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PRESIDENT'S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The new year, 2016, brings about some changes. WTA's Executive directors for the last eight years, Joe and Sue Dazey will be retiring out of the commercial and political fishing business after the January annual meeting and moving on to a different life style, sail boating. WTA's board of directors and general membership thank Joe and Sue for their years of dedication to WTA, and wish them much happiness in their new life style.

At the October 30, 2015, board meeting in Westport, the board of directors voted to hire Adrienne Jones and myself as Executive directors of WTA.

Adrienne comes with a long line of accomplishments, most notably, the former branch manager for Anchor Bank in Westport. After a legal opinion by attorney and long time associate member Paul Anderson, it was determined that my hiring as Executive Director did not violate any WTA bylaws nor state or federal laws. So, until some one steps up to run against me for the presidency of WTA, I will perform two functions and represent WTA as President and Executive Director. Not exactly the perfect situation, as I would prefer one position or the other, but that is how the board decided it had to be for now. Hopefully, some of the younger members who are in this business for the long haul will step forward and start taking a leader -ship role in their business association. As far as titles go, am not impressed by titles, it's the effort and results that count.

As far as 2015, and the state of WTA, it was a strong year for membership growth as we budgeted for five new members and ended up gaining 12, which puts WTA's membership over 100 out of 158 troll permits left in Washington. Very impressive, especially with five new members waiting to join after the first of the new year. Some of our gains came from Oregon trollers who bought Washington troll permits and wanted the advantage of WTA's representation. In interacting with the fleet, the positive feed back during and after the season was especially gratifying. Seems the season from an opportunity and financial stand point was a success. With the amount of travel time, time consuming meetings and in season conference calls, it is important to know that WTA is representing the membership in the best possible way.

While the immediate future, 2016, looks similar to the 2015 season, there are dark clouds on the horizon. The coast wide drought along with the lingering effects of one of the strongest El Nino's recorded will raise havoc with salmon survival at least through 2018. It will be paramount to keep WTA strong not only in good years but also during down turns in season productivity. As President and Executive Director, I appreciate your comments and look forward to representing you business's best interests.

Greg Mueller

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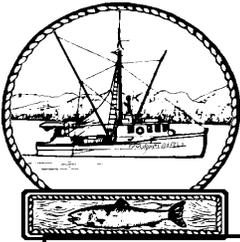
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Executive Director:

Greg Mueller

Executive Secretary/Editor:

Adrienne Jones



Your Dollars at Work

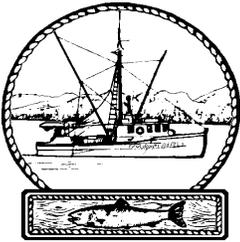
REPRESENTING YOUR BUSINESS

This will be a new article in each newsletter documenting the representation WTA members and their businesses receive for their dues money. Time and personal resources have been donated for this cause. A special note, with the exception of one meeting, WTA was the only troll group representing the industry at the meeting.

1. October 30, 2015, WTA board meeting
Westport, WA.
Interview and hire executive secretary
2. November 1, 2015, WEFish board meeting
Westport, WA.
Give guidance and advise to our alliance group
3. November 3, 2015, ocean mapping
Montesano, WA.
Protect fishing grounds and jobs from ocean energy
4. November 10, 2015, Grays Harbor Port Commission meeting
Port Office, Aberdeen
Recap 2015 ocean troll season for the port commissioners and staff
5. November 13, 2015, Congressman Derek Kilmer
City Administrative Offices, Aberdeen
Meet with Congressman Kilmer's new fisheries aid for an hour and a half. Came away much impressed.
6. November 13, 2015, Puget Sound Anglers
Westport, WA.
Strength alliance
7. November 16, 2015, Fundraiser
Chinook, WA.
Fund raiser for new representative JD Rosetti and Rep. Brian Blake, chairman of the House Fish and Wildlife Committee
8. December 6, 2015, WEFish board meeting
Westport, WA.
Work out details for food at WTA's annual meeting
9. December 9, 2015 Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council, (WCMAC)
Grays Harbor Port Office, Aberdeen, WA.
Ocean mapping, protecting fishing grounds and jobs from ocean energy
10. December 14, 2015, Port of Grays Harbor user group meeting
Westport, WA.
Work on solutions for port problems, the oil recycling facilities
11. December 18, 2015, Coastal Coalition of Fisheries, (CCF)
Westport, WA.
All day meeting covering commercial fisheries related issues
Again, with one exception, WTA was the only troll group at the table and it's not just being at the table, but being prepared to represent the industry on the issues.

