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President's Message

The days are getting longer, spring is in the air, and that can only mean one thing - North of Falcon forecast meeting with WTA and the start of the PFMC season setting process. Be assured WTA will have a strong contingent of seasoned representatives actively participating in the process to secure the best possible season, one which provides the most economic benefit to the industry.

Changes to the Bylaws are in the wind that will prevent a repeat of last April's attempted hostile takeover of WTA by those trying to further their personal agendas. You are encouraged to attend and be actively involved in WTA's Board Meetings. It is your trade association; your input is important. Your voice needs to be heard.

As my year as your president of WTA comes to a close, many thanks to a dedicated board of directors who represented WTA's interests during the year. They spent a lot of time on travel and meetings to represent the general membership's will.

In closing, on a sad note, January 8, 2013, marks the passing of Barry Morrison, 75, of Silver Horde Fishing Supplies. Through my years of involvement in the troll industry, first with Pacific Trollers, and now with WTA, Barry, his wife, Marilyn, and the entire Morrison family have been ardent supporters of the salmon troll industry. Whether it was the time spent giving a gear seminar or gear donated for a fund-generating raffle, the Morrison family has always been there for the troll industry. Our heart-felt condolences go out to the Morrison family.

Good fishing, Greg Mueller

WTA Directors

President:

Greg Mueller *F/V Southside*

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Mike Ziara *F/V Ocean Home*

2nd Vice President:

Dick Good *F/V Pamela Jean*

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Ted Schuman *F/V Fiskare*

Westport:

Doug Fricke *F/V Howard H*
Kory Murphy *F/V Gallows Point*
Butch Henry *F/V Evening*

Executive Directors:

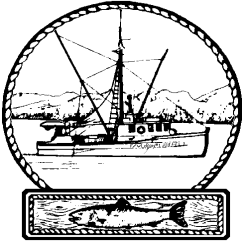
Sue and Joe Dazey

Upcoming WTA Board Meeting

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

Meetings are held at the Puyallup Nazarene Church
1026 7th 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 or calling (360) 638-1135 not later than the four days preceding the meeting.



Albacore News – Doug Fricke

Since the last update on the US/Canada Albacore Treaty (Treaty) in early November, there are considerable changes and there will likely be more changes by the time you receive this newsletter. At the WTA annual meeting, it became apparent that the vessels that fished for albacore in 2012 noticed increased catch and lack of crowding because the Canadian vessels were not allowed to come into the US EEZ in 2012. There is a feeling that we should be reserving the available catch of albacore in the US EEZ for US fishermen and not let the competition from the Canadian fleet reduce our US fleet catch. Our US albacore fishermen that have fished in the Canadian EEZ in the past indicated that the availability of catch in the Canadian EEZ would not make up for the loss of catch out of the US EEZ. Based on the meeting discussion, the members at the annual WTA meeting voted to ask for suspension of the Treaty which would obviously mean that there would be no interest in having a fishing regime in 2013 that would allow any Canadian vessels in the US in 2013.

Since the WTA annual meeting in November, there have been two US Delegation calls and the US State Department has indicated in each call that due to ramifications from other dealings with Canada outside of the albacore industry, they plan to go forward and negotiate a 2013 fishing regime with Canada that will allow a reduced number of Canadian vessels into the US EEZ and allow a number of US vessels into the Canadian EEZ. The US State Department is demonstrating that the number of Canadian vessels coming into the US EEZ has declined significantly since 2002; however, they have not acknowledged that the catch by the Canadian fleet has remained relatively constant since 2002 which is approximately eight times higher than the Canadian catches in the US EEZ in the early-1990s and earlier. The WTA official position is that there should be no Treaty fishing regime in 2013. Some of our members have written to the US State Department and PFMC supporting this position and I strongly urge others to write letters supporting your views. Contact Joe or me if you need more information or addresses. There was a bilateral meeting with the Canadians on Feb. 13/14 and this will be a big discussion issue at the PFMC on March 9-11 in Tacoma WA.

UPDATE: At the end of an industry-wide conference call on February 21, AAFA, WFOA, Oregon Albacore Commission and WTA were united in calling for a zero Canadian fleet size in 2013. - Joe

Director's Notes – Sue Dazey

With sadness we note the passing of long-time troller Lloyd Gowdy. Many of you have known Lloyd over the years as a WTA member, Washington and Alaska troller. He was something of an institution in the troll world, having made his hook and line debut in the 1960's first with the "Blyth Spirit", then with the "Beloit II", which he continued to fish for decades. You can find out more on the website, *Dignity Memorial.com*, and are welcomed to attend his memorial on Sunday, March 3, at the Golden Gardens Bathhouse at 1 pm. Gail and family would love to hear your stories about Lloyd.

