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2012 Troll Season Regulations

President's Message

The West Coast 2012 salmon troll season will be one of increased opportunity for ocean trollers. Washington will have its traditional May 1 opening with a total allowable catch, (TAC), of 47,500 Chinook and 13,600 marked coho, (WTA's "Option 1", as presented to PFMC). The Spring season has an allocation of 31,700 Chinook with wide open fishing until 75% of the quota is caught, then there will be landing limits or a rollover into the summer season, depending on the number of fish remaining. Washington's Summer season starts July 1 with a TAC of 15,800 Chinook and will start with landing limits in place with any rollover from the Spring season and coho to trade to the sports side, trollers have 13,600 marked coho to work with. Summer trollers should have a very generous season.

Halibut: While the total poundage in Area 2A (WA, OR, CA), will increase by 9%, Washington trollers will see a 42% decrease in the landing limit cap from 35 to 20 halibut, (with a ratio of 1+1:4 Chinook.) This is due to Oregon and California's salmon seasons coming back on line. Both states are included in Area 2A. Some lobbied for an incidental landing cap of 15 halibut, but were defeated.

Please carefully review the 2012 regulations for "North of Cape Falcon" included in this newsletter. While some of the 2012 Chinook increases can be attributed to the new abundance-based management plan on Lower Columbia River natural spawning tules by NMFS (described by Peter Dygert at WTA's Annual Meeting last November), the adoption of Option #1 (the high option) by PFMC would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Phil Anderson, Salmon Policy Co-ordinator Pat Patillo, Ocean Salmon Troll Manager Doug Milward, and WDFW Biologist Wendy Beegley. They are directly responsible for providing Washington fishermen with the best possible season while taking into consideration management and conservation objectives. Phil and Pat's work with the Washington Treaty Tribes and their willingness to modify some of their fisheries lessened impacts on mid-Hood Canal Chinook and prevented us from having area sub-quotas, a back-up plan that was considered if it became necessary.

Giving credit where credit is due, a big "Thank You" goes to Phil, his staff, and the tribes for increased opportunity for ocean trollers in 2012. Phil and Pat were directly responsible for holding the halibut landing limit at 20 fish, when some would have preferred a 15 fish cap against WTA's direction.

On the Association front, it was encouraging to see new faces on the Board of Directors. I'm sure they will bring fresh ideas to the table. WTA continues on strong financial ground and is respected throughout the government and industry. WTA will continue to build on the relationships forged with salmon industry-related groups.

This article would not be complete without acknowledging my predecessor, retiring (though still on the Board) WTA past-President Doug Fricke for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the industry and association. WTA and the salmon troll industry are in a stronger position having benefited from his leadership.

WTA has an impressive list of Associate members who support our industry (see page 5 of this issue and the article on Snapper Products, page 2). Please support them while gearing up for the 2012 troll season.

In closing, its time to put differences and personal agendas aside and come together for the good of the industry and the Association. Thank you for your confidence and the opportunity to lead the Washington Trollers Association going forward.

Good fishing,
Greg Mueller

WTA Directors

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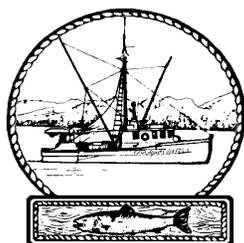
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Butch Henry *F/V Evening*

Executive Directors:

Sue and Joe Dazey



PFMC Report – Jim Olson

Well one more is in the books. We ended up with option 1 unchanged from Sacramento with 2/3 to the spring and 1/3 to the summer. This was close to what came out of all the port meetings. With the lower numbers of coho we will have to keep track of them.

I would like to thank all those that traveled to Calif and those who attended Seattle. They were Joe and Sue Dazy, Mike Ziara, Greg Mueller, Steve Wilson, Glen Aurdahl and Joel Kawahara. I would also like to thank all those who sent E mails and called to help guide me along the way.

Snapper Products

My name is Harold Williams, and I have the FV Snapper. I also own and operate FV Snapper Products (formerly Stano Enterprises). I worked with Stanly Oskamp for 4 years until his death last

March. I took over his business, and I still build stabilizers, gaff hooks, sheer boards, split pole bands and other fishing items for crab fishing also.

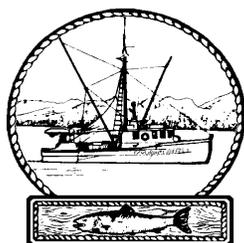
Harold Williams

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	_____
		Total	_____

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PFMC Impressions – Sue Dazey

So, here's a question: Where would you go to find maximum intrigue, drama, and suspense in a high stakes, live-or-die setting? No, I've got one better for you than that. If you have the stamina, try for five days of non-stop PFMC final decision-making meetings. It could change your life! (or at least your understanding of how decisions are made in the fishing business).

