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## Ghosts Nets Haunt Local Waters

**Angela Hult** – Chair, Regional Government Relations Committee

If the old adage what you don't know *can* hurt you is any indication, we are in serious pain. That's because the waters of the Puget Sound and the Columbia River are haunted by a menace that is invisible at the surface yet prolific in its indiscriminant destruction of fish, marine mammals and their habitat: The ghost net.

Ghost nets are primarily gill nets that are lost or discarded while fishing and continue to trap fish, marine mammals and birds. In fact, when not trapping and killing fish, the ghost nets found on the lower Columbia River in some cases trap and kill so many sea birds that biologists from the NMFS use them to collect samples.

The nets are equal opportunity killers, catching threatened species and undersized and protected fish with the same vigor and certainty: death to all. The submerged nets create a vicious circle of destruction as fish, crabs and marine mammals get caught, die, and attract predators, which also get caught and die. Ghost nets sometimes entangle boats and have even trapped and killed recreational divers.

As if the death toll weren't enough, the nets also wreak havoc on marine habitat. Carried by currents and tides, the nets continuously scour the floor of rivers and bays.

Since these nets are virtually invisible to the public, the adverse impact of ghost nets and other derelict fishing gear – such as lost and abandoned crab pots – are not widely known or understood. Compounding the problem is the longevity of the lost and discarded nets. Modern nets made of synthetic materials

have been in use since the 1940s and can take decades to decompose in water.

Many of the nets are believed to have been lost during the peak of the Pacific Northwest's gill net fishery in the 1970s and the 1980s, and some nets are a mile long and hundreds of



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feet wide. When you start compounding the annual mortality rate, it quickly adds up to a frightening amount.

Several organizations – including The Northwest Straights Commission – are working hard to remove the ghost nets, but progress is slow and removal efforts are woefully under funded. Recovery can also be dangerous. And, the depth of the nets sometimes means that only a portion of the problem can be removed. Divers might have to go 100 feet down to find the net, and often the net goes much deeper, but the divers cannot.

To determine the extent of the problem in the Puget Sound, The Northwest Straights Commission has conducted net surveys of about 10 percent of the Puget Sound and the Straits of Juan de Fuca historical fishing grounds and estimates there are nearly 3,000 "high priority" derelict gill nets remaining

that need to be removed. Most of these nets are located along important returning adult salmon migration routes, in Orca feeding areas, nearby marine refuge areas and on habitat critical for a variety of declining species such as rockfish. It's a good starting point, and the same kind of research is needed on the Columbia River.

Until removed, ghost nets and other derelict fishing gear will continue to negatively impact the ecosystems of the Puget Sound and the Columbia River. While the impact of some habitat-focused projects can take years to realize, the benefits of removing derelict gear are immediate and large. Countless fish, marine mammals, seabirds and invertebrates will be saved each year and valuable marine habitat will be restored.

The removal of ghost nets and other abandoned or discarded gear is an important step toward healthy fish runs in the Pacific Northwest. ☺

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## FROM THE GUT

### A Giant Step Forward



**Gary Loomis**  
Chairman, CCA PNW

In the previous issue of *The Ripple Effect* I shared with you the progress that we have made in a single year, and how important your involvement has been in the tremendous growth that we are experiencing in the Pacific Northwest.

As you'll read in the following articles, we held our first two CCA banquets in the Pacific Northwest, and both were a testament to the commitment of our members. Combined, the two events raised nearly \$100,000 for marine conservation in Oregon and Washington. That's an amazing start, and Jack Smith, President of the Tillamook chapter, and Jeff Ashe, President of the Lewis County chapter – and all of the volunteers who spent countless hours to make these events a success – deserve our heartfelt appreciation.

We will hit the height of banquet season in May, and I hope that you will attend the nearest event and bring a few friends with you. The time and money could not go to a better cause, and as I've said before, everything that you do as a CCA volunteer strengthens our organization each day. Please also take time to thank the individuals and organizations that donate auction items and in-kind items (food, beverages, table decorations, etc.) to our banquets. Their generosity helps us to raise the funds needed to impact the process and bring about harvest reform.

