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President's Message/Executive Director's Message

PRESIDENT'S / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

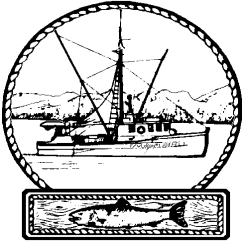
The 2016 season setting is under way. It is a work in progress and a marathon not a sprint. There have been many rumors floating around, dock talk, the facts are, the chinook forecast for Washington is similar to 2015. However, the coho returning to the North Coast and Puget Sound are some of the lowest numbers on record, mainly because of ocean conditions. The coho situation creates an obstacle that trollers will have to fish around to access the chinook. The coho stock of concern in the ocean is Queets coho. In order to reduce Queets coho encounters, WTA put forward the following ideas, a May 1 to June 15, spring season and a 50% - 50% split between the spring and summer seasons. The only idea the other troll club could come up with was a 6 inch or bigger plug fishery in the summer. As it stands now, the summer plug fishery produces no net savings on coho mortality and if it stands will not be included in the options. Having polled some of the fleet, and heard from other trollers, they do not want a summer only plug fishery.

In order to clarify the goal of the North of Cape Falcon season setting process WTA developed a mission statement which was passed on to the participants and the managers. It reads as follows; "The purpose of the North of Cape Falcon salmon troll season setting process is to develop a season that harvests the available fish in the most economically efficient way possible, while maximizing the best economic value to the fleet." The key word is fleet, that means no personal agendas. Myself and the Board of Directors are responsive to the general memberships ideas and concerns, all we need to do is hear from you.

Port meetings are coming up, with port elections and discussions on the season setting process. Please refer to this newsletter for the time and place for your port meetings.

Thank you for your continued support to WTA,
GREG

MUELLER, PRESIDENT



North of Cape Falcon Legal Management Lines

During the season, WTA fields questions concerning the legal interpretation of the coordinates for the management lines North of Cape Falcon. After discussions with enforcement, the following will be the recognized legal coordinates.

- Cape Alava; 48-31'-00
- Mouth of the Queets; 47-31' 42
- Ledbetter Line; 46-38'-10
- Cape Falcon; 45-46'-00

WTA and enforcement hope this clears up any confusion concerning this issue. Please record these in your log for future reference during the season.

1% Program Revisited

As we enter the home stretch of the 2016 season setting process, a final discussion of the importance of the 1% program to the survival of your trade association is in order. Because of the draught and el-nino in 2015, 2017 and 2018 could be tough years for the ocean salmon fishery. This association needs to survive for the industry to survive! As former WDF&W Director and longtime PFMC participant stated at WTA's annual meeting, "without the Washington Trollers Association, there would be no salmon trolling off the coast of Washington." That pretty well says it all. WTA has firm commitments from Washington Crab Producers and Dean Ancich at South Bend Products in Westport, to match all WTA members 1% contributions. WTA member Brad Balderson and his wife Patricia, owners of Harmony Seafood will be eager buyers of troll caught salmon in Neah Bay again this season and will match WTA member's contributions. WTA members need to step up to the plate and show the same commitment to their association and survival of the industry that the processors are pledging. After years of declining participation in the 1% program, don't wait to be asked if you want 1% donated from your fish ticket to fund WTA. The conversation needs to be, "if you're matching I'm donating!"

North of Falcon Schedule

- March 23 Westport local port meeting. McClausland Hall Westport @ 6pm
- March 25 Ilwaco local port meeting 5:00 @ Port Office
- March 28 PFMC Public Hearing, 7:00pm, Chateau Westport, 710 W Hancock, Westport, WA 98595
- March 30 Port Angeles local port meeting. Will be held in Port Townsend @ Port Commissioners Rm 11:00 am
- April 2 WTA Board meeting, McClausland Hall Westport @ 11am
- April 8-14 PFMC season setting meeting @ Hilton Vancouver Washington

REPRESENTING WTA, WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

This is a monthly update on the representation trollers receive by being a member of the Washington Trollers Association. In most cases, WTA representation is the only voice at the table.

