



CCA Members Help Preserve Washington Rockfish Regulations

Beginning last fall, several Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) public meetings were held to encourage citizen input pertaining to potential changes to the rockfish rule in the eastern portion of Marine Area 4 (Neah Bay), identified as the area east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line. No public notice or public input request was made regarding a similar rule change for the western portion of Marine Area 4, identified as the area west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

Discussions led to the proposal to reduce the daily limit in the eastern Marine Area 4 waters

from the prior daily limit of 10 rockfish to a new daily limit of 6 rockfish.

At the February 5th meeting, WDFW Commissioners approved a rockfish rule change. This new rule incorporated other components as well as the reduction to daily limit of rockfish, but was inadvertently applied to the entirety of Marine Area 4.

This fact was noted by Ron Garner, President of Puget Sound Anglers; Rob Tobeck and Bear Holmes, CCA members; and Mike Jamboretz, Owner-Operator of Jambo's Sportsfishing. Immediate correspondence

was initiated with the Commission regarding the absence of legally required public notice and call for public comment. Representatives from the Makah Tribal Council, Big Salmon Resort, and the Clallam County Economic Development Council were also brought into further discussions.

The result was a WDFW Commission conference call at which the Commission modified the boundaries of the recently adopted rule change. In a WDFW news release dated February 19, 2010, the Commission explained their decision. To read the complete news release, click <http://wdfw.wa.gov/do/newreal/release.php?id=feb1910a>.

Many thanks go to Garner, Tobeck, Holmes, and others for being alert and active. Their involvement led to the maintenance of the previous rockfish rules for the coastal portion of Marine Area 4. ☺

First Year Banquets a Success

During the spring banquet season CCA Washington had two first year banquets at the North Central Washington (NCW) chapter in Wenatchee and the Twin Harbors chapter in Aberdeen. CCA Oregon had one first year banquet at the Linn Benton chapter. All banquets were a huge success and a testament to the hard working banquet committees. For the NCW chapter, formed in January of this year, they were under the gun from the beginning but came through in flying colors. Bobby Loomis, banquet chair of the NCW chapter never wavered in his confidence to pull off a successful event this spring. "It took some work and a team effort to pull this off but we're excited with the results" Loomis noted. The Linn Benton chapter met several challenges to pull off their first event, not the least of which was only having 25 tickets sold 3 weeks prior. However, the tenacity and positive attitude of chapter president Jess Hillyer and crew met this challenge and by banquet night over 140 tickets were sold and the event a huge success. As for the Twin Harbors chapter, they have already begun planning for next year. Their post banquet wrap-up meeting will also serve as the kick-off banquet meeting for 2011. "Now that we have year one under our belt" says Twin Harbors banquet chair Norm Cole "we'll be much more confident and comfortable as we start preparing for next year." Thanks to everyone who made these banquets a success. ☺



Banquet patrons offer up cash to help CCA's steelhead and salmon conservation efforts. Courtesy photo.

Thanks & Best Wishes to Jennifer Reed

Jennifer Reed, who served as the office manager for CCA in the Pacific Northwest, recently accepted another position with the Port of Portland. Jennifer was one of CCA's first staff members in the Pacific Northwest, and during those early days she was instrumental in bringing order and organization to our efforts. We would like to thank Jennifer for being a great ambassador for CCA and for all of her efforts on behalf of marine conservation. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. ☺

CCA Regional News

Gary Loomis' From the Gut

Use questions to encourage education on salmon issues




Often as I drive from meeting to meeting I have a lot of time to think. If we want to help save Pacific Northwest salmon and steelhead we have to get people who aren't currently engaged in the debate educated about the issues. I've come up with four simple questions to ask friends and family members that might get them thinking critically about salmon issues.

Pacific Northwest Marine Resource Questions:

1. Do you think our marine resources are in trouble?
2. What do you think is the biggest threat to our fish and why?
3. What do you think we can do about that threat?
4. Who owns our marine and fish resources?

Below are some statements that you can make to help shed some light on the above questions.

1. Our resources are in peril. Our oceans have been over harvested to the point where they now have less than 40 percent of their former stocks. At our current rate of over harvest, our oceans will be unrecoverable by 2045.
2. The biggest obstacle to our fisheries is commercial over harvest. We must find a way to selectively harvest certain fish, without wiping out other species. Up to 70% percent of the salmon runs are non-selectively harvested in the ocean, the survivors have to dodge gillnets that clog the lower Columbia River.
3. Thousands of hatchery fish are great, but we need wild fish recovery too. Wild and native fish must get up to their spawning areas to have recovery. Without wild and native salmon spawning naturally, all salmon both wild and hatchery, are threatened with extinction.
4. After 168 years of non-selective over harvest, the gillnets have left a gene pool of smaller fish and kill non-targeted fish. By law it is illegal to harvest wild salmon, steelhead (hatchery and wild), and sturgeon. Should we stop gillnetting?
5. Ask if they have any more questions and if you can't answer them find out the answers and get back to them.
6. Finally ask them if you can have their contact information. Name, address and e-mail address so we can send them follow-up information.