In the last WTA newsletter I wrote about my first impressions with an analogy of a Rubik's Cube to help sort out some of the many dimensions in the Council's season-setting tasks. At the end of the March sessions, most of the squares were getting close to being in place. But as anyone knows who has done puzzles, it's getting those final pieces or numberz in place that separates the champs from the also-rans. In the case of PFMC, however, there is no option to just walk away unfinished, and therein comes the high stakes and corresponding pressure. From hallway whispers to full Council formal debates, tense maneuvering is non-stop until the final gavel. Oh, and then there is the waiting . . .

Besides just setting seasons, (remember the different dimensions like the interest groups, conservation requirements, and laws that all need to be met and aligned), there is a host of related issues that demands Council time, like whales, ocean spatial planning, defoliation of levees, birds, by-catch, and on and on. Each one gets its time on the Council floor and in sub-committees.

Through all the head-butting and sometimes heated negotiations, there were some noteworthy instances of people "taking the high road" and really helping smooth the process and the end results for everyone. Of note, the tribes get credit for adjusting their catch downward enough to let the decimal points fall in an acceptable range for our "Option 1" (see Greg's article).

Despite so many different factions, it miraculously came together and we can all walk away and go fishing. But it wasn't really miraculous at all. Only by carefully working through a land mine of disparate interests was this possible. I noted that the Council process followed a number of guidelines that helped, such as the following:

They allowed time for all to be involved in deliberations and decisions.

They maintained an atmosphere of openness where people felt welcomed to share their thoughts in an organized, constructive and positive process. (The general ambience in the Council was not unlike that of a court room.)

They followed a strict protocol based on Robert's Rules of Order (Our bylaws specify this too, and we now have a new edition which will be at all our meetings.)

The Chair requires courteous, diplomatic and tactful presentations and discussions.

They expect language (oral and written) that is clear, explicit, audible and succinct.

There is implicit trust and respect, with consistently high ethical standards.

They do careful planning of the agenda including appropriate timing, documentation, discussions, follow-up, and delegation of tasks when there is insufficient ability to come to closure in the current setting.

The Chair interjects periodic breaks to address both physical and mental needs.

The Council tends to use these old standbys to assure comprehensiveness and focus:

What: Stick to the issue or questions at hand (Chair's job)

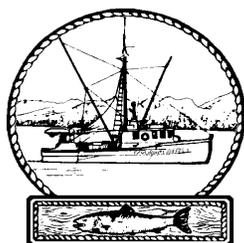
Why: Rationale, history, cause and effects

Who: Key players, points of view, past and present changes, task setting

When: Timelines, coordinating with others, deadlines, follow-up

How: Process, protocol, technical aspects

So PFMC is done for us., and we all can go back to our own work. But the work of the Council goes on year-round. Was it efficient? Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Was it effective? Considering the complexity, probably yes. I hope what I've seen and shared helps us be more efficient and effective in our own work at WTA this coming year. Thanks again for letting me be a part of the process.



Director's Notes – Sue Dazey

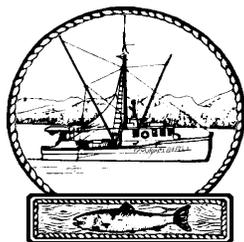
Before we all head off across the deep, there are a few things to keep in mind. For mail, correspondence, reimbursements, dues, etc. over the summer, there will be a little lag time to allow for forwarding. I'll be as prompt as our turnarounds allow. Mail may still be sent to our regular PO Box, and our e-mail address is the same, as we can get e-mail on the boat. That is by far the best way to keep in touch, since our phone reception is spotty.

Remember for dues we follow an "anniversary date" format so the due date stays the same every year as long as you pay any time in the year following your renewal date. Those that lapse for a year or more acquire a new anniversary date at the time of their new dues payment. Also, if you keep your due date in mind and send it in before I send you a reminder, you save WTA a stamp! Also, remember that your support and your dollars are what keeps us going to PFMC

and other meetings critical to our fisheries, which essentially means keeping us on the ocean. It is no secret that there are many others who would love our fish quotas.

In terms of housekeeping, we now have our banking protocol re-done with our new President, Greg, and Secretary/Treasurer, Tony. The new board member list is also being sent to the Secretary of State in our annual non-profit renewal. (We are a (501) (c) (6) non-profit corporation). As requested in the last Board meeting, I am in the process of having an audit of our books done with a local accounting business that specializes in audits of non-profits. All looks good so far and the final report will be available at the Annual meeting in November.

Here's wishing you all good fishing and a safe season.
Sue



WTA Associate Members

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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
Snapper Products – stabilizers, gaff hooks, other commercial fishing products, Westport WA	(360)268 0342
Ted's Red Apple Market, Serving Westport and the fishing fleet with their grocery needs	(360)268-9650
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WTA Retired Associate Members

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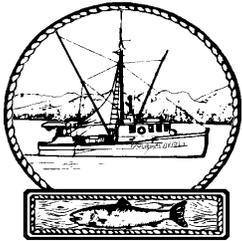
WTA Membership Application Form

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.

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