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President's Message

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Washington Trollers Association will be held from 10:00am to 1:00pm on November 21 at Centurylink Field Events Center, Media Room 1D01. We have an interesting agenda planned with WDF&W Director Phil Anderson as the featured speaker. Ocean Troll Manager Doug Milward will follow with a synopsis of our 2014 troll season and insights on 2015. Dan Harden with USCG Commercial Vessel Safety will update us on commercial vessel safety issues and regulations going into 2015. The Genetic Stock Identification group will report on the 2014 sample collection effort and possibilities for future funding. With questions from the general membership, this meeting will have much information for your fishing business going forward. Please set Friday, November 21, aside and make it a point to attend.

To say the 2014 season was a bumpy ride would be an understatement. We did not set a record for conference calls with the North of Falcon group, but we were damned close. It's not just the conference calls on Thursday but the pre-conference calls between Doug Milward and troll representatives to map strategy. The problem is largely in the May-June season. The area below the Columbia River took 1/3 of the quota plus too many Columbia River Tule impacts. This will be a topic of discussion at the Annual Meeting. It's a problem that needs to be resolved during the off-season. The Board needs to hear your ideas.

There was a time when after the season was finalized the first week of April, one could finish boat and gear work and get ready for the Troll season. Not this year for WTA representatives. WTA members were represented during the Spring, Summer, and Fall on the following important issues:

1. Derelict vessel legislation at the State level. WTA met with the Ports of Grays Harbor and Ilwaco, Representative Brian Blake, and Senator Jim Hargrove numerous times.
2. Water discharge at the Federal level. We met with Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Derek Kilmer's staff.
3. Oil by rail in Grays Harbor. WTA gave testimony against the proposal twice in Olympia and discussed the issue with Sen. Cantwell and Rep. Kilmer's staff.
4. Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council regarding wind and wave energy. The State is trying to take our fishing areas away.
5. WTA met with WDFW Director Phil Anderson and staff regarding the proposed license fee surcharge.

These are some of the main issues facing our industry generally. However it's not just attending meetings, it's being prepared to be an active participant in the discussion. WTA was the only voice at the table representing the salmon troll industry on these important issues.

It is an honor representing WTA's almost 100 fishing businesses and over 40 support industries, and that responsibility is taken very seriously. There is no bias in interacting with membership on a regular basis. Your concerns and ideas are of utmost importance.

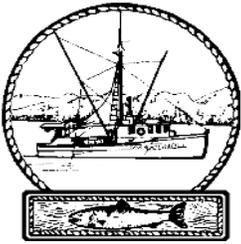
Greg Mueller, President

WTA Annual Meeting

November 21 from 10am to 1pm

CenturyLink Field Event Center

Media Room 1D01



Albacore News - Doug Fricke

All of the major organizations that represent US albacore fishermen, WFOA, AAFA, OAC, and WTA are working together (finally) to influence the international management of North Pacific. It seems that when a major issue arises, Oregon Albacore Commission acts to arrange a conference call to get us all on the same page. Most of you know that the US/Canada Albacore Treaty is now set for the next two years with allowing 45 Canadian vessels to fish in the US EEZ and unlimited US vessels allowed to fish into the Canadian EEZ. If you decide to fish albacore in the Canadian EEZ next year, there is still a requirement to get on the US list of approved vessels and hailing into Canada Coast Guard prior to entering Canadian waters. What will happen in 2017 will have to be negotiated and is anyone's guess at this time.

Internationally, the PFMC who is supposed to be representing the West Coast albacore fishermen has backed off their immediate demands for harvest control rules which industry thinks are premature at this time. The latest report (summer 2014) from the International Scientist Committee indicates that the North Pacific (N P) albacore biomass is healthy and not overfished. At the Northern Committee (the international group responsible for managing N P albacore) there was agreement to use a number called a target point for N P albacore

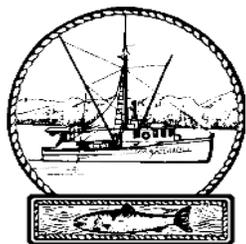
that requires the fishing countries around the North Pacific to take additional restrictive management measures if the biomass of N P albacore falls below the determined target point. At this point in time there is no indication that the N P albacore will fall below the target point. The next N P albacore biomass assessment is due for review in three years. The real concern from the US industry is the continued expansion of the Chinese fleet and their disregard for their impacts on NP albacore harvest and markets. This spring the Chinese government announced that they had launched over 200 vessels to fish the Pacific and we assume that they are longline vessels that are likely to target tuna stocks to include albacore. Currently the Chinese have failed to produce any harvest numbers for their fleets as required by the international report requirements. WFOA is reporting that the Chinese catch is one factor contributing to the low market prices for albacore. The combined US albacore fishing Associations have been emphasizing to the PFMC and the US Government representatives to the international management bodies how draconian this is becoming to the US fleet and how international management measures will be fruitless if the Chinese effort is not identified and acknowledged as a violation of the international agreement to not increase fishing effort over the levels of 2002 to 2004.