If we want to create change for our salmon and steelhead we have to move beyond our membership base and educate the public at large about the plight of our fish. We've come along way since we created CCA PNW but we need grow and become a bigger organization. These questions are designed to begin a conversation and our follow-up will engage these people and further educated them about the future these fish face. Please send the contact information to CCA PNW office at: info@ccapnw.org 



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How You Can Make a Difference

Bryan Irwin
PNW Executive Director

CCA is fortunate to have a long list of dedicated volunteers in Oregon and Washington who put in countless hours raising money, growing membership and working on fish conservation issues. However, we have thousands of members who care about our fish and angling opportunities, but simply don't have the time or interest to get actively involved.

I frequently hear from these CCA members, and they often have the same question, "How can I make a difference?" The answer is Simple. Each and every one of us can make a huge difference by simply signing up one new member in 2010.

Oregon and Washington have nearly 10,000 members and supporters, a number that has earned us the ear of many elected officials and fisheries managers. Doubling our membership is what will take CCA to the next level, helping us to accomplish the meaningful change we are seeking in the management of our marine resources.

While political influence is one of the first things that comes to mind when talking about membership in CCA, there are also many other benefits. One of those is education and outreach. CCA's publications and e-mail communications educate members on the conservation of our salmon, steelhead and other marine resources. And, each new member expands our center of influence, helping us to

reach a wider audience and increase our visibility in the community. Since CCA is driven by our membership, the more members we have the stronger we are in every facet of the organization.

Twenty-Five dollars is a very small price to pay to have a voice in the management of your marine resources! Our website makes signing up new members a snap and has a tool to let you "Recommend CCA to a Friend" with a personal e-mail and a link to our membership page. If you prefer old-fashioned paper, it's easy to download a paper application from the website or call the CCA office to request one. We have made the process as easy as possible...now sign up a new member today! ☺

CCA Fish Tales

CCA Members Enjoy A Great Day at the Coast



West Marine's Chris Kluever and CCA Portland Metro President John Zell show off a limit of North Coast hatchery Winter Steelhead they caught with guide Jesse Sampson of Small Stream Outfitters. The trip was donated by Small Stream, LLC as part of the Portland Metro CCA Banquet Auction. Zell and Kluever were rewarded for their support of CCA with a double digit steelhead day! ☺

Do you have a great fish story and photo to share?
If so, we would love to share your "Fish Tale" with CCA PNW members. Please describe your catch in 200 words or less and include a high resolution digital color photo (.jpg or .tif file format). Remember to include your name and your chapter name. Stories might be edited for length. Please send stories and photos to editor@ccapnw.org.



The Coastal Conservation Association's Pacific Northwest chapters continue their fight to protect salmon, steelhead and other species of fish and Fetha Styx is equally committed in supporting these conservation efforts. When a Fetha Styx rod that bears a CCA logo is purchased, Fetha Styx will donate \$10.00 to the local CCA-PNW chapters. (line to be released spring, 2010) At Fetha Styx, we are committed to the future of our fisheries and every angler who participates in this program is helping out in the effort.

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President's Message

Jack Smith
Oregon CCA President

As members of CCA Oregon I believe it is important to realize how critical each and every member is to the continued success of our association. From the very beginning it was clear that the nationally successful CCA model demands a great deal of its volunteers in order to achieve our collective goals. This effort is ultimately rewarded with unprecedented access to and affect on a management system, which at times seems dysfunctional but in reality, works very well for those with the time to be actively involved. Government and managing agencies are influenced and indeed controlled by those who show-up. This is why those of us with busy lives are often left feeling like we have little or no say in the way our resources are managed leaving us frustrated and apathetic. The CCA diamond and the model it represents gives us hope that if we all do what we can our views will be represented.

Membership: When we all agreed to become a member of CCA Oregon we added our name to a growing list of those who believed that the CCA model and the new direction it represented would allow us to have a positive affect on the way our Northwest resources were managed. It's critical we continue to

CCA Diamond Model Critical for Collective Success

grow this list as the bigger our membership becomes the more effective our voice will be. As members we must realize that we will not agree on everything. However if we put those differences aside we can be very effective at addressing the issues we do agree on. If we wait to be involved until we all agree on every issue we will continue to be marginalized and ineffective.

Fundraising: If the CCA model were a bus, fundraising would be the driver. It allows us to hire our lobbyist and fishery director who, guided by our committee system, state board, and ultimately the grassroots membership, work daily to ensure that our goals are reached as we go about our day-to-day busy lives. We advise these folks what it is we want to accomplish and they provide their professional advice on how to proceed and accomplish our goals.

