

# Washington Trollers Association

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## President's Message

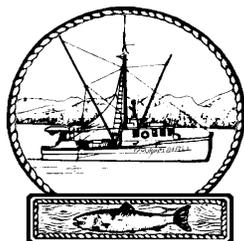
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Another fishing season is in the books and it was really a disappointing season. As you will see from Jim Olson's report, we did not catch our small allocation of chinook or coho this year. I personally spent some of May/June openers catching less than a hand full of salmon!! As I was fishing for tuna later in the summer, I heard of very few of our fishermen that caught their allowed weekly landing limits of chinook or coho. Thank goodness for the "disaster relief" federal funds that our guys are receiving along with the Trollers from Oregon and California. WTA put considerable effort into making that program happen along with WDFW. WTA is asking for a contribution of 1% of the funds you receive as a donation to keep the Association going as our receipts are going to be down this year as well with the reduced catch of the 2008 season. Also, don't forget to forward or prompt your buyer to forward the 1% assessment that is withheld from your fish ticket to help keep WTA going.

There is a little bit of good news in that those that have VMS will be able to legally retain some lingcod starting in 2009. At the June PFMC meeting, WDFW advanced our request to retain one ling cod for each 20 salmon aboard up to 10 ling cod per delivery. The PFMC gave their approval and we are on line starting in 2009 if we get a salmon trolling opportunity. Actually, the scientists from the Northwest Scientist Center are saying with the cooler water along the coast, it is significantly better for chinook and coho salmon survival. How that will translate into additional salmon trolling opportunity is way too early to predict. We have some real political and science concerns for the management of the hatchery production in the lower Columbia River which is where most of the salmon that we catch are produced. There are hatchery reform, Mitchell Act reductions, coho and chinook ESA listings, etc all going on in the Columbia River that will affect the future of the allowed catch of salmon in the ocean, both commercially and recreationally. Various WTA members are trying to stay involved and position salmon trolling for a good future, but I defy anyone to predict the future.

Our annual meeting is Nov. 22 at the Expo Center next to the Football Stadium. It is the same place that we have had it the last few years in conjunction with Fish Expo. Please mark it on your calendars and plan to attend. I hope to see you there, - Doug

- ### WTA Directors
- Port Angeles:**  
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Michael Baldwin *F/V Nellie M*



## Albacore Update – Doug Fricke

Because so many of our members fish for albacore, it is the position of the Board to monitor the albacore fishery. The good news is the Renewed Magnuson Act provides for an exemption from the Annual Catch Limits (ACL) that is required for the other domestic fisheries because the fishery is under international management. However, the potentially bad news is that the scientific group under the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission which is one of the international groups that manages our albacore fishery has called for interim management measures that will define a minimum allowable biomass for North Pacific albacore. NMFS and our US State Department is pushing hard to get the international community to reduce the fishing pressure on NP albacore. Next year the science committee will be evaluating whether albacore is sustainable or overfished!! It is hard to predict where this will lead in the future.

On the US/Canada Albacore Treaty, we are in a default condition which allows approximately 140 Canadian vessels to come into our EEZ on an annual basis. The two

albacore associations, WFOA and AAFA are pushing to get Canada to negotiate a lower number of Canadian vessels to come into our EEZ. There are several other factors involved that I would be happy to discuss with anyone that wants the details. The short report is that the Canadians are willing to negotiate lower numbers and I am involved in the process representing WTA.

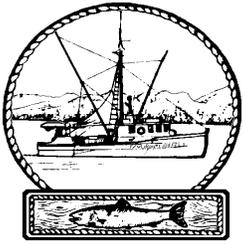
Right now, anyone can apply for and receive a license from NMFS Southwest Region at no charge. NMFS has announced that they will be assessing a fee for the licenses in the near future. It will be almost impossible for this fishery to become limited entry in the next two to three years, but NMFS currently has a contract to evaluate limited entry as a means of managing the albacore fishery. This contract is going to be presented to the PFMC in March and who knows what will happen after that. My advice continues to be the same, if you want to keep fishing for albacore in the future, you should try to get a State delivery ticket for a minimum of 1000 pounds a year.

## PFMC Update – Jim Olson

This year we have good and bad news. First the good news, all of the ocean conditions for next year are the best we have seen in many years. It looks like we will have more Chinook and coho for next year. At this time, the Sacramento has not met its egg take but the Klamath looks to be in a lot better shape this year. The bad news is that we left 6000 Chinook in the ocean this year. With the lack of coho quota, we continued fishing plugs and the fish were reluctant to take the plugs. With an

increase in the coho quota for next year, it looks like we may not need to go to a plug fishery in the summer fishery. Currently it looks like there will be a selective Chinook fishery in area 1 and 2 for the sport fishery. We will be fighting this selective fishery for the chimerical quota. I will be calling on some of the members for help with is fight.

On another topic, we have lost a great friend this week with the passing of Jim Spooner.



