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President's Message

Welcome back to all our members. It is WTA's hope that all our fishing and associate members had a successful season. With the amount of time and effort that goes in to crafting a season that gives you the opportunity to be successful, it is gratifying to hear the positive feedback from the fleet. A quick recap of the 2015 North of Falcon ocean troll season shows trollers harvested 99.4% of our Chinook quota, leaving 695 Chinook uncaught, out of 67,000, and 26% of the coho quota. As California and Oregon had down seasons compared to 2014, and Alaska's Chinook troll season lasted a mere 8 days, Washington's troll Chinook were in demand. The way the NOF played out, trollers delivered a steady supply of Chinook to the processors while not flooding the market which resulted in favorable price stability throughout the season. The one downside to the season was the lack of interest in coho from the processors and fisherman which was reflected in the summer season long low price. With all the issues we had to work through to design the 2015 NOF troll season, WTA acknowledges WDF&W Salmon Policy advisor Kyle Adicks and Ocean Troll Manager Doug Milward for their dedication and commitment in making the 2015 NOF season a success.

Another issue that appeared before the season started was the fact that trollers, (and sporties), could not have salmon and tuna aboard at the same time. This federal law had been on the books for some time and never enforced, because no one knew it existed! Not only that, no one could give a reasonable explanation of why it existed. After many phone conversations and face to face meetings, WDF&W Deputy Director of Enforcement Mike Cenci and Captain Dan Chadwick assured me that, as the law was in the process of being changed, there would be no tickets written and WTA could take it to the bank! Many thanks to Mike and Dan for there common sense approach to this problem.

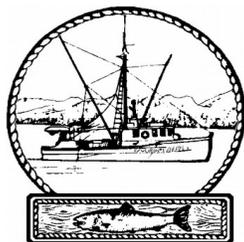
There are some changes in the works with WTA. After much thought and declining attendance related to traffic congestion in Seattle, we are going to move WTA's annual meeting away from Fish Expo in November, to Westport and sometime after January 1, 2016. I have already had positive feedback on this move and am open to any comments from the general membership.

As WTA's Executive Directors, Joe and Sue Dazey have wanted to retire from fishing and fish politics for the last couple of years, we will be interviewing a person for their position on Friday, October 30. Having been introduced to this person thru our alliance with WeFish, and knowing that she is highly qualified, am hopeful this will be a good fit. There will be some structural changes to WTA at that time and the membership will be kept informed. Joe and Sue have been our Executive Directors for the last 7 years and have gone above and beyond their job descriptions in doing a great job for the membership. They want to get on with their lives but have put off other endeavors until WTA could find a replacement, which was no easy task. (continued on P 2)

WTA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held in Westport in January at a date to be set later.

It will not be held in conjunction with Expo



President's Report - continued

WTA's signature gear project was a huge success again this year, thanks to member Kim Reisbick. Kim's #5 Best Bet spoon design for 2015, was "THE" hot lure for most of our fishermen thru the season. We were sold out almost immediately of the 50 dozen ordered plus the 15 dozen of the 2014 spoons. Am already getting orders for more of the 2015 spoons, so get your orders in as Kim is designing a new spoon for the 2016 season. This is a fun project that also raises money for the association.

There has been more than a little interest in WTA heavy duty hooded sweatshirts and jackets. This project would entail some time and effort and be on a preorder basis only. Again I am looking for comments from the membership.

WeFish was started in Grays Harbor by Molly Bold and Laura Roehrich, whose husbands are both members, and serves the commercial fishing industry as a family support group. Thru WTA's alliance and membership with WeFish, we were able to participate in an event called "TOUR GRAYS HARBOR." The event was conducted in the Westport boat basin and with a crab boat, gillnetter and Josh Roehrich's troller, the ILA, we explained how the boats fish, where their seafood comes from and the positive economic value of commercial fishing to about 150 people, a couple of Port

Commissioners and Congressman Derek Kilmer's staff. This was great exposure for our industry, especially with the fresh seafood spread WeFish put on! WTA will be participating in more of these functions with WeFish in the future, and they will be a big help during the 2016 legislature and sport priority.