Communications: We need an effective communications system in order to have a well-informed membership. CCA Oregon has systematically set that system up. Through the CCA Oregon website, The Ripple Effect newsletter, Oregon electronic magazine, voters voice announcements, or regular attendance at chapter meetings information is abundant and flowing and only requires

a minimal effort from those wishing to be informed.

Advocacy: Our advocacy efforts have by any standard met with unprecedented success and this will continue if we are able to make sure all four points of the CCA diamond are functioning.

As members we may not all have time to serve on a chapter or state committee, however each and every one of us can make a contribution. If you have the time to serve on a local chapter or state committee, lend your expertise to that area. If every current member signed up just one new member we would immediately double our membership and ultimately our voice. If those who are too busy to be involved with the chapter banquet would instead make a cash donation, small or large, the effect would be huge! It would serve to encourage those attending weekly banquet committee meetings in an effort to raise the funds necessary to further our collective goals.

As a member we are each a critical part of our collective success. Further involvement will serve to elevate our collective ability to be heard and affect the way our resources are managed. This is good for us and more importantly good for the resource we hold dear. ☺

Government Relations Update

I often hear comments that CCA Oregon is simply an organization focused on the Columbia River and the management of its resources and either unable or unwilling to consider issues affecting the remainder of the state. Nothing could be further from the truth as I hope to illustrate below.

CCA Oregon was created initially during the excitement surrounding the prospect of ridding all Oregon waters of gillnets as a method of harvest. This simply was and remains an initial short-term goal of an infant organization. However, thanks to the nationally proven CCA model and infrastructure based on success CCA Oregon has followed in those footsteps of maturity and developed a broader vision and long-term goals. It has been said before but definitely bears repeating, this model will effectively position us to give the average recreational angler an unprecedented say in all management decisions concerning our salmon, steelhead and marine resources where-ever members exist and chapters

are formed.

If one pays attention to the various issues that currently come before the Government Relations Committee (GRC) it becomes clear that this is not only possible but already happening on an ongoing basis. While the Attorney Generals Ballot title for our initiative and the resulting Protect Our Salmon Act rewrite necessitates a brief delay with that effort we as an organization have been and continue to be involved in the management process on many levels involving a number of important issues throughout Oregon.

As our fisheries director and lobbyist work to ensure that the POSA rewrite occurs as quickly and effectively as possible they along with other members of the GRC are busily involved in the management of our states resources addressing numerous issues as they arise. I have listed below just a few examples of our statewide involvement.

CCA Oregon members are represented on

the Columbia River Recreational Advisory Group, during the North of Falcon process, at ODFW commission meetings, and on Columbia River compact calls.

Our Rogue Valley chapter, working with ODFW and Senator Jason Atkinson, is monitoring the implementation of SB 472, the incubator box bill, ensuring that the intent of the bill introduced by Senator Atkinson and supported by CCA Oregon, is achieved.

We are preparing for the upcoming 2011 legislative session by continuing our legislative outreach efforts, raising our profile, building new political relationships, and cultivating existing ones. Additionally we are making plans to elevate the issue of selective harvest during the upcoming gubernatorial race

Having successfully helped write and pass HB 3013, affecting the process required when considering Marine Reserves, CCA Oregon has sought and received involvement by a variety of community stakeholder groups

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President's Message

Matt Olson

Washington CCA President

This year's banquet season has started on an exciting note, with outstanding attendance and support. We kicked off CCA Washington's banquets in February, and now that we are halfway through the season I wanted to share with you some of the great things I have seen so far.

First and foremost, I am continuously impressed with the dedication of CCA volunteers – and often their family and friends – who put tremendous amounts of time and effort into making these events a success. Remember, these events – and CCA's overall efforts – are driven by volunteers, and

CCA Washington Banquets in Full Swing ➤

our annual banquets are a great way to see that process in motion.

Each event tends to have its own personality, and it's a great way to gain insight into the local chapter. To this end, I highly encourage you to attend a chapter banquet (or two or three!) outside of your own area to support CCA and get to know your fellow members. It's also a great way to exchange ideas for your own events. What we learn from each other makes us even stronger.

For example, the Southwest Washington chapter held its third annual banquet in April, and part of the event's success was having the same banquet committee three years in a row. The Kitsap chapter, one of our newer chapters, blew attendance estimates out of

the water with a full house and lots of fun, and the Tri-Cities banquet continues to be a community-building party, fueled by huge amounts of enthusiasm and creativity.

