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# Washington Trollers Association

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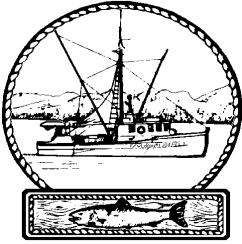
## President's Message

In a little over two months, we should be able to start our 2012 salmon troll season. With the nice weather that we have had in February, I am anxious to get out on the ocean. The troll opportunity this spring/summer South of Falcon is looking considerably better this year with the apparent recovery of the Sacramento Chinook Stocks. This should give the South of Falcon fishermen less incentive to come North of Falcon.

For North of Falcon which includes the Coast of WA, we are looking for a slight increase in Chinook harvest opportunity over the 2011 season. The Lower Columbia Chinook stocks which supply the biggest percentage of our catch are predicted to be similar to last year, but the new Columbia Tule abundance based management should allow a higher ocean exploitation rate of the Tules. However, the high strength of the upper Columbia River Chinook stocks will allow higher harvest off of Canada and Alaska which may nullify any increased opportunity off the WA Coast. We will know the final numbers at the end of the PFMC meeting in early April. The Coho prediction is down from 2011 and we don't expect much opportunity on Coho in 2012.

This winter, the WTA has been working with the Coalition of Coastal Fisheries (CCF) to counter the federal initiatives to force wind/wave energy and ocean aquaculture onto the WA coast through the National Ocean Policy. Either of these initiatives will displace salmon trolling in areas of the ocean. Our position is that that the State of WA should decide what the best use of our coast ocean is and that existing uses should have priority. To accomplish this, Ed Owens, our lobbyist, is working to get State legislation, SB6159 and SB 6263 passed. Ed has also been working with Rep. Blake to review the benefits of the State salmon hatcheries as there is considerable pressure to shut down hatcheries with the State budget shortfall and emphasis on wild stock recovery. Ed will be retiring this year and finding a replacement will be challenging. At a minimum, the WTA will likely have to increase our contribution to CCF to find someone close to Ed's abilities. If anyone has a suggestion on a replacement for Ed, be sure and contact me as soon as possible. Another issue that we are working on with the CCF is a Federal requirement for all commercial fishing vessels to have a "Water Discharge Permit". Right now the proposed regulations are in draft form, but they appear to be another paperwork headache for the fishermen. The draft permit regulations propose that there be no oil leaks, clean decks, no release of fish parts, etc and you will have to record an inspection every 4 months!

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## President's Message (cont'd.)

At the January Board meeting, WTA decided to continue the troll salmon marketing campaign with the Makah Nation. Jeremy Brown and Joel Kawahara are working with Amy Grondin to put together a program for 2012. When you see the prices we have received for our troll salmon the last couple of years, this marketing program seems to be helping. Anyone with ideas should contact Jeremy or Joel.

WDFW presents the 2012 salmon stock status on Feb.28 and that is the official start to the process of determining the 2012 troll seasons. Jim Olson and crew will be attending the PFMC meeting in Sacramento in the first full week of March to put together the 2012 options. Any WTA members with opinions or the desire to participate are encouraged to attend our WTA Board meeting in Puyallup on the evening of Feb.28.

## About: Evans Manufacturing

Evans Manufacturing is a family business located in Marysville that has been making products for the commercial and sport fishing industries since 1916. We have an interest in knowing what is happening in the trolling industry, so we decided to become members of the Washington Trollers Association . We work hard to build our products well and continually improve them. We recently purchased and are continuing to develop the Talbot trolling float product line. We hope to get feedback from the trollers so we can improve our products and better serve the needs of the industry.

