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# Washington Trollers Association

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## President's Message

Fall is here and another salmon troll season is over. This year was one of the best seasons in recent memory. As predicted, chinook were plentiful and the prices were good. A special thanks to Jim Olson who spent many hours on the telephone with many of our fishermen and the managers from Washington, Oregon and the Feds working to adjust the season openings and landing allowances that maintained opportunity all through the summer. This was the first year in a long time that we fished without landing allowances and closures from May 1 through mid June. Now is the time to work the political arena to protect our salmon troll fishery.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is in the process of reviewing the entire hatchery system for the Columbia River salmon production. The process is conducted as an Environmental Impact Statement (ESI) for the Mitchell Act funding for many of the Columbia River hatcheries. The Draft EIS is out for comment and all it talks about is reduction in funding for the Columbia River hatcheries. We are having Mr. Bob Turner come to annual meeting and explain how the Mitchell Act EIS will affect the ocean salmon troll fishery.

We are anticipating that the State and Federal managers will make another attempt to convert the chinook troll fishery into a marked select fishery like the coho fishery in 2011. WTA is adamantly against changing to a chinook marked select fishery. We look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting on Nov. 20.

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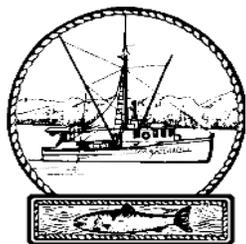
## WTA Annual Meeting

November 20 from 10 to Noon

Qwest Field Event Center

Media Room 1D01

WTA will be in **Booth 328** at Pacific Marine Expo



## Mitchell Act – Joel Kawahara

Mitchell Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been a topic of heated discussion at the November PPMC meeting. NMFS's stated purpose is to review the hatchery production system throughout the Columbia Basin in order to make decisions on funding and compliance to ESA conservation mandates.

The ESA conservation mandates amount to keeping hatchery fish off the natural spawning grounds. Regardless of how bogus this requirement sounds to us, the consensus is that the science is not going to be overturned.

We do not know how this will eventually turn out, but there is a loud and unanimous voice in opposition to the DEIS as currently written. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel and the Council, as well as the charters, trollers and sport fishing organization have submitted comment asking that increased production at least be analyzed and published as an option.

This issue will not go away by itself, and if NMFS gets its way, reductions in hatchery production are a certainty. WTA will continue to actively engage in fighting for increased production and harvest opportunity.

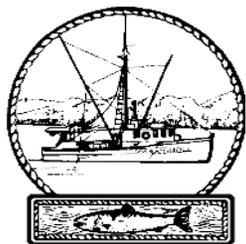
## Season Summary – Jim Olson

The spring and summer fishing seasons went well this year. With no trip limits in May and part of June and summer running to the end with the help of the sport ocean fishers trading up Chinook for coho. The price seemed to stay up and lots of trip limits it made for a good year.

I would like to thank all of you who I called this year for fishing reports and advice to help me on the calls with the state and feds.

I have been sitting in on the stakeholders budget meetings with the state it looks like there will be an increase of license fees next year this is because of all the budget cuts. At this time it looks like about \$105. This will be the first increase in a number of years.

At this time let thank all for the help this year from the first meeting in Feb to the end in Sept. Hope to see you at the meeting in Seattle



## Promotion/Marketing – Jeremy Brown

During the 2010 season, WTA continued a number of initiatives to promote Washington troll salmon, and these efforts continue to bring good returns. With a relatively slow start to the May season and strong demand going in, we saw good rices right from May 1<sup>st</sup>. As has happened for the past few years, the media hype surrounding the opening of the Copper River fishery only served to raise public expectations for high quality fish, and the high prices that Washington fish received attests to the growing awareness of how good they can be.

It should be clear to all by now that a well cared-for Washington troll salmon is the equal of any salmon out there. That doesn't mean it's all easy gravy from here on. Whatever we may say about gillnetters in jest, they are no fools, and many are figuring out ways to take better care of their fish. The same goes for other salmon fisheries. The pressure is on, and everyone is improving their game. This will be great for the consumer and for fisheries in general, but it does mean that even those trollers who are already doing a good job will need to look for ways to do an even better job! And those who persist in doing an average job had better get with it.

At the Annual Meeting at Pacific Marine Expo this month and throughout the Winter, I will be looking

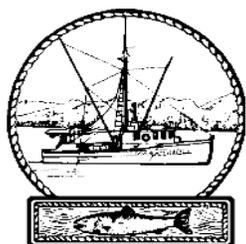
for ideas from the fleet on what is working and what WTA can do to promote our fish in the future. If you have found something to be helpful or have an idea, let's get it out there, and we'll see what we can do with it. Remember quality is not judged by the best fish we land but the worst.

The following is an example that I adopted last season that not only improved the quality of fish landed, but made my work easier. What's not to like about that? Slaughterhouse slush bag: I noticed that several boats had small totes on deck in which they were slushing fish prior to icing in the hold. Lacking the space and not wanting the extra weight, I had a small slush bag built for my slaughterhouse. It hangs on two aluminum poles that run athwartships resting each side on the second side bins boards. It's about 45" across, about 20" fore and aft, and hangs 24" to the floor. There is a drain plug in the bottom. As soon as a fish is cleaned, I can easily lower it into the slush with a long gaff – no dropping or awkward landing on the old slaughterhouse ice. A dozen or so kings will fit in the bag until I am ready to ice them. I am not convinced that long slushing is a great idea, but for a few hours it seems to have no adverse effect whilst putting the fish into a nice firm straight rigor. Being pre-chilled, they melt less ice, so there is less settling/crushing as they cool.

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***WTA Booth 328, Pacific Marine Expo – See you there!***

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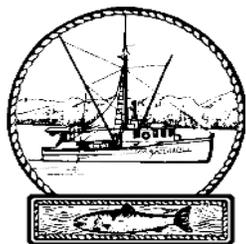
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### *WTA Hats and Mugs*



<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	_____
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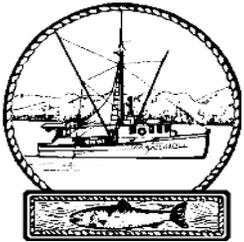
# WTA Membership Application Form

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 (check 1):	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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