We have gotten off to a great start this year, and we need to keep the momentum going at full speed. Remember, these events are the primary way that we raise money for our advocacy efforts, and your participation plays a critical part in our combined success. Please support CCA Washington by attending a banquet or two, making or procuring a donation and getting friends and family to attend. And, please take the time to thank your local banquet committee for their outstanding efforts, which help to keep CCA running on all cylinders! 🍷

Government Relations Update

After years of advocacy spearheaded by Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), WDFW and ODFW have agreed to re-institute a mark selective recreational fishery for Columbia River summer Chinook this year. Mark selective fishing refers to the ability of fishers to identify hatchery salmon from wild salmon and release the wild salmon alive. Since nearly all hatchery salmon have their adipose fin removed this distinction is easily made. Mark selective fishing has clear biological benefits for salmon and is part of the solution to increasing wild fish returns to their native habitats while simultaneously providing increased fishing opportunity to harvest hatchery salmon. The science tells us that protecting wild fish and controlling the number of hatchery spawners are vital keys to restoring and maintaining wild fish runs.

We commend this return to selective sportfishing for summer Chinook. The new mark selective rule will more than double the usual sportfishing season length from 21 days to 46 days and catch greater numbers of hatchery Chinook. This substantial increase in recreational opportunity during prime fishing weather will fuel significant economic activity stretching from Priest Rapids Dam all the way to Astoria.

The decision also brings into sharp focus the dangers of the non-selective commercial gillnet fishery that continues to target these

Selective Fishing Reforms Key to Recovering Columbia River Summer Salmon and Steelhead ➤

fish. This non-selective fishery for summer Chinook, conducted since 2006, impacts not only wild Columbia summer Chinook but *five* other salmon and steelhead stocks listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) also present in the river during this period. In light of this alarming mortality to wild and ESA listed salmon populations this fishery should not continue unless and until it can become fully mark selective.

While fishery managers have instituted more stringent rules to better protect wild salmon during the ESA listed spring Chinook fishery, commercial fishing for summer Chinook is entirely non-selective. Accordingly, gillnetters need not gently handle and release wild Chinook, but will keep *all* Chinook caught and sell them to the public. Unwittingly, their customers will buy depleted wild Columbia summer Chinook together with listed Snake River spring Chinook and listed Snake River summer Chinook. As if this immense bycatch of endangered salmon is not enough to turn the stomach, an unreported number of Snake River Sockeye, Snake River summer Steelhead and Columbia River summer Steelhead –all of which are listed under the ESA -- will be maimed or killed by these nets to maintain this commercial fishery.

The logic supporting this non-selective gillnet fishery should trigger citizen alarm.

First, managers argue that the wild Columbia summer Chinook run, though very fragile, is not (yet) ESA listed. Therefore a selective fishery has not been required. Next, due to extensive mortality caused by the nets in the warm water (40% or more) as well as the presence of many other non-target species during the season, the gillnet fishery for summer Chinook “can’t” be made selective. Because gillnets suffocate fish before they can be selected, they are completely inappropriate for mixed stock, mark selective salmon fisheries where the target and non-target fish are virtually identical in size and run timing. In fact, there is no gillnet season more illustrative of the non-selective and wasteful nature of the gillnet than the Columbia River summer Chinook commercial fishery. A more prudent approach would be to simply close this fishery until selective means of commercial harvest, currently being tested, are required.

CCA applauds this first step taken by WDFW and ODFW toward selective harvest for summer Chinook by all fishers. We will redouble our efforts to work with fishery managers and other policy makers in both states, to encourage a timely end to the non-selective gillnet fishery for summer Chinook and a transition to sustainable mark selective recreational and commercial fisheries in the Columbia River. 🍷

CCA Sno-King Kids Fishing Event

In February of this year the CCA Sno-King chapter was asked if they would be interested in sponsoring a kids fishing event. After accepting the challenge CCA Sno-King worked in conjunction with their local Puget Sound Anglers (PSA) chapter and the Go Play Outside Alliance of Washington.

One week prior to the event 550 rods were assembled by a couple dozen volunteers from both CCA and PSA. It took the volunteer approximately four hours to assemble all of the rods. Not only did this take less time than everyone anticipated but they had a great time too.



Kids look on as volunteers clean their freshly caught fish. Courtesy photo.

One week later, on May 22nd, the volunteers met early in the morning at the Green Lake Bathhouse for setup. A total of 36 volunteers showed up for the day's events and every last person was put to work including one volunteer, in his early 90's, who has been volunteering at this Green Lake fishing event

for over thirty years. Two thousand rainbow trout had been delivered the day before and along with the pre-assembled rods everything was ready.

Kids, along with their parents and in some cases grandparents and other family members started showing up in droves before 9:00 AM. It wasn't long before a steady stream of hooks, bobbers and



Children and their families came in droves for this CCA sponsored kids fishing event. Courtesy photo.

bait were being hurled into the designated fishing area. The fishing continued until around 2:00 PM. When all was said and done a total of 536 kids fished and nearly every one of them caught at least one fish with the majority getting their limit of two fish. A number of the trout caught were kept on ice and donated to the Everett Gospel Mission.

All of the volunteers had a great time and they are already looking forward to helping out again next year. The CCA Sno-King chapter meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Sammamish Valley Grange Hall in Woodinville. ☺

Government Relations Update

to ensure that local communities and our membership has a say in the Marine Reserve Process as it moves forward.