Coalition Report – Doug Fricke

Coalition of Coastal Fisheries Report Fall, 2014

Dale Beasley, on behalf of the Coalition of Coastal Fisheries, has been busy this summer working with the Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Committee trying to make sure that the State Agencies recognize the importance of commercial fishing to the Coastal economy. The effort of the national program of Marine Spatial Planning is to find places along the coast for other uses such as wave and wind energy, aquaculture, mining etc. Dale has been leading the effort to impress that commercial fisheries utilize the

entire coastal plane from the surf line out 200 miles. In addition to the efforts of Dale and other Coalition members, there is an effort to get our Olympia lobbyist prepared for the Spring Legislative session. We have already been forewarned that there is an effort to legislative pass "Sports Priority", shutdown hatcheries, doubling of the commercial license fees, and shutdown Willapa/ Grays Harbor gillnet fisheries. Needless to say, there are a lot of issues that will need our representation in Olympia.



Director's Report - Sue Dazey

With the 2014 season largely wrapped up, we now go into off-season business like bookkeeping, dues, 1%, politics and planning for the next season (already!).

First, regarding your 1% donations, we've just about received everything from our buyers, which leaves just those of you who make your donations individually. If that's you, please take a few minutes to figure out what that amount would be, send it along to the PO, or bring it to the booth at Expo. As you're probably aware, WTA's requested amount of 1% is a bare minimum compared with most other gear groups. It would be good to have some fairly final figures to report at the Annual Meeting.

And speaking of funds, the spoons promotion was really hot! We went through all 50 dozen faster than we could gather them up to deliver. Thanks so much to Kim for doing the brainwork and ordering on this, to say nothing of coming up with a winner! Thanks to Greg and Joe as well for helping distribute them and keeping track. If we do this again, the word is to get your order in instantly if not before.

You mostly already know this, but in case you don't, there are two major changes in WTA's dues structure starting January 1, 2015. First, the annual amount for members goes up to \$250/year, with Business Associate dues up to \$75/year. Retired member dues will stay at \$50/year. The other change is to make dues for everyone due on January 1 every calendar year, rather than the old system of each individual having a personal "anniversary date". Ultimately this will make the dues renewals process much easier, but in the meantime

to be fair to everyone I'm pro-rating the dues to make it all come out even by the end of 2015. Please bear with me when you get your renewal notice and if you have any questions I'll be happy to take a stab at explaining.

Otherwise, regarding your GSI check for samples over the summer, Joe is hard at it and we'll send out your checks as soon as we have the funds from NOAA. All samples have been entered in our data base and sent along to the lab. Paul Moran and Joe will update you further on this in the Annual Meeting. This is a long-term project, but each year when we finally have the numbers plugged in, it adds one more layer to the cumulative data picture.

A feature we're trying to add to the newsletter is a short introduction for some of our Associate Members. We encourage our supporting business to submit a couple of paragraphs about themselves.

If you're planning to attend Expo remember you can get in for free if you pre-register. Contact us if you need further information on that or go to PacificMarineExpo.com. Joe and I will be at the WTA booth and will have our computer there to process dues or 1% payments, and of course, any donations. We'll have hats and mugs there too. Also, if you have a good fishing-related picture we can share in our booth display, please e-mail it to jdazey@centurytel.net. The ones we have now are very, very old! Hope we see you there!

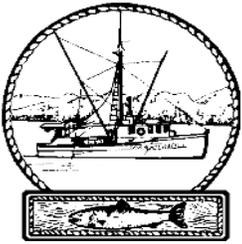
Introducing SAW – Associate Member

My name is Stan West. I have been a salmon troller since 1992. My home port is Bodega Bay, CA. I got into the business of distributing my own trolling wire because I was not satisfied with the quality of wire on the market. My specialty is 1/19 (1 1/16) wire. It is 302/204 stainless, and the fishermen who have tried it love it's flexibility.

I also began selling trolling spoons because I could not find the quality I wanted. In additions I began rebuilding gurdies because it was difficult to find anyone with the knowledge to work on them.

My web site is: www.trollingwire.com

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



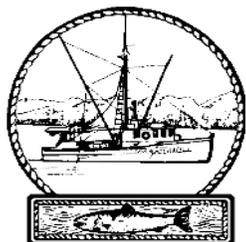
Pacific Marine Expo welcomes members of the Washington Trollers Association and extends a free invitation to attend the show Nov. 19-21 in Seattle. To pre-register visit www.pacificmarineexpo.com or call 800-454-3005.

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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Sand Dollar Variety and Dollar Store, Rick Bridgemen, Westport	(360) 628-9650
SAW Troll Wre – Stan West, Forest Hill, CA	(530)305-4480
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WFM 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
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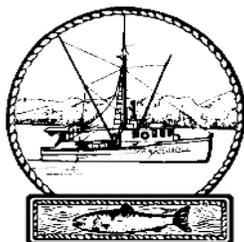
WTA Membership Application Form

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 - \$250 year (\$12.50 per month in 2014)
- Associate Business membership - \$75 year / Combined fisherman and business – \$300 year
- Individual or Retired - \$50 year
- 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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