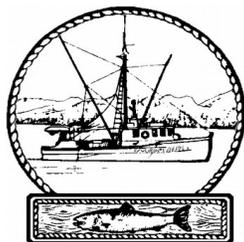
I'm not sure how many new members WTA budgeted for, but we far exceeded expectations with about 15 new members joining WTA! Not only that, but there are 5 more that are waiting to join after the first of the year. WTA now represents well over 100 of the 158 Washington troll licenses remaining. Representation is the key word and being a member of WTA means members get their money's worth!

With the amount of issues facing the commercial fishing industry such as derelict vessel laws, ocean mapping - ocean energy, crude by rail, the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and sport priority in the 2016 legislature to name a few, running WTA has become a full time job. And that does not count the 2 times a week conference calls with the state and the feds and interacting with the fleet during the season. As your President, I will continue to insure that WTA members get the best representation and build meaningful alliances to promote our industry. Respectfully submitted, Greg Mueller

Albacore Report – Doug Fricke

All of the major organizations that represent US albacore fishermen, WFOA, AAFA, OAC, and WTA are working together (finally) to influence the international management of North Pacific. It seems that when a major issue arises, Oregon Albacore Commission acts to arrange a conference call to get us all on the same page. Most of you know that the US/Canada Albacore Treaty is set for one more year with allowing 45 Canadian vessels to fish in the US EEZ and unlimited US vessels allowed to fish into the Canadian EEZ. If you decide to fish albacore in the Canadian EEZ next year, there is still a requirement to get on the US list of approved vessels and hailing into Canada Coast Guard prior to entering Canadian waters. What will happen in 2017 will have to be negotiated and is anyone's guess at this time. There should be meetings with the Canadians in 2016, but in the past, the negotiations were left to the last minute so it could be the spring of 2017 before anything happens on the future of the Treaty.

Internationally, at the Northern Committee (NC) meeting this summer which is the international group that has taken the lead in management of North Pacific Albacore (NPA), it was decided to go forward with a computer model called Management Strategic Evaluation (MSE) that will consider the stock status, ecological conditions, and socioeconomics of NPA. Incidentally, the MSE modeling is being pushed by the PFMC! It is estimated that it will take two to three years to put this model together. The goal of the model is to set up harvest control rules that will determine how much each country will be allowed to harvest in a case where the NPA becomes depressed. I personally think it is an impossible goal other than to set up a scenario where the US fleet access to NPA is disadvantaged compared to the other nation's fleets that harvest NPA. Right now the NPA biomass is considered healthy and harvested at sustainable levels.



Director's Report - Sue Dazey

With this, I'll be writing my last message to you as Executive Director, which you've been expecting for some time. Joe and I are retiring to the cruising life a la sailing catamaran, at last. The Board voted to have Greg Mueller fill that position but at the same time created the new position of "Executive Secretary" to work along with Greg. After discussion and an interview at the Board meeting on October 30, Adrienne Jones was hired to fill that position. These changes will go into effect as of November 1, 2015. Joe and I will work with Adrienne through January to assure a smooth transition as the job has become considerably more involved over these past years.

I'd like to give Adrienne a little bit of an introduction. She is a life-long resident of Westport and she and her husband have been active crab fishermen. They recently purchased a troller so you'll no doubt see them in that roll as well. Adrienne started her working career in real estate and more recently has been with Anchor bank, being the manager for several years before she had a family and became a stay-at-home mom. While managing two active youngsters she is nonetheless eager to maintain a professional working life and is now the treasurer for the new non-profit WeFish. She has been interested in increasing her career with WTA's new position and promises to bring valuable experience and talent to us. To that end, we have sketched out a training work schedule through January to assure a smooth transition. Adrienne will be opening a new PO Box in Westport and has offered her phone and email as our new official WTA contacts:

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Otherwise, I'll also remind you of the upcoming EXPO event. We will be at the booth to answer questions, promote the very special trolling life, and receive any dues that come our way.

As for dues, most members are paid up through the end of the year now, and everyone will come due again at the first of the year. If you pay now at Expo, it will cover you for all of 2016 and save you a stamp. At last we will all be on the same schedule. I appreciate your patience over the last year with the dues transition.