We are now poised to take another important step, thanks in large part to your efforts. CCA Pacific Northwest reached another significant milestone by forming a regional government relations committee and retaining Heath Heikkila as Fisheries Director.

Heath will work closely with the regional GRC on the development and implementation of the policy and strategy components of the Pacific Northwest's efforts to reform fisheries management and recovery efforts. Key to this strategy will be building and cultivating relationships with legislators, policy makers and other key public opinion makers on a regional and national level.

Heath grew up in Clark County, Washington and has a strong background in Pacific

Northwest politics and public affairs. He served as a policy advisor at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), where he focused on endangered salmon recovery efforts on the West Coast. His time with NOAA was also marked by issues such as the Klamath Basin water crisis, development of a hatchery policy in the wake of the Alsea decision and the biological opinion for Columbia and Snake River federal dams.

In 2004, Heath joined the Washington, D.C. office of Ball Janik LLP, a Portland, Oregon based law and government relations firm. He has represented several Pacific Northwest clients on natural resource, environmental and public land matters before the Congressional and Executive branches of government and has worked closely with the Northwest Congressional delegation.

Over the past year we have all worked together to create a solid foundation in the Pacific Northwest by adding membership, forming chapters and now raising funds through our banquets. In the previous issue I said there was more to come, and that is the work that Heath will be doing to strengthen our advocacy efforts in the Pacific Northwest. I can't wait to see what the next few months will bring, and I am excited about working with all of you to change the future of our fish. 🐟

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## Spring Salmon Traditions



Matthew Kayser

**Matthew B. Kayser**  
Executive Director – PNW

Ever since I can remember, my family has celebrated the first salmon of the season. When I was no more than five, I remember touching the slippery sides of two huge salmon moments after my dad brought them home.

Soon our family would gather for the feast. At the table, my dad would tell the tale about the tough battle and the climb out of the canyon. It was all part of the tradition.

As I grew older, I was the one bringing home those shiny prizes, and telling the tales. Over time, as the catching became more and more difficult, I grumbled a little and fished harder. There were some seasons when we didn't catch any spring salmon, but I never looked beyond the horizon to understand why the fish were disappearing. When I joined CCA I became educated about why our fisheries are in crisis and how much is at stake.

In fact, I received a reminder about how much is at stake in early April. On that morning I roused my kids from their sleep and they practically bounded out of bed. We were going fishing! My son, Ben, is eight. He's already caught and released his first Steelhead. But for my daughter Ginna, 12, this was going to be her very first salmon trip. They were both filled with anticipation and ready to go in a flash. If I could only get them out of bed so easily on a school day!

Soon, we were on the water trolling herring and spinners. Before we knew it, Ginna was battling her first Springer. It made all the classic maneuvers trying to escape: sounding, dashing under the boat, circling the motors, even twisting away from the net at the last minute. But when all was said and done, there in the bottom of the boat, glistening and bright, was Ginna's first salmon. My friend Tim, who had taken us on this great trip, took Ginna's picture. The look on her face is triumphant, happy and a little awestruck. I think she is hooked for life. I hope so.

That Sunday, as we gathered at my parent's house for the feast of the first salmon, it was Ginna's turn to tell the fish tale. As I looked around the room at the faces of my family it dawned on me how important CCA's mission is in the Pacific Northwest. It's a mission that is not so much about catching our share of salmon. Or even about celebrating the first salmon of the season. It's about saving as many wild and native fish as possible. Our mission is to ensure that future generations have the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the natural wonder of our marine resources.

Accomplishing our mission will take time, energy and money. CCA has been active and growing in the Pacific Northwest for just over a year and we have accomplished some amazing things. We now have over 6,000 members. We are raising funds through our banquets, funds that will enable us to execute our

grass roots strategy of influence and political change needed to achieve harvest reform. We've begun to raise our profile within the fishing community and the general public. In short, we are aggressively moving forward with our mission and we're on schedule with our plans.



