

# Washington Trollers Association

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## President's Message

As predicted, disaster is the best way to describe the way that the 2008 troll season is coming together for the area South of Cape Falcon. The collapse of the Sacramento River system has led to a directive from NMFS that there will likely be no ocean salmon trolling south of Cape Falcon. The options have gone out with a minimum trolling opportunity South of Falcon, 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 will see from this Newsletter, the three 2008 season options are complete. See Steve Wilson's report on our week in Sacramento with the bureaucrats where the season options were created. Jim Olson, our PFMC rep, led our crew of Steve Wilson, Joel Kawahara, and me. The help is really appreciated. We are headed for Seattle the first week in April to finalize the 2008 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 few fish that we have available for 2008.

We hope everyone can make it to a port meeting in your area. Also, if you are around Westport on March 31, at 7 PM, the PFMC will be taking comments on how to manage our fishery.

## WTA Directors

### Port Angeles:

Jeremy Brown *F/V Barcarole*  
Mike Ziara *F/V Ocean Home*

### Ilwaco:

Dick Good *F/V Pamela Jean*  
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### Seattle:

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### Westport:

Doug Fricke *F/V Howard H*  
Ron Harper *F/V Kathy Ann*  
Michael Baldwin *F/V Nellie M*

## Port Meeting Schedule

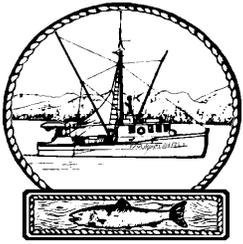
Westport	March 23 at 7:00pm, Ferry Office
Ilwaco	March 24 at 5:00pm, Port Office
Seattle	March 24 at 6:00, Nordby Conference Room, Fisherman's Terminal

This is your chance to express your views on the season options and share your opinions with the WTA Board on how the season should be conducted. Board members are elected at these meetings as well. Please try to attend.

## Public Hearing

The PFMC will hold a public hearing on March 31, 2008 to hear comments on the proposed salmon regulations.

7:00PM  
Chateau Westport  
710 Hancock St  
Westport, WA



## PFMC Report – Steve Wilson

Some of you who attended the March 1<sup>st</sup> WTA Board meeting might think your "team" heard what you wanted and came home from the Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting in Sacramento with your options in the package. Some might think we weren't listening at all . . . But we should all be thankful that our fishing opportunities do not depend upon California and/or Oregon licenses.

Remember that there are several other players in the PFMC process who may not support your wishes. That's why I am especially proud to be part of a team whose focus is your best interests. Led by Jim Olson, we also include Doug Fricke, Joel Kawahara, and me. Also remember that the options are a smorgasbord, you can mix and match. If there is preferred language in option two, for example, that you want in option 1, say so. Some refer to the March process as "setting sideboards." Option 1 is usually considered the most liberal; option 3 is usually the most restrictive.

Option 1 has 22,500 Chinook allocated for trollers in the traditional 2/3 spring and 1/3 summer split; option 2 has 17,500 with a WA state management team-suggested 50/50 split; and, option 3 has 12,500 with an area 1 quota of 15% overall take (1875 Chinook). The remaining quota is split 2/3 in the spring and 1/3 in the summer.

We heard you say that you wanted the Leadbetter Line language kept. It is in. So is the option to harvest 1 halibut with every 2 salmon, along with the status quo (last years' regulation) option.

### **SPRING OPTIONS**

Option 1 TAC 15,000 Chinook. This looks a lot like last year with 60 Chinook per vessel north of Leadbetter and 40 south for the first two openers (May 1-5 and 8-12). Five days fishing

and two days off is language the fishermen wanted but not the fish managers who have to count the fish. The third and any additional spring openers would see 60 Chinook north and 30 south of Leadbetter. We heard you say you wanted higher spring trip limits; 60 kings are the best we could get with these quotas.

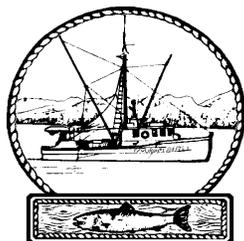
Option 2 TAC 8,750 Chinook. This features two different equal splits. Trollers are able to take 50 Chinook either north or south of Leadbetter in the Spring. The spring to summer split is 50/50. This option reveals our state's concern that Oregon licensed vessels, with little or no opportunity south of Falcon, will blow out not only the spring allocation but take the summer and perhaps the recreational fishery with it in area 1. To allow fewer fish in the spring might, to their thinking, reduce the number of fish taken over the cap, still leaving the summer with an estimated 1/3 of the troll TAC. Note-takers at the March 1<sup>st</sup> WTA meeting might remember the suggestion was for a spring allocation of greater than 2/3.

