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President's Message

Welcome back! It is the hope of the Board of Directors of WTA that the fleet had a safe and successful fishing season.

WTA's ANNUAL MEETING will be held Friday, November 22, 2013, at CenturyLink Field's Exposition Center, Seattle, WA., from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. WTA is honored to have WDF&W Director Phil Anderson as our featured speaker. Phil has a wealth of background and is a strong advocate of the ocean fishery. His presentation will include the future of the North of Cape Falcon ocean fishery and issues affecting it going forward. There will be ample time for questions and answers. Also in attendance will be representatives of the GSI program, Dan Hardin will give an update on commercial vessel safety, and ocean troll manager Doug Milward will make every effort to attend. It will be a full meeting with much pertinent information. Please plan to attend!

Summarizing the 2013 ocean salmon troll season: California's season supported excellent salmon production. Oregon was spotty for most of the fishing period. North of Falcon was just OK when Areas 3 & 4 were open. NOF was again plagued by a low total allowable catch on Chinook, low landing limits and total Areas 3& 4 closures. Once Areas 3 & 4 closed, trollers were limited to Areas 1&2 and very low Chinook abundance. The total ocean closure to trollers on August 15, 2013, was a complete surprise and was beyond our control. On the positive side, Chinook prices were at record highs for most of the season and demand for troll caught Chinook remained strong. The salmon troll industry continues to respond to industry challenges on quality which relates to the strong customer demand and price stability.

As WTA enters the "meeting season," the Board of Directors and general membership need to engage in dialogue to determine priorities going forward. A top priority should be exploring a stable funding source as the 1% program does not provide a reliable income stream on a year to year basis. This an open forum for the general membership to be involved. The Board encourages your participation.

In closing, WTA will continue to forge strong working relationships with other ocean users including sport fishing groups as there are issues on the horizon that pose serious threats to the ocean fisheries. Wind and wave energy are just a couple of examples.

Thank you for your support,

Greg Mueller

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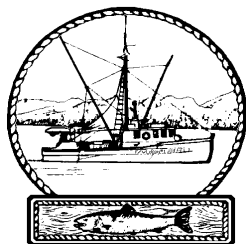
Joe Dazey

WTA Annual Meeting

November 22 from 10am to 1pm

CenturyLink Field Event Center

Media Room 1D01



Albacore News - Doug Fricke

With the 2013 tuna season behind us, it is time to reflect on how things went on the grounds with only 40 Canadian boats competing with US boats on the grounds. So far I have not heard that there were near as many problems with the Canadians as there has been in the past. I look forward to hearing how your season went at the annual meeting on Nov. 22. Think about a situation where only 10 Canadian boats are allowed into the US EEZ. Would it be worth having the Canadian EEZ open to US vessels if only 10 Canadian vessels were allowed into the US EEZ? So far, there are no meetings scheduled for discussions on the US/Canada Treaty status for 2014.

Since our last WTA meeting, the PFMC made an aggressive

attempt to get the international managers to design potential harvest control rules if the North Pacific albacore biomass becomes depleted below a determined level. Industry is very opposed to the actions by the PFMC and fortunately at the international meetings this summer, the PFMC initiative was basically ignored. Industry's position is that it is premature to design harvest control rules when the international scientist haven't agreed to a biomass level that will threaten sustainability (called limit and target biological reference points). Industry is really concerned about the increase in Chinese vessels that are harvesting albacore and dumping on the Europe market. The Chinese production appears to be the reason for the low brine price.

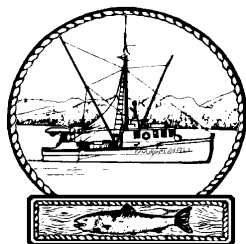
Coalition Report – Doug Fricke

Coalition of Coastal Fisheries Report 11-8-13

We now have 16 seafood harvesting groups in the Coalition of Coastal Fisheries (Coalition) to include Crabbers, Charters, Longliners, Seiners, Oystermen, Trollers, etc. The Coalition has been working to show a united front on issues that affect our industry. Some of the issues that we have been working on in 2013 include influencing the WF&W Commission to treat commercial and recreational fisheries equally, support the gillnetters to maintain their fishery on the Columbia River, and get more flexibility in the Magnuson Act renewal. However, the biggest current issue for the Coalition is the Zoning of the EEZ for purposes other than fishing such as wave and wind energy, reserves, and oil exploration. These proposed federal actions are called Marine Spatial Planning and is part