As mentioned by Greg in the President's message, we also lost a key troll supporter Barry Morrison of Silver Horde, which has been a loyal WTA Associate Member for many years

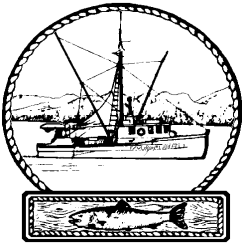
We send our sympathy to each of these fishing families.

As we move along toward the coming season, we welcome new members Evan Norbistrath of Port Angeles with the "Swan", Joe Cammack, also of Port Angeles, who is looking for a boat, and Greg Freidrichs, of Port Townsend with the "Duna".

WTA now has a set of Talbot troll floats courtesy of Evans Manufacturing, and will be offering them to the winner of a fundraising raffle which will be ongoing until next Fall's Expo, when we'll have the drawing at the annual meeting. These are beautiful floats, with a market value of over \$500. Our thanks to Evans Mfg. for making this opportunity possible. They joined WTA as an Associate Member last year and are eager to serve the troll fleet. They are the only current local manufacturer of troll floats.

Speaking of fundraisers, we still have a good supply of hoochies, hats and mugs. We can mail hoochies and hats, but you'll need to arrange a pickup on mugs since they don't tend to survive mailing that well.

And last, be sure to have your membership dues paid up to date. I've sent out reminders for all whose anniversary dates are February through March. To be eligible to vote at the upcoming Port Meetings, you need to be paid up. Thanks to all those who have already sent in renewals!



Trolling Float Raffle

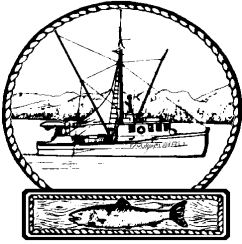
Talbot 60-70lb trolling floats courtesy of Evans Manufacturing. The winner of the raffle will be announced at the Annual Meeting in November. Details will be announced in the March newsletter.



WTA Hats and Mugs

Blue Hat		_____	\$20	_____
Green Hat		_____	\$20	_____
Red Hat		_____	\$20	_____
Tan w/ blue Bill		_____	\$20	_____
WTA Mug		_____	\$20	_____
WTA Hoochies	Blue & White 5 per pack	_____	\$10	_____
			Total	_____

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COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

• 2013 PRESEASON FORECASTS

Stock Group	2012 February Forecasts	2011 Actual Returns	2011 February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	127000	84800	88000
Lower River Wild - LRW	16200	13900	14200
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	63800	56800	38000
Upriver Bright - URB	353500	298100	432500
Snake River Wild - SRW*	15100	16700	31600
Bonneville Upriver Bright - BUB	24600	12400	35200
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	66200	46300	70000
Columbia River Total	651300	512300	677900

* subset of URB

2013 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.

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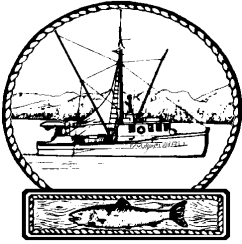
•Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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

Coho

	2012			2013
	Pre	Post	Pre/Post	Forecast
Columbia River Early	229.8	114.7	200%	331.6
Columbia River Late	87.45	55.6	157%	189.5
Columbia River Subtotal	317.2	170.3	186%	501.1
Coast Subtotal	24.5	12.0	204%	24.3
Hatchery Total	341.7	182.3	187%	525.4
OCN Rivers	262.4	100.8	260%	165.1
OCN Lakes	28.6	23.0	124%	25.9
OCN Total	291.0	123.8	235%	191.0
Grand Total	632.7	306.1	207%	716.4

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WTA Associate Members

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	(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
Schieve 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, Geoff Grillo, Augie Roehr, Lloyd Gowdy, Karl Kollen, George Walden, Steve Norwood. Jerry Kelly, Bud Mathis, William Sipila

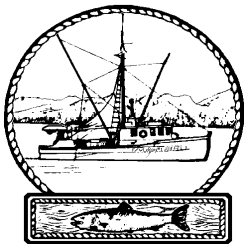
WTA Membership Application Form

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

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