CCA PNW Executive Director Matt Kayser and his daughter Ginna, proudly display a Spring chinook. Ginna caught her Springer while trolling a spinner.

Now is the time that we need help from each and every member. As you read this, we are fully into our spring fund-raising season. As you can see from the calendar of events (located on page 8) there is a banquet fund-raising event in many local chapters during May and June. Please attend one of your local banquets. Every penny you spend will go toward accomplishing our mission, and attending a banquet and financially supporting CCA's mission is the single most vital contribution you as an individual member can make. Come join us -- literally, every little bit helps. 🐟



# CCA Oregon News

## Tillamook Banquet A Huge Success

Oregon's Tillamook chapter, located on the North Coast, followed soon after with a fun-filled dinner and auction items that included tuna fishing trips, jewelry and 30 square feet of roofing materials and labor. The event received \$14,000 in cash donations, and about 200 people gathered to raise about \$58,000, with a profit of \$45,000 for CCA.

A huge THANK YOU goes to Redwood Creek Winery for donating several cases of wine to the event. The wine was used as table decorations, door prizes, raffle items and also served during the event, with half of the bar sales going to CCA. 🍷

"Thank you to CCA members, friends and all of our great sponsors for the outstanding support of CCA's first Pacific Northwest banquets. We should all take great pride in these results!"

-Gary Loomis  
Chairman, CCA Pacific Northwest



Raffles and auctions were a big part of the Tillamook chapter's banquet success. ⬆️

⬅️ Coastal Conservation Association members sit down to enjoy a fine meal at Oregon's first CCA banquet, held in Tillamook.

# CCA Washington News

## First Pacific Northwest Banquet Raises Funds And Awareness



Over 400 people attended the Pacific Northwest's first Coastal Conservation Association banquet, held in Lewis County, Washington.

Washington's Lewis County chapter held CCA's first banquet in the Pacific Northwest, netting a profit of about \$50,000. More than 400 people attended the inaugural banquet and auction, enjoying a prime rib dinner and auction items that included artwork, fishing trips and a duck hunt. 🦆



CCA Chairman Gary Loomis speaks with a CCA member at the Lewis County banquet.

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## Membership Is The Seed For Future CCA Success

**John Stec**  
Oregon CCA President

The last two months of CCA Oregon's calendar were filled with activity and accomplishments. Our membership crossed over the three thousand level. Two new chapters – Bend and Rogue Valley (Medford area) expanded our geographical reach – and added to the diversity of conservation issues – across the state. Our state board welcomed five new members, bringing its total to thirty-eight. Organizationally, we moved to strengthen our committee structure and coordination at the state and local chapter levels. We also began working out the kinks and rough spots – and plain old “screw-ups” – of a new and rapidly growing organization.

But March and April brought us much, much more than organizational growth. We were well represented at the March CCA National Board of Directors' Meeting in Houston, where our attending members were welcomed as peers along with colleagues from the other 16 state chapters. We welcomed Heath Heikkila as our Fisheries Director and strategies advisor. Our Government Relations Committee has continued to toil away in the dusty depths of state regulations and administrative rules. This committee's painstaking research continues to provide data essential to the development of our formal positions and action plans that will define the battle lines in our conservation efforts. The GRC also joined with our colleagues in Washington to strengthen our regional cooperation and coordination through the PNW Joint Regional Government Relations Committee.

Our Portland Metro and Columbia County chapters initiated a series of “get to know you” discussions with present and would-be legislators from their districts. Every chapter continued efforts to expand membership and educate the general public as to our purpose and intent. By now, everyone is familiar with the stellar achievement of our friends in Tillamook, the first Oregon chapter to complete a successful banquet, and other chapter banquets will follow soon.

As I reflect upon what we've done, I am truly amazed by what we've accomplished in such a short time. I find too that I have a sharper appreciation for a statement that can be found in “The CCA Story” on the national website ([www.joincca.org](http://www.joincca.org)). It reads:

“CCA's unmatched breadth and depth of volunteer involvement has made it the largest marine conservation group of its kind. It's grassroots network and unique combination of membership, fundraising and advocacy have enacted positive change on all levels of coastal marine conservation and management. When called into action, the impact of CCA's grassroots machine is unparalleled.”