Spoons

The WTA spoons for 2014 & 2015 have been fun and successful project for us, so with the help of Silver Horde We plan on having a custom order spoons for this coming season. The spoons have worked so well in the past that we are getting requests for past years patterns. Silver Horde doesn't want there loyal dealer base to think they are going after retail sales directly to WTA members, And I can completely understand that. So they suggest that any of the WTA members that would like To have any of the past patterns made go through Matt at Seattle Marine or Dean at Englund Marine. Silver Horde has said that they will be pleased to make us a limited addition 50 dozen run for 2016. They will go fast get your order in early! Kim Reisbick F/V High Hope



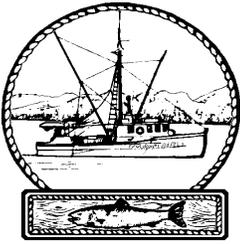
1% Program

Participation in the 1% program the last few years has been very disappointing. When the processors tell me that participation is at an all time low, we need to have a conversation on what it takes to run the Washington Trollers Association, and the benefits your business receives. WTA's annual budget runs about \$25,000, and that is with much donated time and personal resources. If you are interested enough, please come to the board meeting on Saturday, January 23, at 9:00 am and see how your money is being spent. Sure the board raised dues by \$100 per year, but WTA is still on the extreme low end of dues structure for commercial fishing associations. The Westport Charter Association charges \$400 per boat, plus they charge \$5.00 for each derby ticket sold, which brings in about \$70,000 in revenue. We both are responsible for attending the same meetings and representing our membership in the same process. The lack of participation is especially disheartening when Dean Ancich from South Bend Products has enough interest and foresight to not only contribute 1% for the only WTA member that had 1% taken out of his fish tickets, but also donated 1% of those that declined. That means that if you declined to donate the 1% off your fish ticket over at Sonny's, and donate on your own, you would have to contribute 2% to get the same contribution. Helping to fully fund your business association should be part of doing business as a troller, and included in your business's budget. As far as what you get for your money, much more than \$250.00 in representation. With WTA's paid affiliation with other commercial fishing organizations, you have a lobbyist in Olympia and Washington D. C. Representation at the state and federal levels, (PFMC), during the season setting process, plus an active voice on all in season conference calls. The new article, Representing WTA, will give you some idea of the amount of meetings not only attended, but being prepared and actively involved in the issues to represent your business.

Comments are welcome from the membership, Greg Mueller, President email, gregmueller@centurylink.net

WTA Logo Jackets & Sweatshirts

There has been some interest in heavy duty hooded sweatshirts and jackets with the WTA logo. As this would be a labor intensive project, we would need to know how many to order. This project would be on a preorder, prepay only basis. In the past, WTA has had WTA boat decals identifying supporting members. A WTA boat decal with a current year would signify a supporting business. Again, this would be a program the general membership needs to comment on. Please send comments to Adrienne at adrienneandjustin@comcast.net



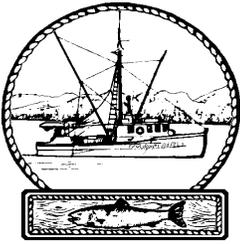
WTA Hats and Mugs

Blue Hat		_____	\$20	_____
Green Hat		_____	\$20	_____
Red Hat		_____	\$20	_____
Tan w/ blue Bill		_____	\$20	_____
WTA Mug		_____	\$20	_____
WTA Spoons	2014 style or New style. 1 doz.	_____	\$60	_____
			Total	_____

