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# Washington Trollers Association

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## President's Message

Fall is here and another salmon troll season is over. The May/June portion went reasonably smoothly. Unfortunately there were not very many chinook available off of Westport or off of the Columbia River. The July/August portion of the season was a management disaster. Jim Olson, our WA troll advisor, 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. Unfortunately, many of Jim's recommendations that would have led to a much more successful summer season were ignored by the State and Federal managers.

Now is the time to work the political arena to protect our salmon troll fishery. In the last year and one half, the Feds and states have been working on an abundance-based management scenario to regulate our ocean salmon troll opportunity North of Cape Falcon. The "Abundance-based" management will be based on the abundance of Lower Columbia River Chinook Tule stocks. The idea is that when those stocks are predicted have strong returns, there will be a larger ocean troll harvest allowed. When there is a weak run of those stocks predicted, there will be a minimum ocean troll opportunity or possibly no salmon troll season North of Cape Falcon. The PFMC is supposed to make a decision at the Nov. 2011 meeting on whether to adopt this new management method. Mr. Peter Dygert is scheduled to come to our WTA Annual meeting in Nov. to explain how the proposed "Abundance-based" management system will affect our ocean troll fishery. I hope to see you at the annual meeting. It should be pretty interesting. (continued on page 2)

## WTA Directors

### Port Angeles

Jeremy Brown *F/V Barcarole*  
Mike Ziara *F/V Ocean Home*

### Ilwaco:

Dick Good *F/V Pamela Jean*  
Richard Lyons *F/V Bertha J*

### Seattle:

Glen Aurdahl *F/V North Star*  
Joel Kawahara *F/V Karolee*  
Tony Rouff *F/V Dream Catcher*

### Tacoma:

Jim Olson *F/V Cynthia T*  
Steve Wilson *F/V Deep Threat*

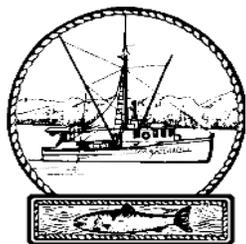
### Westport:

Michael Baldwin *F/V Nellie M*  
Doug Fricke *F/V Howard H*  
Greg Mueller *F/V South Side*

## WTA Annual Meeting

November 19 from 10am to 1pm  
CenturyLink Field Event Center  
Media Room 1D01

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



## President's Report Continued

### Albacore Update:

Since our last meeting in May of 2011, the international body that evaluates the status of the North Pacific Albacore (NPA) has released the new report on the health of North Pacific Albacore. The report says that the North Pacific Albacore biomass is healthy and not in need of any reductions of harvest to remain healthy. The report is good news for our US West Coast as there was concern that we might have to reduce our fleet harvest regardless of what the other countries that harvest NPA required

of their fleets. This new NPA biomass assessment has reduced the pressure for the PFMC to take action to put limited entry in place for our fleet or to reduce the allowed NPA harvest of our fleet. Under the leadership of WFOA we are still trying to get international agreement to get the other nations that fish NPA to agree to a method of capping their nation's fleet effort at some level that is fair to our fleet and the other nations that fish for NPA. – Stay tuned, a new assessment of the NPA is suppose to be done every 3 years.

## Season Summary – Jim Olson

It has been a long year with PFMC and all the calls this year to keep the season going. The spring went well with wide open fishing. The summer not so well trying to keep reasonable landing limits.

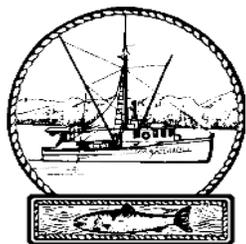
The State thought more boats were coming. Because of this we ended up leaving fish on the table. Once halibut was shut down it took over 3 weeks to reopen and then on a very limited basis.

At the PFMC we were dealing with Amendment 16 and abundance-based fishing. Amendment 16 will result in little change in the way we do fisheries north of Falcon but it looks like there will be change to the south with quota-based fisheries. Abundance fisheries will, on paper, tend to give us more fishing time with more high years than low years. Peter Dygert will be speaking at the Annual Meeting and will explain more at that time.

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

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## GSI Report – Joe Dazey

We had six boats participating in GSI at-sea sampling this year, and while the \$/sample was only \$5.50, a couple of boats had a nice little bonus to their season. We're hoping to have more participation in 2012.