We are monitoring and will be involved in the completion of the Hatchery Genetic Management Plans for winter steelhead from every basin on the Oregon Coast to ensure that the views of our members are represented when these plans are adopted and become the law of the land.

We are in the process of formulating a letter of support for the recently adopted Klamath Basin Plan and its science based approach to water management, which centers on stakeholder involvement and buy in.

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We are attending and will eventually provide comment during the ODFW town hall meetings seeking public input concerning their upcoming budget and CCA Oregon is represented on the ODFW external budget committee.

CCA Oregon GRC members are involved with the South of Falcon Process, which determines commercial and recreational seasons off the Oregon coast.

It should be evident the Government Relations Committee of CCA Oregon is addressing issues on a state wide level. These issues were brought before the committee by local chapter representatives, considered by the committee and addressed to the degree possible so that our statewide membership is equally and effectively represented. ☺

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Abandoned Fishing Gear Threatens Salmon and Steelhead on Nooksack River

CCA Washington Alerts WDFW to Nooksack River Derelict Fishing Nets

Derelict fishing gear is a well documented problem in Puget Sound, but it is also a serious problem and concern in our fresh water river systems as well.

In November 2009 and again in February 2010, members of the North Sound chapter of Coastal Conservation Association Washington and other concerned recreational anglers in Whatcom County spent countless hours and resources documenting via GPS coordinates and photographs over 62 derelict gill nets in the Nooksack River.

Many of these nets appear to be still fishing in a river system that is home to imperiled wild and native runs of salmon, steelhead and bull trout. Bryan Irwin, Executive Director of Coastal Conservation Association in the Pacific Northwest states "this is an urgent situation and a direct impediment to the recovery of wild stocks of salmon and steelhead." He goes on to say that "they also pose a significant threat to other aquatic mammals and birds in the area."

The Bellingham Herald reported on March 13th that the Northwest Straits Commission, who has been working since 2002 to recover abandoned fishing gear and crab pots in marine waters in Puget Sound, recovered over 100,000 pounds of derelict fishing gear in the marine waters of Whatcom County. An estimated 136,879 marine mammals, birds, fish and invertebrates have been found in the abandoned gear so far. Ginny Broadhurst, Executive Director of the Northwest Straits Commission, commented that "the nets continue to fish indiscriminately and catch a whole variety of marine life."

CCA Washington has presented the data, coordinates and pictures to Phil Anderson, Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in hopes that the department will disseminate the information to the appropriate local authorities in an expeditious manner to get these nets removed from the river. ☺

Congratulations to the winners of the 1st annual CCA North Coast Winter Steelhead Derby!

Top honors go to angler Dayle Baker who landed two steelhead totaling over 74 inches in length. These two spectacular steelhead were caught on the Wilson River in late March. Second place goes to Larry Doty with two fish at 63 and ¾ inches and not far behind in third with 62 inches of chrome was Guy Evoniuk. Thanks to all that made this first year a great success. All three top finishers will receive prizes. Mr. Baker will be awarded a \$500 gift card to Wholesale Sports and a guided steelhead trip with Travis Moncrief!



Steelhead like this 35" mid-March North Coast native fish can really help your chances in a derby! www.SmallStreamOutfitters.com photo.

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Anglers Cautiously Optimistic After Recreational Fishing Summit

CCA participants hope to see results after meeting with NOAA Fisheries

Outdoorsmen were out in force at the nation's capital last week as two events in Washington DC were dedicated to how this country manages its wild and natural resources. As President Obama hosted the White House Conference on America's Great Outdoors on April 16, NOAA Fisheries was hosting the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Summit on April 16-17.


Coastal Conservation Association President Pat Murray was among those invited to hear President Obama's remarks on the importance of reconnecting Americans to the outdoors during the event at the Department of the Interior. Nancy Sutley, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, and Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, led the conference, which brought together leaders from communities across the country that are working to protect their outdoor spaces. Participants included ranchers and farmers, sportsmen and women, State and local government leaders, Tribal leaders, public lands experts, conservationists, youth leaders, business representatives and others for whom the outdoors is an integral part of their culture and community. Just across town, a host of CCA volunteers and staff were participating in the NOAA Fisheries Recreational Fishing Summit, an event that fulfilled a promise by NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco to forge a better relationship between the recreational angling community and federal fisheries managers. "We have participated in these kinds of summits before with NOAA leadership. Some of the CCA participants attending last week have been to two or even three of them without much to show for their efforts," said Bob Hayes, CCA General Counsel. "However, I am optimistic that NOAA is listening and will help us with issues like catch shares catch shares, National Ocean Policy and the government's attitude toward the recreational angling community. We did our part - we were very clear about what we would like to see change, and we provided hundreds of ways for them to do it."