So what, if anything, does “grassroots” really mean to you and me? Is it a defining characteristic of our organization, or merely a feel-good buzzword? Here's what I think.

The CCA model, represented by the famous “diamond,” is based upon the assumption that advocacy, membership, fundraising, and communication are inextricably linked, and that this linkage is absolutely critical. No single element, or “point” on the diamond, can separately lead to success. But diamonds are crystals, and crystals can be grown from “seeds.” I would argue that our membership is the seed for future successes.

Look again to the opening of this essay. All of those activities and accomplishments happened because members – volunteers all – made them happen. Without active members, there can be no fundraising. Without fundraising, there can be little, if any, effective communication. In the

absence of fundraising and communication, there can be no serious expectation of successful advocacy. Obviously, at the very heart of the effort is – you.

I understand that there are members who question whether or not real progress is being made. I say healthy skepticism is a good thing. Ask the difficult questions, but remember that those you are questioning are, after all, volunteers and not so much different than you. Demand accountability, but do your best to stay informed by reading and preferably, by attending chapter meetings. If you don't like the way your chapter conducts business, say so, but get involved in fixing the problem. Join a committee – each chapter has several. Get on the chapter board. Know your local officers. If you find yourself asking, “What has CCA done for me” you ought to consider how to put yourself “in the know” by being part of the process.

Truly, that's what a “grassroots” organization is about. And that is what we are well on our way to becoming, with your help. ☺

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## CCA Washington Offers Reward for Fish Thieves

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Coastal Conservation Association, in support of efforts by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Program, is initiating a reward program that is intended to raise awareness regarding the conservation of endangered and wild salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon in the Lower Columbia River.

CCA WA is offering cash rewards of up to \$5,000 to any person who provides information that results in a conviction of any individual or group for buying and/or selling salmon, steelhead or sturgeon in violation of the felony or misdemeanor provisions of Washington State law. CCA, in cooperation with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) law enforcement officers, has developed reward standards that will range from \$500 to \$5,000 depending on the seriousness of the violation.

“These kinds of violations are very difficult to detect and can have significant impacts on

stocks of fish that are already in trouble,” said Matt Olson, President of CCA's Washington State Board of Directors. “By helping law enforcement officers gain information about unlawful trafficking and other intentional violations, CCA believes this program is an important step in the conservation of our salmon, steelhead and sturgeon.”

The CCA reward program will initially be focused on the Lower Columbia River and Southwest Washington. Based upon the results, the program may expand into other areas. All violation information can be directed through the WDFW violation tip line at 877-WDFW-TIP (877-933-9847). Any information received will be treated with complete confidentiality by officials within the WDFW. All rewards will be paid by CCA only after charges result in a conviction. For more information you can access the Coastal Conservation Association website at [www.ccapnw.org](http://www.ccapnw.org). ☺

**CCA Members Encouraged To Use ODFW - TIPS program (Turn in Poachers program)**

Turn in Poachers - The Turn-In-Poachers program was established by the Oregon State Police in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Hunters Association. To report a fish or game law violation call the Oregon State Police dispatch at 800-452-7888. This number is staffed at all times. If the information provided results in an arrest, the tipster may receive a \$200 reward. The same phone number may also be used to report game poaching incidents. ☺

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# Federal Fisheries Management 101

Pat Murray - CCA Vice President & Director of Conservation

(Editor's Note: Fisheries management is a complicated arena, complete with its own language. The following article is an excellent introduction into how the game is played and can help CCA members understand the confusing maze that is federal fisheries management.)

Not unlike a professional baseball season, the federal fisheries management process is long and, at times, arduous. In baseball, a single game can be seemingly insignificant until the playoffs, where it can all go wrong in a few short innings. In managing fish, the grinding management process can drag for years, yet turn on a dime when it comes to completion and implementation. In both cases, the victory comes from tenacity, understanding the process, and staying focused till the end.