The coast-wide GSI sampling project is conducted by a collaboration of industry, scientists, and managers. Washington Trollers Association is the industry group representing WA. The initial funding came from disaster relief money provided to California and Oregon. Washington trollers have had some support from grants obtained by Scott Blankenship of WDFW. All those funds are now running out. The 2012 President's budget had a line item of \$2 million for GSI research, and last May six representatives from the collaboration (including myself) went to Washington, DC, to lobby for those funds to be included in the House and Senate budget bills. At this point it looks like the funds will make it through the budget process in slightly watered down form, and we'll need to work with NOAA to get those funds to the GSI project. If all goes well, there should be money to compensate trollers for samples in 2012, hopefully at a higher rate than 2011.

Scott Blankenship has left WDFW, so Sue and I made a trip to Olympia to meet the genetics staff and talk about plans for 2012. Provided funds are available, WDFW is interested in collecting samples next year.

Greg Mueller, Sue, and I attended a meeting of the GSI Collaboration in Santa Cruz in October. At that time, the outlook for additional funding was unclear, and there was a lot of effort put into looking for alternate sources. In addition, there were reports on GSI sampling efforts from the three states and scientific reports. One of the more interesting scientific discoveries is that Klamath and Central Valley stocks tend to move along different depth contours. Heather Mann presented an update on the FishTrax web site that provides data access for fishermen, scientists, and managers as well as a marketing tool. Heather is planning to attend the Annual Meeting.

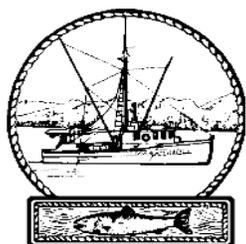
I'd like to thank the Oregon Salmon Commission for providing financial support to WA trollers who attended the meeting and went on the trip to DC. No WTA funds were used.



**pacific marine expo**

**Pacific Marine Expo** welcomes members of the Washington Trollers Association and extends a free invitation to attend the show Nov. 17-19 in Seattle. To pre-register visit [www.pacificmarineexpo.com](http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com) or call 800-454-3005.

Visit [www.pacificmarineexpo.com](http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com) for show information, including online registration, event schedule, session descriptions and speakers, the complete exhibitor list, special events, parking information, travel information and more.



## Director's Report - Sue Dazey

Sadly we lost one of WTA's key players in its history. Judie Graham served as Executive Director for many years and had a major role in nurturing and developing the organization, along with her husband, Gary. Her memorial will be on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3730 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. in Bellevue. On behalf of the WTA membership, I have sent flowers and a card to the memorial. (And, yes, that is the same day as our annual meeting, which starts at 10 AM. There was no way to change things at this point.)

Financially we continue to be in a strong cash position. Our treasurer, Glen, and I are researching possible places to put some of our CD's that might get us a better return. We are also receiving some 1% donations from both buyers and individuals. This and our membership dues are the main income to sustain WTA, and I encourage all of you to send in your 1% donations. Also, I just sent out a round of dues reminders and will continue to do this monthly. If you're not sure when it is, your renewal date can

be found next to your name in your address on this newsletter. As you may recall, the "anniversary date" stays the same regardless of when you actually pay dues within the year due. After that it takes on the new month when your payment is received. I will be available all three days of Expo this year at the booth and meetings if you want to pay your dues then.

Also at the booth we will have some pictures, thanks to Amy Grondin, of the Lark Lunch this spring. It was very well attended (myself included) and seemed very effective at promoting Washington salmon among local chefs and food writers.

The Bristol Bay Regional Development Association has requested WTA support for its efforts to get an environmental review of the proposed Pebble Mine. The Board agreed to sign on to its letter to the EPA. You can find out more at: <http://fishermenforbristolbay.org>. Senator Cantwell has expressed support for this environmental assessment as well.

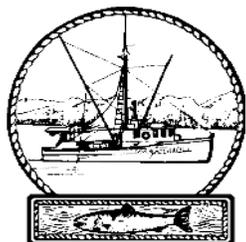
### ***WTA Hats and Mugs***



New mugs coming

<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	_____
		<b>Total</b>	<b>_____</b>

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## **WTA Associate Members**

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Redden Net Co. (Steveston) Ltd., Richmond, BC, Canada	1(866)233-1422
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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
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## **WTA Retired Associate Members**

Steve Spleen, Richard Haugen, Paul Johns, Geoff Grillo, Augie Roehr, Lloyd Gowdy, Karl Kollen, George Walden, Steve Norwood, Jerry Kelly, Bud Mathis, William Sipila

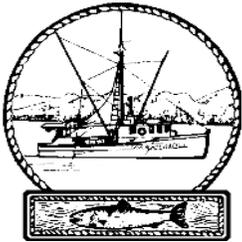
# WTA Membership Application Form

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 (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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