Please contact us if you have any questions about a floats, fishing tackle, or other products and services. Thank you. Email: [info@evansmfgco.com](mailto:info@evansmfgco.com). Phone: 360-652-4200. Mail: PO Box 184 N. Lakewood, WA 98258-0184

## Upcoming WTA Board Meetings

Tuesday, **February 28**, to discuss options for submittal to PFMC

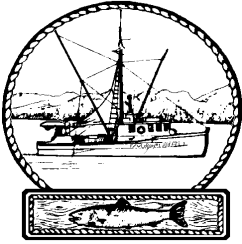
Thursday, **March 29**, to discuss results of March PFMC meeting

Meetings are held at the Puyallup Nazarene Church

1026 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW

Puyallup, WA 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 four days preceding the meeting.



## Editor's Notes – Joe Dazey

This edition of the newsletter incorporates a couple of changes that were suggested by members. The first is that the officers of WTA are identified on the first page. Prior to this, they were only listed as directors. The new format mirrors that of the WTA web site.

A new feature is a brief article about one of our new associate members, Evans Manufacturing. In the future we will be soliciting articles about our associate members and running them as space permits. WTA appreciates the support we receive from our associate members, and I encourage you to support them in return.

If you have any additional suggestions regarding improvements to the newsletter, please send them me. Contact information is on the front page of this newsletter and on the web site: [www.washingtonrollers.org](http://www.washingtonrollers.org).

Several of our fishermen participated in the genetic stock identification (GSI) sampling project last year. For some, it was a nice supplement to their season. It now looks like there will be funds available to continue the project in 2012 and although the budget has not been finalized, we expect to provide greater compensation to the fisherman. Let me or Doug know if you're interested in participating.

There are two WTA Board meetings coming up. While these are normally held on Friday, PFMC meetings and North of Falcon meetings have caused us to change the days of the week to Tuesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 29. Be sure to note these changes on your calendar.

## WTA Hats and Mugs

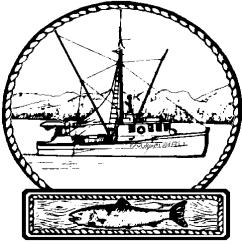


We have a fresh supply of WTA hats and some new mugs. The hats come in red, blue, green and tan with a blue bill. The mugs are blue with white logo. Both are \$20 each. An order form is available on the web site.

## Season Forecast – Jim Olson

The lower river fish looks like last year with a different mix of lower river hatchery and spring creek. We will have a large return of upriver brights, and this will move a few of our lower river tule impacts to Canada and Alaska. We will be down approximately 35K Coho from last year

As we start a new year of fish management and season setting, we need to look at the Spring fisheries and the Summer fisheries. One question to look at is what do we do to get more value for the fish to the fisherman? This will be a topic that will be addressed at the board and port meetings which are open to the membership. Your voice is needed to help shape the seasons. As salmon adviser to the PFMC it is my job to represent all the trollers of Washington so I look forward to everyone's input. You can E mail me at [jaocto@juno.com](mailto:jaocto@juno.com)



## COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

### • 2012 PRESEASON FORECASTS

Stock Group	2012 February Forecasts	2011 Actual Returns	2011 February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	127000	109300	133500
Lower River Wild - LRW	16200	15200	12500
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	63800	69600	116400
Upriver Bright - URB	353500	325100	398200
Snake River Wild - SRW*	NA	14900	17500
Bonneville Upriver Bright - BUB	24600	28600	37600
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	66200	56300	62400
<b>Columbia River Total</b>	<b>651300</b>	<b>604100</b>	<b>760600</b>

\* subset of URB

#### 2012 Forecasts

LRH – About 40% greater than the 10-year average (91,700).

LRW – Similar to 10-year average (15,000).

BPH – About 40% less than the 10-year average (100,300). Similar to 2011 actual return.

URB – 4th largest return since record keeping began in 1964.

BUB – Similar to 2011 actual returns and about half of the 10-year average of 46,100.

PUB – About 1/3 greater than the 10-year average (46,100).

Total forecast of 651,300 Columbia River fall Chinook is similar to the last two years' actual returns and greater than the 10-year average of 569,400.