### THE LOVE OF THE GAME

Fisheries managers, scientists and user-group representatives who make it all happen sit on esoteric panels, commissions and councils and speak in statistical acronyms that rival the best inside-baseball speak – MSY and SPR are viewed in relation to TAC by GMFMC, SAFMC and NMFS for the FMP.

Shrouded in mystery, the federal fisheries management process can seem unapproachable. This strange mix of science, politics and federal bureaucracy create an almost undrinkable brew. Yet, our management system controls almost every aspect regulating our federal fisheries. As CCA fisheries director Dick Brame mused - “Why do we care about the fisheries management process? Because it manages the fish.”

And what could be a more worthy pursuit than that?

As stakeholders in the resource, conservationists are in a new era of fisheries management where fishermen are assuming a greater role in the stewardship of our resources. All parties will not always agree with the output of the system; but without knowledge of how the system works, it is impossible to enact change. Through a general understanding of the flow of information, the decision-making process and a look at some management terms, a concerned angler can begin to understand our management system.

### THE RACE FOR THE PENNANT

The quest for victory in federal fisheries management begins and ends with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS is

an agency of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is part of the United States Department of Commerce. While state fisheries managers control state waters, for the most part, NMFS has the responsibility of the seaward side of state waters out to 200 nautical miles. Remember that state waters extend out to three or nine nautical miles, depending on the state.

In 1976, the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act created eight regional management councils to advise NMFS. The councils are made up of a variety of interests that include state fisheries managers, recreational and commercial representatives, and NMFS regional directors. This system de-centralizes the management of these geographically different regions and produces management plans that attempt to properly address the needs and requirements of conservation for a diverse set of fisheries. Through eventual approval by the Secretary of Commerce, management measures and subsequent governing regulations become federal law. As you might imagine, this process can last longer than a 162-game season.

Each council has a Scientific and Statistical Committee for insight into the technical aspects of fishery biology and statistical analysis. Equally, there are Advisory Panels (AP) for integrating commercial, recreational, environmental and special interest input into a fishery plan.

The council system creates a melting pot of scientists, politicians, fisheries managers, “fish-head” vagabonds and just plain concerned anglers. It is where local, state, national and even international opinions and attitudes mesh. Absent the tie-dyes, a contentious council meeting with a sporty public testimony can take on the look and feel of a Grateful Dead roadshow.

Although NMFS and the council system generally govern all federal fisheries, the United States Congress can pass legislation that directly regulates fisheries. Through amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Congress controls the governing legislation.

### THE OTHER LEAGUE

Beyond the high-profile and high-power regional councils, there are three regional interstate fishery commissions – Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) and Pacific Marine

Fisheries Commission (PMFC). Outside of the ASMFC, the commissions have little regulatory power. In particular, the Gulf states regulate their fisheries without much interplay with GSMFC.

In contrast, ASMFC was given authority in 1980 to manage striped bass and were so successful Congress passed the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Conservation and Management Act in 1996 manage all Atlantic coast fish stocks that moved between states. They review and adopt fishery management plans (FMP) and report to the Secretary of Commerce. Much like the regulatory power of the regional councils, this authority gives ASMFC substantial power and influence over the direction of fisheries management along the Eastern Seaboard.

### SETTING THE BATTING ORDER

Almost every managed fish species has an FMP. These extensive documents can rival the thickness of a drugstore novel but are analogous in content to reading a college textbook. Loaded with information on the biology of species and details of the total fishery, these plans attempt to map out the realities, problems and, hopefully, solutions for a fishery.

The appropriate regional council is required to continue to monitor and evaluate every fishery with an FMP. Through the amendment process, existing FMPs can be adjusted and contoured to the changing nature of a recovering fishery. These plans can literally guide the future of our fisheries.