1. February 4; Personal meeting with WDF&W Director Jim Unsworth and staff. Partnered with Molly Bold of Wefish on a tour of Englund Marine Supply and D&M Live Crab.
2. February 4; By invite only, meeting with WDF&W Director Jim Unsworth and staff on tour of Ocean Gold and Ocean Cold facilities in Westport.
3. February 4; Meeting with WDF&W Director and staff in South Bend, WA.
4. February 10; By invite only, meeting with Grays Harbor Port Commissioners and staff at the Log Cabin Pavilion in Aberdeen, WA.
5. February 13; Meeting with Congressman Derek Kilmer and staff at Grays Harbor Community College. Subject, Mitchell Act Funding and Haul out for Westport.
6. February 17; Meeting with Senator Patty Murray's staff at the Westport Winery Executive Secretary Adrienne Jones and myself had two hours to discuss issues vital to the salmon troll industry.
7. February 25; Testify before Senator Kirk Pearson, Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee on the Hatchery Genetic Management Plan lawsuits by the Wild Fish Conservatory.
8. March 1; Forecast meeting, DNR Building, Olympia.
9. March 2; work on the 1% program in Westport.
10. March 8 – 13; Sacramento, CA. PFMC season setting process. Kory Murphy, FV Pamela Jean, was a big help.
11. March 17; North of Cape Falcon meeting in Vancouver, WA. Protect ocean impacts from in river users. Mark Cedergreen of the Westport Charter Association and Butch Smith representing Ilwaco Charter Association and WTA were a formidable team.
12. March 18; By invite only, two-hour meeting with Senator Maria Cantwell's staff in Ilwaco, WA. WTA took the lead in discussions vital to the ocean troll fishery.

Executive Secretary Notes

Hello All it has been a busy few months. I am still in the learning stage of some of the stuff and your patience is greatly appreciated. There are lots of things on the agenda to work on and I cant wait to continue to move forward with the Trollers Association. Some of the upcoming things I will be focusing on is the Website, Marketing material for events, coming up with a sweatshirt design, and of course the day to day office stuff. There is always something going on in the office and lots of things to keep up on even after the fishing starts for you all.

Some of you may have heard of Wefish and some may have not but I am honored to also be apart of this growing organization of Community involved individuals. We have been busy working on various projects and last weekend we hosted our "Fishing Forward" event and it was a huge success. Our guest speakers consisted of Rep Brian Blake, Rev Irene Martin with Columbia River Salmon for All, and some of the industry leaders were introduced from various Associations including Greg Mueller. We are planning a Fishing Festival coming up Memorial Day weekend and WTA will be involved. If you haven't already check out our website wefishwa.com

As always the office is always open so call or email if you have any questions.

Season Alternative Descriptions North of Cape Falcon

Alternative I

1. Overall non Indian TAC:114,600 (non-mark-selective equivalent of 110,000) Chinook & 45,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked).
2. Non-Indian Commercial troll TAC:56,000 Chinook and 7,200 marked coho.
3. Trade: May be considered at the April council meeting.
- 4.Overall Chinook and/or coho TACs may need to be reduced or fisheries adjusted to Meet NMFS ESA guidance,FMP requirements, upon conclusion of preseason catch and Abundance expectations for Canadian and Alaskan fisheries.

U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon

*May 1 through earlier of June 15 or 28,000 Chinook, no more than 9,000 of which may be Caught in the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets River and no more Than 9,000 may be caught in the area between, Leadbetter Pt. And Cape Falcon.

Seven Days per week with a landing and possession limit of 60 Chinook per vessel per Trip from the U.S./Canada Border to the Queets River and a landing possession limit Of 75 Chinook per vessel per trip in the area between Leadbetter Pt. And Cap Falcon (C.1) All Salmon except Coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length(B) When it is projected that 21,000 Chinook have been landed overall, or 6,750 Chinook have Been landed in the area between Leadbetter Pt. And Cape Falcon, inseason action Modifying the open period of five days per week and adding landing and possession limits Will be considered to ensure the guideline is not exceeded.

*July 1 through earlier of September 20 or attainment of the quota of 28,000 chinook, no More than 11,000 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S./Canada border And the Queets River or 7,200 marked coho caught in the area between the Queets River And Cape Falcon(coho non-retention north of the Queets River) (C.8.c)

Five Days per week, Friday through Tuesday, July1-5 with a landing and possession limit Of 40 Chinook and 15 Coho per vessel per open period. July 8- September 20with a Landing and possession limit of 60 chinook and 15 coh per vessel per open period (C.1) Vessels in the possession of salmon north of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW at 360-902-2739 with area fished, total Chinook, And Halibut catch aboard, and destination. When it is projected that 21,000 Chinook have Been landed overall , or 8,250 Chinook have been landed in the area between U.S. Canada border and the Queets river,in season action modifying the open period of five Days per week and adding landing and possession limits the will be considered to ensure The guideline is not exceeded. All Salmon, no chum retention North of Cape Alava, Washington in August and September (C.7). Chinook Minumum size limit of 28 inches Total length (B, C.1). See compliance requirements(C.1) and gear restrictions and Definitions (C.2, C.3)

