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Washington Trollers Association

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2014 Troll Season Regulations

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Joe Dazey

President's Message

There's much ground to cover in this newsletter so let's get started.

WTA's members were represented at April's PFMC meetings in Vancouver, WA., by Dick Good, Rodney McVicker, Richard Lyons, Joe Dazey and myself. Thanks to all for your help and support. To say the season setting process in Vancouver was tenuous and intense would be an understatement. Puget Sound Treaty Tribes and ocean Treaty Tribes could not agree on well, anything, leaving the non-treaty ocean fishery in jeopardy. With WDF&W Director Phil Anderson's steady leadership and WDF&W staff crunching numbers and leaving no stone unturned in finding avenues to lessen impacts on Lake Washington Chinook and Thompson River coho, the ocean finally came together at 3:30 pm, Wednesday, April,9, the last day of the salmon process, when the Treaty Tribes agreed to back off some of their demands. Trollers ocean total allowable catch,(TAC), of 56,900 Chinook as compared to 44,00 last year and 35,200 coho is an increase over the 2013 season, however, to lesson impacts on critical stocks and meet conservation objectives, the majority of these fish will have to be harvested south of the Queets River. There will be a hard cap in place for Chinook and coho North of the Queets River- areas 3&4. With the West Coast of Vancouver Island, (WCVI), projected harvest coming in higher than expected, impacts on Washington's critical stocks are higher so Washington fishermen will NOT share proportionally in the record Chinook forecasts. Washington fishermen are again forced to fight over the leftovers. As the saying goes, " If your not at the table, your fishery will be on the table," was never truer than this year!

WTA expresses our sincere appreciation to WDF&W Director Phil Anderson, Ocean Manager Doug Millward, Wendy Beegley, Ron Warren and the rest of WDF&W staff for the hard work and long hours they put in to make this season possible. (continued on Page 2)

WTA Dues Change

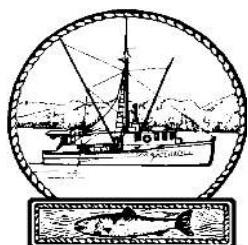
WTA has not had a dues increase since 1996. During the last round of local port meetings, a change in our dues structure was discussed. These meetings were well attended (over half of our membership), and only one member expressed an objection to increasing our dues and changing the anniversary date. Most agreed that an increase was necessary in order to balance the budget while supporting our efforts to preserve our fishing opportunities. At the last Board meeting the Board adopted a bylaws amendment to change the anniversary date to January 1 and to allow the Board to change the dues without having to change the bylaws.

As of January 1, 2015, the dues will be:

- \$250/year, and the anniversary date will be January 1. Members dues will be prorated at \$12.50/month for 2014 and \$21/month for 2015.
- \$75/year Business Associate
- \$300/year combined business and member
- \$50/year Retired Associate

Please call us with any questions (360) 638-1135.

Joe & Sue



President's Message - Continued

During the council process in Vancouver, WTA was able to meet with Deputy Director of Enforcement Mike Cenci and Sgt. Dan Chadwick to discuss some concerns heading into the 2014 salmon troll season. At the WTA board meeting, March 27, in Olympia, members questioned enforcement's use of the term "Discretion" in determining when Destruction Island, (DI), could be used as a "SAFE HARBOR," when areas 3 and 4 are closed or there is a smaller landing limit in areas 3 and 4. Joe has posted Mike Cenci's written policy on e-mail. While some members may not agree, this issue poses an enforcement problem at both the state and federal level. The written policy gives clear guidance as to how trollers and enforcement are to operate in determining when DI can be used as a "SAFE HAROR."

Issue number two is the continuing discussion on exempting the VMS requirement when trollers possess ling cod and yellowtail rockfish. After explaining our incidental ratio fishery, and how a couple of rule changes could allow for an exemption, Mike Cenci grasped the concept however, Dan Chadwick was still skeptical and said "NO." This is an ongoing project - stay tuned.

WTA'S annual fishing gear project is underway with a #5 Best Bet in chrome with a C29CR custom paint job being the signature lure for 2014. Last season's Hootchie fundraiser was a success in both sales and fish production. This is fun project plus a fund raiser for the Association. The spoons are selling fast. I will have spoons available in Westport for those who want them. WTA thanks Kim Reisbick for spearheading this project.







It was an honor to be re-elected President of the Board of Directors at WTA's March 27, board meeting and given the privilege to lead the association and industry forward. However, this association is not about me, but rather "Us." We have built an association you can be proud of, well respected at the state and federal level with almost 100 members in good standing and 26 associate members. WTA was recognized at the federal level in 2014. Joe traveled to Washington, DC at Senator Maria Cantwell's request to give testimony before the Senate Subcommittee hearing on the Magnuson-Stevens Re-authorization Act.

The meeting season for 2014 is finished and there are some acknowledgments that need to be made; to a dedicated Board of Directors for taking time out of their personal lives to represent the membership, to Joe and Sue Dazey, our executive directors who do a superior job of organization, administration, and keeping our finances in order. They also make up for my short comings - the dreaded computer. Also Kim Reisbick for securing our meeting place in Olympia and finally, Lynn Mueller and Heidi Reisbick for the excellent food preparation and layout at all of the board meetings - this is no small feat, feeding 25 guys. The success of this Association and industry depends on all of us!

As you gear up, do boat work and make general purchases throughout the year, don't forget to patronize WTA's impressive list of associate members. Our support industries support us so let's support them!

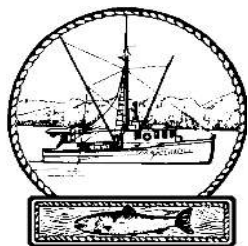
Greg Mueller, President

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	_____
	WTA Spoons	_____	\$60/doz	_____

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WTA Associate Members

Anderson Attorney-at-Law, Paul Anderson	(206)467-0237
Bill's Lead Balls – Bill Murray, cannonballs, Napavine	(360) 219-3996
D & M Live Crab – Dave Wolfenbarger	(360)268-9319
D.R. Machine – Dennis Rush, gurdy rebuilding and machine work	(503) 741-0194
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Englund Marine Supply Co. Complete Marine Service, Astoria & Westport	(360)268-9311
Evans Manufacturing – suppliers of Talbot troll floats	((360) 652-4200
F/V Snapper Products, Westport, WA	(360) 268-0294
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
Icicle Seafoods, Lew Warner, Dillingham, AK	(907) 842-5204
Ikes's Fish, WH. & 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	(866) 233-1422
Sampo Inc., Manufacturing Terminal Tackle/Fishing and Marine Supplies, Bameveld, 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
WFM 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
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
Wall Marine – David Wall, PO Box 78, Westport, WA 98595 cell # (360) 340-5612	((360) 268-6348
WESMAR—Western Marine Electronics, Woodinville, WA	(425) 481-2296
Westport Diesel Service, Westport, WA	(360) 268-0669

WTA Retired Associate Members

Scott Bayer, Larry Engbloom, Steve Spleen, Paul Johns, Geoff Grillo, Augie Roehr, Gerald Brummond,, Richard Ramsey, George Walden, Steve Norwood, Bud Mathis, William Sipila

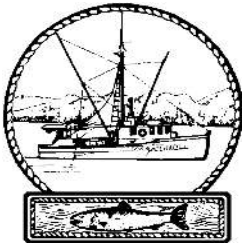
WTA Membership Application Form

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"/>	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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