### LEARNING THE LINGO

It has been said that the only thing more difficult than understanding the patterns of fish is understanding the systems that govern their management. The web of acronyms and scientific jargon is enough to chase away even the most tenacious. But the final part of understanding the game is found in the definitions of this strange language of fisheries management. As we all know, to play the game, you have to speak the language. For a list of commonly used terms and the definitions, please visit CCA's Web site at [www.ccapnw.org](http://www.ccapnw.org).

This summary attempts to encapsulate an ever-expanding system that becomes more complex as it grows. But within these leagues and divisions of management groups, cryptic terms, and special interests, is the framework for the future of our fisheries. Without a working knowledge of the system, we are reduced to being passive observers. And the first step to making an impact in this game is learning the rules. ☹

## Fish Tales



There's nothing like spring Chinook season in the Pacific Northwest. Each year, anglers look forward to the season with great anticipation, in spite of what can often turn into some pretty strange weather.

The snow, sleet and hail that assaulted us throughout the day cleared just long enough for me to get a picture of this 26-pound beauty. I caught it near Gobel in 16 feet of water trolling with plug cut herring. It put up quite a fight – I actually broke a sweat – giving me a new respect for hatchery fish.

Hopefully no one has to ask what kind of boat I was in. While some people might attribute this catch to luck or skill, I credit the boat...

*When he's not fishing, Matt Olson is President of CCA Washington and Chair of the Regional Management Committee. He also co-owns Motion Marine, a boat building company, and is President of Robertson & Olson Construction ☹*

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## CCAPNW Member Letters

### Ghost Net Found Near Goat Island

A CCA member provided this account of a derelict net found after the close of the gill-netting season. Three friends who were fishing at river mile 80, near Goat Island in the Columbia River, found their anchor lodged in the “bottom” of the river... Below is their account of the event.



After a day of salmon fishing, my friend Ron called me on the radio and said that his anchor was stuck. I assisted him and we were able to drag the anchor and its snag near shore. At this point we were in about 8 feet of water and as the picture shows this was as much of the net as we were able to get to show above the surface. We assumed that there was more net entangled in a sunken log below. There were fish down as deep as we could see. ☹

**Charley Werings**  
Columbia County CCA Member

Columbia River ghost net entangled in a boat anchor. This gill net was found by Larry Tolleshaug, Clayton Sherry and Ron McCarter near Goat Island.

### Senator Zarelli Addresses Members

By Cindy Morgan – CCA Member

Senator Joseph Zarelli spoke to members of Coastal Conservation Association at Camas Meadows Golf Club on April 8. He discussed how the membership should get together on an issue, get organized and develop a strategy.

Zarelli, a CCA member, discussed three strategies for members to be effective in making changes to the existing laws.

1. First and foremost members must engage their neighbors and people they come in contact with about the issues. Share this information with the public. If the public was informed about the issue

of non-selective harvest in our streams, they would bring an informed vote to the table on election day.

2. As CCA members we all have a passion for saving these fish. We all have an agenda and hope that CCA can find a remedy for our cause. The opposition keeps us splintered on fish issues. We need to unite our efforts and focus on the ‘elephant in the room’. Deal with that issue, then the group can pick another issue to target. Establish a public information campaign – one sheet of music, one voice.

3. Educate your legislators about the issue you are trying to resolve. Be present in the political process. Engage officials on the day they are making decisions reminding them of CCA's objectives. ☹

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### CCA OREGON HEADQUARTERS

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**877-255-8772**

### COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Ed Rabinowe, President**  
**503-366-3565**  
erabinowe@juno.com  
PO Box 246, Scappoose OR 97056