Option 3 TAC 7,083 Chinook north of Leadbetter and 1,875 Chinook south of Leadbetter. As noted above, this option subtracts 15% from the overall TAC and allocates it to area 1. When that number is taken, area 1 would be closed. 30 Chinook possession limits are in place above and below Leadbetter. Language here includes four days fishing with three days off, Friday through Monday.

### **SUMMER OPTIONS**

With concerns for low coho returns, all three option restrict gear to 6 inch long plugs or longer. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. All three options have four days fishing and three days off.

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## PFMC Report (cont'd) – Steve Wilson

Option 1 TAC 7500 Chinook and 4,000 marked coho. This has our season beginning July 1-2, then Saturday through Tuesday until Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Landing and possession limits are 40 Chinook and 25 coho north of Leadbetter and 20 Chinook and 25 coho south of the Leadbetter line.

Option 2 TAC 8750 Chinook or 4,000 marked coho. This has our season beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> and ends Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Landing and possession limits are 30 Chinook and 30 coho above and below Leadbetter.

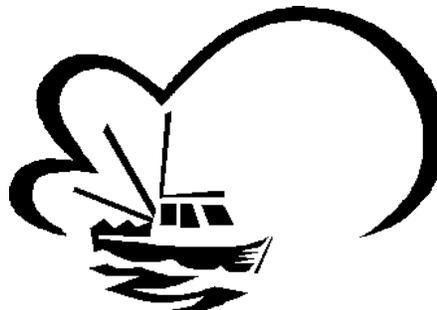
Option 3 TAC 3,542 Chinook or 2,400 marked coho. This has our season beginning July 4<sup>th</sup> and ending Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Landing and possession limits are 30 Chinook and 30 coho north of Leadbetter and the same south. Chinooks not caught in the spring fishery below Leadbetter would roll-over to the summer. The 2,400 coho would be shared between the north and south fisheries.

I am probably missing something but hopefully, you will be able to attend one of the upcoming port meetings and offer your suggestions.

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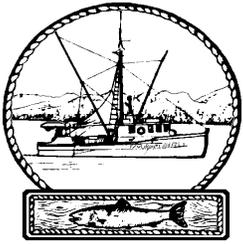
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## Upcoming WTA Board Meetings

Friday, **April 4**, to discuss results of March PFMC meeting  
Meetings are held at the Fife School District Administration Building  
5802 20<sup>th</sup> St E  
Tacoma, WA

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.



## Opinion – Steve Wilson

### A Piece of My Mind

With several news cameras, radio microphones and print media pencils looking for a quote during the Sacramento PFMC process, I paused to consider "the big picture." I think it was between Doug Fricke's response to a telephone call from a Seattle Times reporter and Jim Olson's and Joel Kawahara's in-person interview with a New York Times reporter that I became reflective. Words like "unprecedented, unequalled, exceptional" were used by those reporters. My train of thought became sidetracked.

Where were these reporters, these terms, last year? Last year, when Oregon trollers (deservedly so) received disaster funds for a year when Klamath-impacted harvests totaled only about 34,000 Chinooks south of Cape Falcon?\* You might recall that north of Falcon fishermen (that's us) last year took about 15,700 Chinooks. So let's do the math, 34K = a disaster, and 15.7K = a "good" season? Do you remember 2003, when we harvested over 66,000

Chinooks north of Cape Falcon and Oregon took over 329,000 south of Falcon? What has happened? Or, to follow another track, is my memory so short that I don't recall the same media frenzy in 1994 when there was NO Chinook harvest north of Falcon? . . . Or in 1995? . . . Or in 1996?\*\*\* Disaster relief?? I remember being given the opportunity to walk streams, count fish and cash an hourly wage check. . .

Make no mistake; I feel for our "brothers and sisters" in California and Oregon who are looking at a zero fishery. Do I know what they are feeling? I think so.

\*The numbers used are from the Pacific Fishery Management Council's "Review of 2007 Ocean Salmon Fisheries." -the "big book," distributed at the Sacramento meeting, notably pages 138 (South of Falcon), and p185 (north of Falcon).

\*\*\*Ibid, p 90.

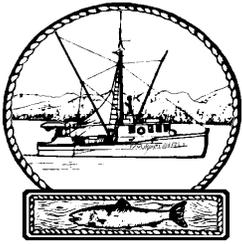
## SAS REPORT – Jim Olson

### A Piece of My Mind

Round one is over. It is now time for action. If you like the 1 for 2 split on the halibut, it's time to write to the PFMC and tell them so.

We have set up port meetings and a board meeting for the membership to tell us what you like and don't like in the options. Remember that these are just options at this time and they can be mixed and matched. Joel, Steve and Doug have sent a lot of there time helping get to this point so if you see them give them a big thanks.

The April PFMC is in Seatac it would be great to see a big turn out to see how the process works and be part of the action



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