of the President's Ocean Management Initiative. Oregon is on the verge of losing many square miles of fishing grounds to wind and wave energy projects in some of our prime fishing grounds. Through individuals in the Coalition and our lobbyist in Olympia, we have been able to prevent losing fishing grounds off of WA. Last year, the Coalition was able to get legislation passed that set up an advisory group to the Governor on Coastal issues. Now we are fighting to make sure the Governor's advisory group is not taken over by the Olympia Agencies. Another part of the activity to create the State Marine Spatial Planning was to set up a Marine Resource Committee (MRC) for each of the Coastal Counties. We can use some help in attending the MRCs that are meeting monthly in each of the WA coastal counties. Give me a call if you have any interest and time to attend the MRC meetings.

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



Director's Report - Sue Dazey

Since our last newsletter and meeting, we've done the usual business of renewing our Washington State Non-profit status, filed our annual IRS report, which is essential to continuing our Federal tax-exempt status, along with our usual bookkeeping. We also have our contract for the sampling program with the State, as well as renewal of the insurance required for that arrangement.

Regarding the sampling program, we're still waiting for the final process to happen. The Federal and State budget crises have drastically slowed down this process, and we regret that we haven't been able to reimburse those of you who did sampling. We have all our own pieces in place and are still waiting. Hopefully we'll have some updates on this at the Annual Meeting.

We have received almost all our 1% checks from buyers and individuals at this point. Kudos to everyone for that. If you are one who does this donation individually, now's the time. It would be great

to wrap this up before the end of the year for cleaner bookkeeping and IRS reporting. It's a critical source of WTA funding.

We have a lot of memberships due for renewal at this time of the year, and have sent out reminders to those due through November. We will have our records at the WTA booth at EXPO so feel free to come by and renew.

We also received our new order of WTA hats, which will be available at EXPO. We went with a new supplier, Tuna Graphics in Poulsbo, who made a few improvements in our logo for better readability and presentation. It's the same, only better. We hope you like them and re-supply yourself! A \$20 donation still stands.

Last, we extend our sympathy to the family of Mike Baldwin (see below). Mike was a long-time WTA Board member who never failed to have insightful and passionate comments presented with candor and sense of humor. He will be missed.

In Memory of Mike Baldwin – F/V Nellie M

Life long commercial fisherman and WTA member Michael Baldwin, age 70, of Westport, Washington, passed away October 14, 2013, in Grays Harbor County, Washington. Mike grew up commercial fishing with his father, then owned and operated the FV Nellie M for 35 years commercial fishing from California to Alaska. Mike was always willing to lend a helping hand and was well respected by fishermen and fisheries regulators for the wealth

of background information he possessed. Mike had been in failing health for some time. He is survived by former wife Ginger, one son, WTA member Grant Baldwin of Westport, Washington, owner operator of the FV Ginger, and three granddaughters.

A memorial for Mike is planned for at the Westport VFW hall, 211 Pacific Ave, Westport, on November 16 at 3:00pm.

TROLLING FLOAT RAFFLE

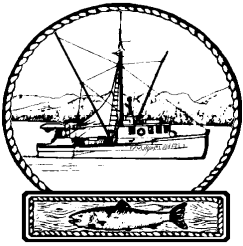
Talbot 60-70lb trolling floats courtesy of Evans Manufacturing.

Tickets are \$10 each or 10 for \$80.

The drawing will be held at the 2013 Annual Meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

Get your tickets at the WTA Booth #328 or contact Sue at jdazey@centurytel.net. or (360) 638-1135.





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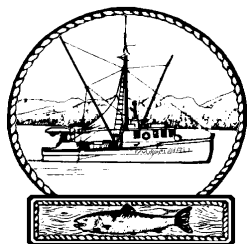
Pacific Marine Expo welcomes members of the Washington Trollers Association and extends a free invitation to attend the show Nov. 20-22 in Seattle. To pre-register visit www.pacificmarineexpo.com or call 800-454-3005.

Visit 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.

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	_____
			Total	_____

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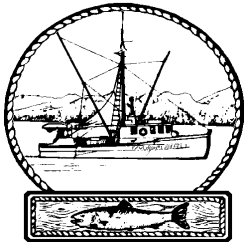
WTA Membership Application Form

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"/>	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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