February 15, 2012

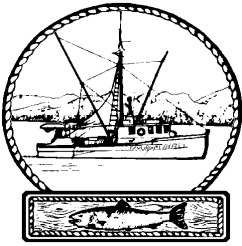
•Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

U.S. v Oregon Technical Advisory Committee Sub-group

### Coho

	2011			2012
	Pre	Post	Pre/Post	Forecast
Columbia River Early	216.0	288.5	0.75	229.8
Columbia River Late	146.5	141.2	1.04	87.4
<b>Columbia River Subtotal</b>	<b>362.5</b>	<b>429.7</b>	0.84	<b>317.2</b>
<b>Coast Subtotal</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>	1.00	<b>24.5</b>
<b>Hatchery Total</b>	<b>371.5</b>	<b>442.3</b>	0.84	<b>314.7</b>
OCN Rivers	221.6	289.8	0.76	262.4
OCN Lakes	27.8	21.8	1.28	28.6
<b>OCN Total</b>	<b>249.4</b>	<b>311.6</b>	0.80	<b>291.0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>624.5</b>	<b>753.9</b>	0.83	<b>632.7</b>

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## **WTA Associate Members**

Anderson Attorney-at-Law, Paul Anderson	(206)467-0237
Ballard Sheet Metal Works, Inc., Custom Fabrication for Fishing and Processing, Seattle	(206)784-0545
Bayview Building Materials, Westport, WA <a href="mailto:bayview@comcast.net">bayview@comcast.net</a>	
D & M Live Crab – Dave Wolfenbarger	(360)268-9319
Dungeness Seaworks, Allen Richardson	(360) 460-7048
Englund Marine Supply Co. Complete Marine Service, Astoria & Westport	(360)268-9311
Evans Manufacturing – supplier of Talbot trolling floats	(360) 652-4200
Harbor Marine Supply, Westport, WA	(360)268-9166
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
Hungry Whale Enterprises Chevron Station and Deli – Berkley Barker	((560) 628-6323
Icicle Seafoods, Lew Warner, Dillingham, AK	(907) 842-5204
Ikes's Fish, W.H. & Kiyoko Kendall	(360)697-6781
J & G Marine Supply, Don and Harold Jacobson, Tacoma	(253)572-4217
Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Co., Inc.—Salmon Buyer; Pierre Marchand, owner/manager	(360)648-3773
Jolly Roger Seafood, Sonny Peterson – buyer of crab, salmon, and albacore	(360) 593-0108
Masco Petroleum, Westport,WA	(360) 537-9744
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	1(866)233-1422
Sampo Inc., Manufacturing Terminal Tackle/Fishing and Marine Supplies, Barneveld, NY	(315)896-2606
Sand Dollar Variety and Dollar Store, Rick Bridgemen, Westport	(360) 628-9650
Schiewe Marine Supply, Commercial Fishing Supplies, Newport, Oregon	(514)265-7382
Seafood Producers Cooperative, Bellingham, Sitka	(360)733-0120
Seattle Marine and Fishing Supply, Co., Commercial Gear and Marine Hardware; Sea	(206)285-5010
Select Fish, Quality Buyer, Airport Way in Seattle	(206)767-2642
Silver Horde—Gold Star Sports and Commercial Fishing Lures and Supplies, Lynnwood, WA	(425)778-2640
Ted's Red Apple Market, Serving Westport and the fishing fleet with their grocery needs	(360)268-9650
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

## **WTA Retired Associate Members**

Steve Spleen, Richard Haugen, Paul Johns, Geoff Grillo, Augie Roehr, Lloyd Gowdy, Karl Kollen, George Walden, Steve Norwood. Jerry Kelly, Bud Mathis, William Sipila

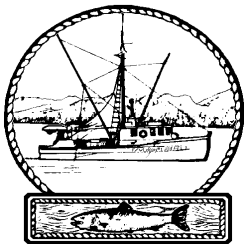
# WTA Membership Application Form

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"/>	Seattle <input type="radio"/>	Tacoma <input type="radio"/>	Westport <input type="radio"/>

- 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

**Mail to: Washington Trollers Association, PO Box 799, Kingston, WA 98346**



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