Reaction from CCA representatives was hopeful that tangible benefits may result from the summit. "One of the fundamental problems we've had with NOAA Fisheries is their utter lack of understanding the nature and management of recreational fisheries," said Richen Brame, CCA Atlantic States Fisheries Director. "No matter how hard they try, they cannot fit us neatly into the same

management box as commercial fishermen. While I will not bet the ranch on it, there are at least signs of hope emanating from this conference that NOAA Fisheries is trying to understand recreational fisheries and may begin to manage them properly." "Those who participated in the summit did a great job clarifying and communicating our issues and concerns," said Chester Brewer, CCA National Government Relations Committee chairman. "Eric Schwaab (NOAA Assistant Administrator for Fisheries) has committed to preparing a work plan and follow-up to address the major items. I am cautiously optimistic." The two-day summit featured more than 30 speakers from all over the country, with plenty of time set aside for discussions among participants on key challenges and solutions for federal fisheries management. "The stage has been set," said Charlie Witek, CCA New York. "It's now time for all of the actors to properly play out their roles. How they do so will determine whether the production will ultimately be viewed as a triumph, a flop or something in between. I feel, though, that at least there are folks out there who want to offer some help."

Both Dr. Lubchenco and NOAA Assistant Administrator for Fisheries Eric Schwaab spoke at the summit, which drew a greater-than-expected crowd of 170 attendees, some from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii.

"The excellent turnout at this summit tells me that you want to be heard. And I am here to tell you that NOAA is not only listening, but we are also ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work with you," said Dr. Lubchenco in her opening remarks. "I want to start by making one thing very clear: NOAA is committed to working with the recreational fishing community. NOAA's commitment --my commitment-- to saltwater anglers is not a hollow one. We do not intend to make empty promises." Schwaab told participants he had three goals for the summit: to walk away with a clear and common understanding of the issues of concern and some sense of the relative importance of those issues, nationally, regionally and strategically; to outline a process by which we will continue to work together on these issues, and to identify steps that can be taken to address these concerns; this will form the basis of an action agenda. "We are here with a view toward the future, intent to build on previous successes, while learning from and avoiding mistakes of the past," he said. "Over the next two days, we'll


have some focused discussions -- about our desired outcomes, and pathways toward those outcomes." NOAA Fisheries will be posting video taken at the event to the agency's web site in a couple of weeks, along with a complete copy of Dr. Lubchenco and Eric Schwaab's remarks and other information. 

West Marine To Hold CCA Day

Chris Kluever, Manager of the Portland West Marine store, has announced a special Community Day event in support of CCA Oregon and Washington.

The store has planned a CCA Day for Wednesday, June 30th. This date precedes the 4th of July weekend which will see many area boaters gearing up for the holiday celebration. A portion of all sales generated on that day will be donated to CCA. Assistant Executive Director Brett Larson has been working with Chris to make the day both festive and informative. The event will feature a CCA display and information booth and Brett will be roasting hot dogs and flipping hamburgers.

Kluever takes pride in the fact that West Marine is an active supporter of CCA at both the local and national level. He said that Randy Repass, West Marine founder, supports CCA's efforts at a personal as well as corporate level. Members will recall that West Marine saluted CCA on the back cover of the March/April edition of Tide magazine.

Working on behalf of the marine environment is a key element of West Marine's business philosophy. In fact, the firm's commitment to issues such as habitat improvement and sustainability is clearly spelled out in its corporate mission statement. We are deeply appreciative of their dedication and support of CCA. Members are encouraged to drop by the store, check out our display, and extend a personal "thanks" to Chris and Mr. Repass on behalf of the fish. The store is located at 1176 N Hayden Meadows Drive in Portland. 

AutoFish System: An Innovative Approach to Tagging and Marking Salmon

Introduction

In order to implement state/federal mandates and the Hatchery Reform recommendations, fish managers in the Pacific Northwest have adopted a program that requires mass marking 200 million hatchery fish per year by excision of the adipose fin. Until this time, all marking had been done by hand, but this new program was clearly not feasible with those methods.

In response to this need, Northwest Marine Technology cooperated with Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and Bonneville Power Administration, to develop a new machine to automatically inject Coded Wire Tags (CWT) and excise the adipose fin on salmon and steelhead. With consistent research and development, these partners created the AutoFish System.

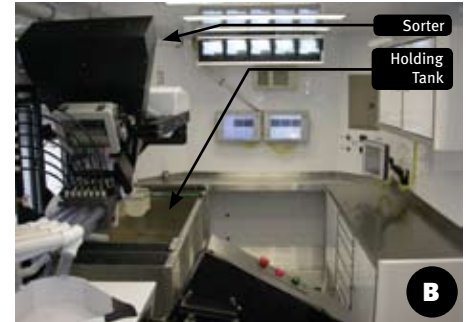
Results

- AutoFish is used to sort and process Pacific salmon and steelhead at a hatchery.
- AutoFish is computer controlled and monitored, and can be customized to perform any combination of sorting within 1 mm accuracy, clipping of adipose fins (marking) and injecting CWT in snouts (tagging).
- AutoFish has demonstrated low mortality (<0.1%), very high clip rates (>99%), and excellent CWT retention rates (>98%).
- AutoFish is cost effective; one operator can process up to 60,000 fish per day.
- As of 2010, over 300 million fish have been tagged or fin clipped with AutoFish.