In terms of finances, our two sources of income are dues and 1% donations. We're doing fine on dues thanks to your support, and many new members, but we have yet to receive anything like the typical amount of 1% donations. We get much of this through the buyers, but some of you contribute your share individually. I'd like to request that if this is the case, you do so as soon as you can. Also, if you contributed through a buyer, you might give them a nudge to take care of that. Check with me if you're not sure of any of this.

One more heads up: For the first time **we will not be having our Annual meeting at Expo**. The traffic and timing made it very difficult for people to attend. The meeting will be in January along with a Board meeting that will include doing the annual budget. Watch for an announcement of time and date, or call us. We plan to have them on the same day, with lunch in between so you can be in on the whole picture if you choose. We'd welcome your participation!

Finally, Joe and I want to thank you for having us help with the WTA business over these past 8 years. It's been a fascinating foray into the world of trolling we never would have known. Fair winds!

Coalition Report – Doug Fricke

Dale Beasley, on behalf of the Coalition of Coastal Fisheries, has been busy this summer working with the Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Committee trying to make sure that the State Agencies recognize the importance of commercial fishing to the Coastal economy. The goal of the national program of Marine Spatial Planning is to find places along the coast for other uses such as wave and wind energy, aquaculture, mining etc. Greg Mueller and others have recently met with WDFW staff to map the areas of high, medium, and low use by WA salmon trollers. The idea is that areas of high and medium use would not be designated for other uses such as

wind and wave energy. In addition to the efforts of Dale and other Coalition members, there is an effort to get our Olympia lobbyist prepared for the Spring Legislative session. We have already been forewarned that there will be a renewed effort in 2016 to legislative pass "Sports Priority", along with the usual legislative issues such as shutdown hatcheries, doubling of the commercial license fees, and shutdown Willapa/ Grays Harbor gillnet fisheries. Needless to say, there are a lot of issues that we will need representation in Olympia to deal with. If you know of an issue that affects our fisheries that is new for the 2016 legislature, please contact Doug or Greg.

WTA Booth 328, Pacific Marine Expo – See you there!



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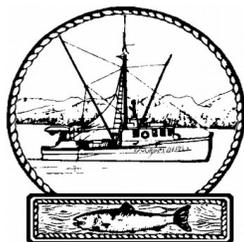
Pacific Marine Expo welcomes members of the Washington Trollers Association and extends a free invitation to attend the show Nov. 18 - 20 in Seattle. To pre-register visit www.pacificmarineexpo.com or call 800-454-3005.

Visit www.pacificmarineexpo.com for show information, including online registration, event schedule, session descriptions and speakers, the complete exhibitor list, special events, parking information, travel information and more.

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 | _____ |
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| 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, WH. & Kiyoko Kendall | (360) 697-6781 |
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| Line Caught Seafoods, Lane Salter | (360) 556-2085 |
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| New Day Fisheries, Inc., Scott Kimmel, Port Townsend | (360) 385-4600 |
| 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) 285-0765 |
| Redden Net Co. (Steveston) Ltd., Richmond, BC, Canada | (866) 233-1422 |
| Sampo Inc., Manufacturing Terminal Tackle/Fishing and Marine Supplies, Bameveld, NY | (315) 896-2606 |
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| SAW Troll Wre – Stan West, Forest Hill, CA | (530)305-4480 |
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| 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 |
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| WESMAR—Western Marine Electronics, Woodinville, WA | (425) 481-2296 |
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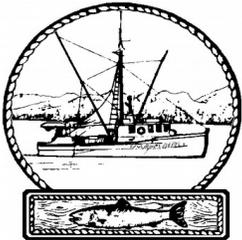
WTA Membership Application Form

Yes, I would like to renew my WTA membership

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| 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 (check 1): | Ilwaco <input type="radio"/> | Port Angeles <input type="radio"/> Westport <input type="radio"/> |

- Fisherman's membership - \$250 year (\$12.50 per month in 2014)
- Associate Business membership - \$75 year / Combined fisherman and business – \$300 year
- Individual or Retired - \$50 year
- 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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