## Marketing Report – Jeremy Brown

It would be nice if WTA could say we anticipated everything that has happened in the markets (theirs and ours) and that all our investments were paying off handsomely. But we are fishermen, so we know nobody is that clever, or lucky, and now it seems the experts in the "other" markets are getting a lesson in the kind of unforeseen consequences we take in stride routinely.

Our season opened with some pretty stellar prices, and even when production picked up elsewhere, demand for Washington Troll-caught salmon remained very solid. As I am sure others did too, I got very positive comments from customers- Washington Troll-caught Salmon has a good solid reputation for being some of the very best salmon out there.

That reputation is going to be needed if we are to maintain 'our markets' as those 'other markets' go through their worst decline in close to eighty years. How we will fare will be largely dependent on how the economy does, but at least we now have a solid place at the top end of whatever economy there is. When prices drop, as they may well, it is easy to use that as an excuse to slack off, but that is precisely the time at which we need to make sure every

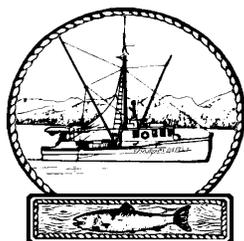
single fish we land is the very best.

Besides the 'Trade Lunch' at Lark restaurant, already reported, WTA presented troll-caught salmon at the first ever "Slow Food Nation" event in San Francisco. Over the course of Labor Day Weekend, several hundred thousand visitors got to experience the very best of seasonal, regional and distinct American food. With no California salmon season, and the drumbeat of negative press stories, there were a lot of questions about the future of fisheries, and Amy Grondin very eloquently explained not only how sustainable fisheries work, but also why it is so important to make them work by supporting them in the marketplace.

The theme "Eat it to save it" was repeated across the event as people discussed rare, unique and endangered foods, from heritage turkeys to heirloom tomatoes. Fisheries are an important part of that discussion, but tend to get left out, unless we, both collectively and individually, take part and present our stories. I would encourage everyone, whenever there is an opportunity, to speak up for fishermen, and present who we are and what we do.

## Remembering Jim Spooner

It is with the most sadness that I have to inform you that Jim Spooner passed away this month. It is assumed that he had a massive heart attack in the afternoon when he came in from the garden and fell over dead at his house. Jim was not only a great personal friend but also one of the oldest and most respected members of our fishing community. Having fished commercially along the West Coast since his boyhood years, Jim was respected for his knowledge and experience all along the West Coast. When Jim spoke, everyone listened. My condolences to his family and share in missing a great friend and companion. WTA has sent flowers to Jim's memorial. - Doug Fricke



## ***WTA Annual Meeting***

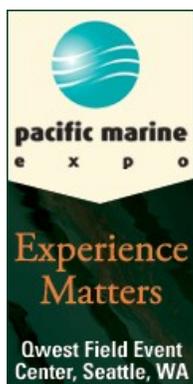
held in conjunction with Pacific Marine Expo  
9:00AM Saturday, November 11, 2008  
Quest Event Center, Media Room 1D47

Meet at Councourse Level entrance  
to Registration to get in, badges required.

## **Pacific Marine Expo**

November 20-22, 2008

Qwest Field Event Center, Seattle, WA

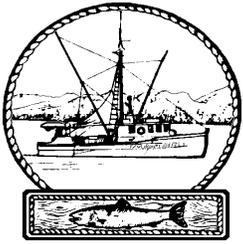


Pacific Marine Expo welcomes members of the Washington Trollers Association. As a valued member of the marine community we'd like to extend a free invitation to attend the show. Simply mention code **9579** when pre-registering to secure your free admission to the exhibit hall, a \$20 savings! To pre-register: visit [www.pacificmarineexpo.com](http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com) or call 800-454-3005.

For over 40 years, Pacific Marine Expo has been the longest running show for the Northwest commercial marine industry. Take advantage of the best buying opportunity of the year, where long-term relationships are still built on friendship, trust and handshakes.

This year's show is a must-see, with hundreds of exhibits, new products and several new and returning special events, including a daily happy hour, this show is THE place where you can get your business done and have a great time. Pre-registered visitors are automatically entered to win one of 50 \$100 Chevron gas cards or a weekend in Las Vegas when you pick up your badge at the show, visit [www.pacificmarineexpo.com/win](http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com/win) for more information.

Visit [WWW.PACIFICMARINEEXPO.COM](http://WWW.PACIFICMARINEEXPO.COM) for the most up-to-date show information, including: online registration, event schedule, session descriptions and speakers, the complete exhibitor list, special events, parking information and more.



## Disaster Relief – Joel Kawahara

The North of Falcon 2008 season ended on a high note for me when the disaster relief checks arrived in October. I have made a maintenance list that included buying a new raft, maybe a new vhf, some wood work. I also decided to help maintain Washington Trollers Association by donating us 1% of my disaster check. It does no good to have a nice boat if you do not have a season. Just look to the south and you will see lots of boats with new paint jobs or windows or engines or what ever that are tied to the dock that haven't and won't troll salmon for a couple years. I do not want us to ever be in that situation.