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A AutoFish Systems are completely contained in a trailer that can be moved easily between tagging sites. The trailers can be customized to meet different project needs, and can be fully disinfected. Set up and calibration takes about day.



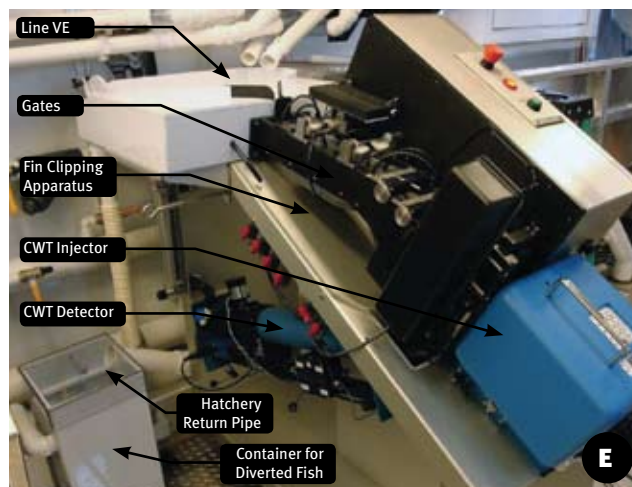
B Fish are loaded into the trailer through a window (left) into an aluminum holding tank. They are pumped into the first Volitional Entry Device (VE) for sorting.



C AutoFish relies on VEs to move fish through the trailer without anesthetic or human handling. VEs are shallow and bright, and take advantage of the fish's desire to leave that environment in favor of the darker entry to the sorter or tagging line.



D Fish individually enter the sorter. Each fish is measured and sent to the corresponding line for tagging and clipping. Up to 16 different groups can be sorted by total length. In projects where a portion of the fish are marked and tagged, the sorter can be used to separate the fish for processing while sending the remainder directly back to the rearing pond. The sorter tracks the number of fish in each size class and the size distributions of the fish.



E Fish arrive from the sorter into a VE at the top of each tagging line. Gates ensure the fish are positioned right-side up and in single file in the line. At the bottom of the line, the fish are gently restrained with cushioned clamps and a head mold during clipping and tagging. A camera is used to verify that the adipose fin was correctly removed; the presence of a CWT is detected electronically. Fish that pass both QC checks are returned to the hatchery pond, while those that don't are diverted for further processing.

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OREGON CHAPTERS

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Chapter Location: **St. Helens**
President: **Ed Rabinowe**
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503-366-3565
Meeting Info: **Monthly**
2nd Tuesday, 7pm
The Village Inn
St. Helens, OR 97051
503-397-1490
Banquet Date: **April 17, 2010**
St. Helens Fairgrounds

EMERALD EMPIRE - EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD

Chapter Location: **Eugene/Springfield**
President: **Mark Seghetti**
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541-968-4665
Meeting Info: **3rd Wednesday,**
Monthly (No Dec. Mtg.)
Eagles Aeries Hall
1375 Irving Road
Eugene, OR.
Banquet Date: **May 1, 2010**
Location: **Lane CC Events Center**

HIGH DESERT - BEND

Chapter Location: **Bend**
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ryan@buccolagroup.com
New Chapter: **TBA 2010**

LINN BENTON CHAPTER

(ALBANY AND SURROUNDING AREA)
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President: **Jess Hillyer**
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Meeting Info: **3rd Tuesday, Monthly**
6:30 pm, Pizza King
231 Lyon St, Albany
Banquet Date: **May 15th, 2010**

MOUNT HOOD - GRESHAM

Chapter Location: **Gresham**
President: **Wade Radke**
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971-322-5894
Meeting Info: **Every even month**
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Holiday Inn - Cascade Room
2752 NE Hogan Drive
Gresham, OR 97303
Banquet Date: **June 2nd, 2010**

NORTHEAST - PENDLETON

Chapter Location: **Pendleton**
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New Chapter: **TBA**

PORTLAND METRO

Chapter Location: **Portland**
President: **John Zell**
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Meeting Info: **1st Wednesday of**
Every Odd Month, 7 pm
McMenamin's Kennedy School
Portland, OR
Banquet Date: **Oct. 16th, 2010**
World Forestry Center

ROGUE VALLEY CHAPTER

(MEDFORD AND SURROUNDING AREA)

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Meeting Info: **4th Tuesday, Every Month**
6pm doors open, 7pm meeting
Bruno's Pizza
2105 Roberts Rd. Medford, OR
Banquet Date: **May 22, 2010**

