyer want to make sure you come back next trip, which usually means raising the price a bit!

Be careful out there, Jeremy.

### ***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	_____
			<b>Total</b>	<b>_____</b>

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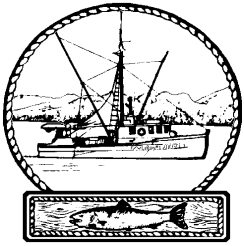


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### WTA Membership Application Form

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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