Alternative II

U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon

1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 60,000 Chinook and the equivalent coho mortality of a TAC of 35,000 Coho consisting of 14,700 marked coho retained in the recreational fishery in the Columbia River subarea and non-retention coho mortality in the recreational fisheries in the Neah Bay, La Push, and Westport subareas and the Commercial Troll fishery North of Cape Falcon.
2. Non-Indian Commercial troll TAC: 30,000 Chinook and the equivalent coho mortality of the Commercial portion of the overall non-Indian coho TAC consisting of non-retention coho mortality in the commercial troll fishery North of Cape Falcon.
3. Overall Chinook and /or coho TACs may need to be reduced or fisheries adjusted to meet NMFS ESA guidance, FMP requirements, upon conclusion of negotiations in the North of Falcon Forum, or upon receipt of preseason catch and abundance expectations for Canadian and Alaska Fisheries.

*May 1 through earlier of June 30 or 18,000 Chinook, no more than 5,700 of which may be Caught in the area between the U.S. Canada border and the Queets River and no more than 5,800 may be caught in the area between, Leadbetter Pt. And Cape Falcon.

Five days per week, Friday through Tuesday with a landing and possession limit of 40 Chinook Per vessel per trip from the U.S./Canada border to the Queets River and a landing and Possession limit of 50 chinook per vessel per trip in the area between Queets River and Cape Falcon (C.1). All Salmon except coho (C.4 C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total Length (B) When it is projected that 13,500 Chinook have been landed overall, or 4,275 Chinook have been landed in the area between the U.S./Canada Border and the Queets River, Or 4,350 Chinook have been landed in the area between Leadbetter Pt. And Cape Falcon, in Season action modifying the open period of five days per week and adding landing and Possession limits will be considered to ensure the guideline is not exceeded.

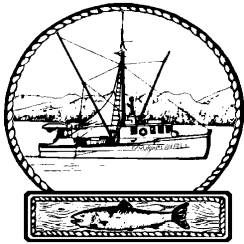
*July 1 through earlier of August 31 or attainment of the quota of 12,000 Chinook, no more than 4,800 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets (C.8.c)

July 1-12 with a landing and possession limit of 50 Chinook per vessel for the open period. Then July 15-August 31, five days per week, Friday through Tuesday, with a landing limit and Possession limit of 50 chinook per vessel per open period (C.1). Vessels in possession of salmon North of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying the WDFW At 360-902-2739 with area fished, total chinook, and halibut catch aboard, and destination. Vessels in possession south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets river line without first Notifying the WDFW at 360-902-2739 with area fishes, total chinook, and halibut catch aboard, And destination. When it is projected that 9,000 chinook have been landed overall, or 3,600 Chinook have been landed in the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets river, In season action modifying the open period to five days per week and adding landing and Possession limits will be considered to ensure the guideline is not exceeded. All salmon except Coho, no chum retention north of Cape Alava, Washington in August and September (C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length. (B,C.1) See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear Restrictions and definitions (C.2 , C.3).

Alternative III

U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon

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Ballard Sheet Metal Works, Inc., Custom Fabrication for Fishing and Processing, Seattle	(206)784-0545
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F/V Snapper Products	(360) 268-0294
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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
J & G Marine Supply, Don and Harold Jacobson, Tacoma	(253) 572-4217
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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	206-284-8285
Sampo Inc., Manufacturing Terminal Tackle/Fishing and Marine Supplies, Barneveld, NY	(315) 896-2606
SAW Trolling Wire– St anley West, flexible Troll wire	(530)305-4480
Seafood Producers Cooperative, Bellingham, Sitka	(360) 733-0120
Seattle Marine and Fishing Supply, Co., Commercial Gear and Marine Hardware; Sea	(206) 285-5010
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
WESMAR—Western Marine Electronics, Woodinville, WA	(425) 481-2296
Westport Diesel Service, Westport, WA	(360) 268-0669
WFM Select Fish, Quality Buyer, Airport Way in Seattle	(206) 767-2642

WTA Retired Associate Members

Steve Spleen, Gary Aubertin, Steve Norwood. Bill Sipila, Larry Dean,
 Dave Greenidge, Richard Ramsey, Bill Wilson, Richard Ramsey, Joe Dazey,
 Gary Colby, Steve Newell, George Walden

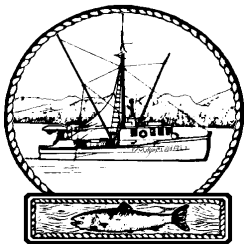
WTA Membership Application Form

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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