**Meeting:**  
Second Tuesday of each month, 7 pm  
The Village Inn - St. Helens, OR 97051  
503-397-1490

**Banquet:** May 31, 2008  
Moose Lodge - St. Helens, OR

### EMERALD EMPIRE - EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD

**Mark Seghetti**  
**541-206-7694**  
thesteelheader@comcast.net

**Meeting:**  
Please call or email for location and date

**Banquet:**  
September, 19 2008  
Wheeler Pavilion, Lane County Fairgrounds

### HIGH DESERT - BEND

**Gil Muhleman**  
**541-419-7778**

**New Chapter: TBA**

### MOUNT HOOD - GRESHAM

**Dan Christopher**  
**503.880.4543**  
qualityfishing@comcast.net

**Meeting:**  
Second Wednesday of each month, 7 pm  
Gresham Golf Course

**Banquet:** September 10th, 2008

### NORTHEAST - PENDLETON

**Scott Paul**  
**(541)276-1951**  
goose\_klr@hotmail.com

**New Chapter: TBA**

### PORTLAND METRO

**John Zell, President**  
**503-282-9347** (after 7:00pm)  
jzell@zephyr.net

**MEETING:**  
First Wednesday of each Month - 7pm  
Rose City Park United Methodist Church  
5830 NE Alameda (58th & Sandy)  
Portland, OR

### ROGUE VALLEY

**Nathan Grimm, President**  
ngrimm50@gmail.com

**Meeting: May 14, 7:00pm**  
Black Bear Diner  
Medford, OR

### SALEM

**Brian Canini, President**  
**503-930-6860**  
bbc0798@comcast.net

**Meeting:** Parrish Middle School Library  
“D” St at Capitol St NE, Salem, OR

**BANQUET:** May 31, 2008 - Doors Open 5:30pm  
Keizer Renaissance Inn - Keizer, OR

### TILLAMOOK

**Jack Smith, President**  
**(503)842-6313**  
asgs@oregoncoast.com  
PO Box 628  
Tillamook, OR 97141

**Meeting:**  
3rd Friday of every month, 6:30pm  
Tillamook office of ODFW.  
(Please contact to verify location)

### TUALATIN VALLEY

**Frank Unger, President**  
**503-936-6581**  
tualatinvalley@ccapnw.org  
PO Box 230302  
Tigard, OR 97281

**Meeting:**  
3rd Monday of each month  
Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue  
20665 SW Blanton, Aloha, OR

**Banquet:** May 22, 2008

### WILLAMETTE FALLS

**Rick Atwood, President**  
**503-829-3611**  
watershedboats@molalla.net  
PO Box 220226  
Milwaukie, OR 97269

**Meeting: TBA**

## WASHINGTON CHAPTERS

### CCA WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS

**Matt Olson, President**  
1006 W 11th St  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
**877-255-8772**  
**360-694-4300**

**Next State Board Meeting: TBA**

### BELLINGHAM (FORMING)

**Jason Cross, President**  
360-927-4700 (cell)  
jason@angleronthefly.com

**MEETING: TBA**

### LOWER COLUMBIA

**Mark McCombs, President**  
**360 957-3718**  
lowercolumbia@ccapnw.org  
PO Box 2659 - Longview, WA 98632

**Meeting:**  
3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm

**BANQUET:** TBD (October)

### LEWIS COUNTY

**Jeff Ashe, President**  
lewiscounty@ccapnw.org

**Meeting:**  
1st Wednesday of the month, 7 pm  
Power Sports Northwest  
300 S Tower Avenue  
Centralia, WA 98531  
360-736-0166

**BANQUET:**  
February 6, 2008  
Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia

### OLYMPIA (FORMING)

**Contact: Don Freeman**  
**(360) 951-7086**  
soundrec@comcast.net

**CHAPTER OFFICER SELECTION:**  
May 12th

### SEATAC

**Frank Eshpeter, President**  
**206 755-8409 (cell)**  
seatac@ccapnw.org

**Meeting:**  
3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 pm  
Des Moines Masonic Hall  
2208 S 223 St  
Des Moines, WA 98198

**BANQUET:**  
Friday, May 9, 2008  
876 S. 333rd Street, Federal Way  
Doors open at 4:30 pm, Dinner starts at 6:00 pm

### SNO-KING

**Rob Tobeck, President**  
snoking@ccapnw.org

**MEETING:**  
4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.  
3 Rivers Marine, Woodinville

### SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON (VANCOUVER)

**Steve Koch, President**  
**360-606-0623**  
steven.d.koch@gmail.com

**MEETING:**  
2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm  
Camas Meadows Golf Club  
4105 NW Camas Meadows Drive  
360-833-2000 (for directions)