The job of writing a check to WTA is not easy, even though the disaster check was easy money. I'm thinking of the things I gotta do on the boat or with my miserable life and how those dollars would help a little bit. On the other hand I count the things WTA was able to do with our funds last year:

WTA funded the lunch at Lark restaurant that reinforces the idea that local salmon is available and two days fresher and two weeks earlier than Copper River fish. As a result of this lunch, troll caught Marbled Chinook was recognized by the Slow Food movement and we had two representatives of Washington Salmon, WTA board member Jeremy Brown and our consultant Amy Grondin, at the Annual Slow Food Terre Madre event in Italy - on Slow Food's dime.

Many WTA members attended the PFMC meeting in Seattle and contributed valuable input and political persuasion towards getting the 2008 season. WTA paid some of the expenses, I want to think we paid parking and got lunch for the guys who came for the day. We paid Steve Wilson's expenses for the week. Dick Goode and Steve Wilson got an additional 2500 Chinook on our quota by being in a meeting with WDFW official Phil Anderson that would not have happened if we could not pay to have them at the meetings. We got Dick Good

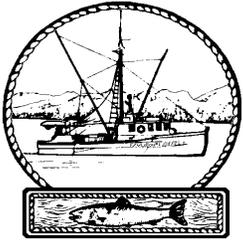
to come because he wanted the free lunch! WTA member Steve Wilson attended the PFMC meeting in Sacramento, California and helped maintain Washington presence in side meetings where we could other wise get lost in the noise of so many California interests.

WTA dues support the booth at fish expo. If you need a place to stash your coat or leave something while you go to lunch, you have it because someone will be at the booth watching stuff all day. By being at Fish Expo we demonstrate to the state (they come by every year) our pride about our fishery, small as it is.

When news organizations want to know something about the West Coast salmon fishery they can call us. Maybe they still get it wrong, but we are here to give them a straight version of events from a fisherman's perspective. WTA sends Doug Fricke to numerous meetings... but he keeps coming back. We'll keep trying!

As crazy as it seems all this stuff, and more, is what it takes to keep my boat fishing in Washington. I could pay the shipyard to recaulk the garboard seams with this money, but if there is no salmon season what good is that? I can not let the state look after my interests, as much as they want to. I can not let National Marine Fisheries Service look after my interests, I know for a fact they don't want me on the ocean at all; they just want oil rigs and fish farms out there. The only people I trust to look out for me are other trollers like Steve Wilson or Dick Goode or Doug Fricke or Jim Olson and I am more than willing to pay for them to help keep me on the ocean.

I am asking every troller to contribute 1% from their disaster check to help keep us all on the ocean. No other organization gets as much bang out of a buck as WTA. Whether you know it or not, WTA is as much a part of your business as any part of your boat. Please write WTA that check.



# WTA Hats and Mugs

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



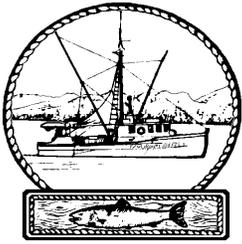
<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blue Hat	_____	\$20	_____
Green Hat	_____	\$20	_____
Red Hat	_____	\$20	_____
Tan w/ blue Bill	_____	\$20	_____
WTA Mug	_____	\$20	_____
		<b>Total</b>	<b>_____</b>

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# Booth 232

## WTA at Pacific Marine Expo

- ★ Pressure Bleeding Videos
- ★ Sample Pressure Bleeding System
- ★ Visit with Fellow Fishermen
- ★ News and Rumors

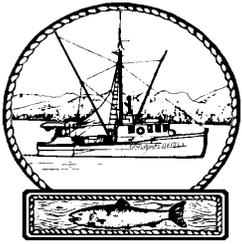


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Dyno Battery Co., Mfg. Electric Storage Batteries Seattle		(206)283-7450
Englund Marine Supply Co. Complete Marine Service, Astoria & Westport	1(800)228-7051, (541)325-4341	(360)268-9311
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New Day Fisheries, Inc., Scott Kimmel, Port Townsend	Fax: (360)385-6455	(360)385-4600
Pacific Fishing Magazine, Jon Holland, Editor	<a href="http://www.pfmag.com">www.pfmag.com</a>	Fax: (206)324-8939 (206)709-1840
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Sampo Inc., Manufacturers of 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	[WA] Fax: (360)733-0513	(360)733-0120
Seattle Marine and Fishing Supply, Co., Commercial Gear and Marine Hardware; Sea		(206)285-5010
Select Fish, Quality Buyer, Scott Barton, Airport Way in Seattle		(206)767-2642
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Rick Andries, Richard Haugen, Ron Wawworth, Diane Jones, Louis Miller, Ragnar Nergaard, Augie Roehr, Sandy Sanquist, Sig Sela, Harm VanSlyke, and Jack Warren.



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**WTA in  
 Booth 232**

### 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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