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WTA's Annual Meeting

After much deliberation the venue for WTA's annual meeting was changed away from Seattle and Fish Expo to the more friendly atmosphere of the coast and Westport, Washington. The reason for this change, declining interest and attendance stemming from the drive through Seattle's going to work traffic on Friday morning. Judging from the positive comments and increased attendance, the change proved to be a great success. The change in venue combined with an informative line up of guest speakers which included, Molly Bold of WEfish, former director of fisheries, Phil Anderson, long time ocean troll manager, Doug Milward, Washington troll adviser, Jim Olson, Caption Dan Chadwick of WDF&W Enforcement, and Tony Rentz representing the United States Coast Guard Commercial Vessel Safety. The WEfish gals provided a morning treat of donuts and coffee and a lunch of sandwiches, fruit and beverages. There were at least 48 trollers in attendance and the interest in the agenda evident from the questions asked. We can continue to build on this new format with input from our members. Your input is appreciated. Thank you to all of those that made WTA's annual meeting a success.



WTA Associate Members

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F/V Snapper Products	360-268-0294
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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
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Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Co., Inc.—Salmon Buyer; Pierre Marchand, owner/manager	360-642-3773
Jolly Roger Seafood, Sonny Peterson - buyer of crab, salmon, and albacore	(360) 593-0108
Masco Petroleum, Westport,WA	(360) 268-0076
New Day Fisheries, Inc., Scott Kimmel, Port Townsend	(360)509-1846
Pacific Net and Twine, Ltd., Richmond, BC, Frank Nakashima, Mgr	(604) 274-7328
Pacific Seafood/Washington Crab Producers, Bottom fish , salmon, crab, shrimp - Westport	(360) 268-9161
Philips Publishing - Fisherman's News	(206)284-8285
Sampo Inc., Manufacturing Terminal Tackle/Fishing and Marine Supplies, Barneveld, NY	(315) 896-2606
SAW Trolling Wire- St anley West, flexible Troll wire	(530)305-4480
Seafood Producers Cooperative, Bellingham, Sitka	(360) 733-0120
Seattle Marine and Fishing Supply, Co., Commercial Gear and Marine Hardware; Sea	(206) 285-5010
Silver Horde—Gold Star Sports and Commercial Fishing Lures and Supplies, Lynnwood, WA	(425) 778-2640
South Bend Products - Troll salmon buyer	(360) 875-6570
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
WESMAR—Western Marine Electronics, Woodinville, WA	(425) 481-2296
Westport Diesel Service, Westport, WA	(360) 268-0669
WFM Select Fish, Quality Buyer, Airport Way in Seattle	(206) 767-2642

WTA Retired Associate Members

Steve Spleen, Gary Aubertin, Steve Norwood. Bill Sipila, Larry Dean, Dave Greenidge
 Larry Engblom, Richard Ramsey, Bill Wilson, Richard Ramsey, Joe Dazey, Gary Colby,
 Steve Newell, George Walden

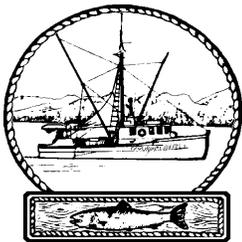
WTA Membership Application Form

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)	WA <input type="checkbox"/>	OR <input type="checkbox"/>	CA <input type="checkbox"/>	AK <input type="checkbox"/>	Albacore <input type="checkbox"/>
Port of Registration:	Ilwaco <input type="radio"/>	Port Angeles <input type="radio"/>	Westport <input type="radio"/>		

- Fisherman's membership - \$250 / year January through December
 - Business Associate - \$75 Combined Bus/Member - \$300 Retired - \$50
 - 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.
- Subscription: Fisherman's News or Pacific Fishing or Both (add \$7)

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