SALEM

Chapter Location: **Salem**
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Banquet Date: **May 21st, 2010**

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Meeting Info: **Please contact to**
verify time and location
Banquet Date: **March 27th, 2010**
Location: **Tillamook Elks Lodge**

TUALATIN VALLEY

Chapter Location: **Aloha**
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Meeting Info: **3rd Wed. of Each Month, 7pm**
Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
20665 SW Blanton, Aloha, OR
Banquet Date: **May 7th, 2010**
Location: **Embassy Suites,**
Washington Square

WILD RIVERS COAST

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Banquet Date: **TBA**

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Round Table Pizza
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Banquet Date: **March 18th, 2010**

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Chapter Location: **Marysville**
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Meeting Info: **Monthly – 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm**
Bayside Marine,
1111 Craftsman Way,
Everett, WA 98201
Banquet Date: **February 13th, 2010**

HELLS CANYON CHAPTER

Established: **January 2009**
Chapter Location: **Clarkston, WA & Lewiston, ID**
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Meeting Info: **2nd Wednesday of**
odd months, 6:30 pm
Snake River Canyon Lodge
90 2nd Street
Asotin, WA
Banquet Date: **TBA - 2010**

NORTH SOUND

Established: **April 2008**
Chapter Location: **Bellingham**
President: **Marcus Schumacher**
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Meeting Info: **Second Wednesday**
of each month at 6:00 pm
Alternating between Burlington
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Banquet Date: **May 1st, 2010**

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Meeting Info: **Time/Date TBA**
Cabela's, Post Falls
Banquet Date: **TBA - 2010**

NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Established: **December 2009**
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(509) 667-9202
Meeting Info: **Monthly - 3rd Wed. 6:45 pm**
Bonaventure - Sunset Highway
Banquet Date: **Spring - 2010**

SEA-TAC

Established: **October 2007**
Chapter Location: **Des Moines**
President: **Frank Eshpeter**
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Meeting Info: **Monthly - 1st Tuesday, 7 pm**
IBEW Local 46 Hall,
19802 62nd Ave. S.
Kent, WA 98032
Banquet Date: **March 12th, 2010**

LEWIS COUNTY

Established: **April 2007**
Chapter Location: **Centralia**
President: **Jeff Ashe**
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Meeting Info: **Monthly - 2nd Thursday, 7 pm**
Powersports NW
300 S. Tower Ave., Centralia
Banquet Date: **March 27th, 2010**

LOWER COLUMBIA

Established: **September 2007**
Chapter Location: **Longview**
President: **Rick Estes**
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(360) 957-3718
Meeting Info: **Monthly - 2nd Thurs., 6:30pm**
Monticello Hotel , Longview
Banquet Date: **May 22nd, 2010**

KITSAP

Established: **April 2008**
Chapter Location: **Silverdale**
President: **Charles Gauthier**
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Meeting Info: **Monthly – 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm**
All Star Lanes Silverdale
10710 Silverdale Way
Silverdale, WA
Banquet Date: **March 27th, 2010**

TWIN HARBORS

Established: **September 2009**
Chapter Location: **Montesano**
President: **Leon Bialkoski**
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(360) 581-8129
Meeting Info: **Monthly - 1st Tues. 6:00 pm**
Montesano Timberland Library
125 South Main
Banquet Date: **May 8th, 2010**

CAPITOL CITY

Established: **May 2008**
Chapter Location: **Lacey**
President: **Frank Betrozoff**
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Meeting Info: **Monthly – 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 pm**
Lacey Fire Dept. #31,
1231 Franz St., Lacey
Banquet Date: **TBA, 2010**

SNO-KING

Established: **January 2008**
Chapter Location: **Woodinville**
President: **Carl Rienstra**
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Meeting Info: **Monthly – 4th Thursday, 7 pm**
Sammamish Valley Grange Hall,
14654 148th Ave. NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Banquet Date: **November 12th, 2010**

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Established: **October 2007**
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President: **Conan Elliott**
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Meeting Info: **Monthly - 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm**
Camas Meadows Golf Club,
4105 NW Camas Meadows Dr.,
Camas - call for
directions: (360) 833-2000
Banquet Date: **March 13th, 2010**

TRI-CITIES

Established: **January 2008**
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President: **Stan Brogdon**
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Meeting Info: **Even Months**
2nd Thursday, 7 pm
O'Callahan's
@ The Shilo Inn, Richland
Banquet Date: **March 5th, 2010**

YAKIMA

Established: **November 2007**
Chapter Location: **Yakima**
President: **Mike Hammond**
Contact: **yakima@ccapnw.org**
(509) 833-1161
Meeting Info: **Monthly - 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm**
Yakima Carpenter's Hall,
507 S. 3rd, Yakima
Banquet Date: **October 2nd, 2010**

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