**BANQUET:**  
June 3, 2008  
5:30pm at Red Lion @ The Quay

### Washington Chapters Continued

### TRI-CITIES

**Stan Brogdon, President**  
**509-531-1553**  
SBrogdon@semgroupplp.com

**MEETING:**  
2nd Thursday of each month - 7 pm

**BANQUET:** Thursday, May 29th - 5:30pm  
O'Callahans at The Shilo Inn - Richland, WA

### YAKIMA VALLEY

**Mike Ihly, President**  
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SBrogdon@semgroupplp.com

**MEETING:**  
2nd Wednesday of each month - 7 pm  
Carpenters Union Hall - Yakima, WA

**BANQUET:** Saturday, September 13th  
Yakima Convention Center

## CCA PNW Thanks Stan Steele

CCA PNW would like to thank Stan Steele for his service to CCA PNW. Stan was not only the first governmental relations chairman of Oregon CCA but he was also Vice President and a member of the CCA PNW regional committee. “Stan’s passion, experience and hard work are greatly appreciated. CCA has benefited greatly from Stan’s leadership and expertise. We at CCA look forward to Stan’s continued involvement with CCA and leveraging his years of experience to help save our fish”, said Gary Loomis Chairman CCA PNW.

Oregon CCA Interim President, John Stec said, “Stan Steele is the epitome of what volunteerism and dedication to CCA is all about. He has given of his time and treasure unselfishly and in generous amounts, and his expertise is legendary. I know everyone will be pleased to know that he will continue to be an active member of the CCA Oregon Government Relations Committee. He will also continue to represent all Oregon fisherman and CCA as a member of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission’s Columbia River Salmon Fisheries Visioning Process team.”

# Hell Or High Water.....CCA banquet prevails

### Matt Olson

*CCA Washington President*

Over the past few months the collapse of the Pacific salmon fishery – the largest collapse in 40 years – has caught national attention, with front page stories appearing everywhere from The Oregonian to The New York Times.

It would be an understatement to say that we are in the midst of a crisis, one that has been building for a very long time. CCA could not have come to the Pacific Northwest at a better time (although five or ten years ago would have been even better).

In spite of the dire circumstances and depressing headlines I remain hopeful, and even optimistic, and I’ll tell you why. I have seen people pull together in spite of great obstacles to achieve success. I have witnessed the determination, the resourcefulness and the dedication of our members to make a difference, and now more than ever I know that CCA is poised to drive change throughout our Pacific Northwest fisheries and achieve harvest reform. The following example illustrates that fact.

The Lewis County chapter had the distinction – and some could argue the burden – of holding CCA’s very first banquet in the Pacific Northwest. It was a historic occasion and expectations were high.

About two months before the banquet the rain came, and the water rose. It rose some more. It rose so high that Interstate 5 in Chehalis, part of Lewis County, was closed for several days. Homes and fields flooded and the building where the banquet was going to be held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds was under water.

Under these circumstances many people would have given up, or at a minimum rescheduled the event. Not CCA members. Come hell or high water the Lewis County chapter was determined to have a successful event, and they pulled it off. The water dropped, the building dried out, auction items were gathered and tickets were sold.

That night, more than 400 people gathered at the fairgrounds for CCA’s first Pacific Northwest banquet and auction. Prime rib was served, the auction was lively and the event raised \$74,000, netting a profit of just over \$50,000.

I can’t tell you how proud I was to be part of that event. It was an example of how our determination to prevail against great odds – and to succeed – is what distinguishes CCA and its members.

It’s true that we have a daunting fight before us, but I know that we will win. I have seen that resolve reflected in Lewis County, in Tillamook and throughout our organization. Thanks to you, we will save our fish.

## CCA PNW LEADERSHIP

### OREGON

**Gary Loomis**—Chairman

**John Stec**—President (Interim)

**Jim Bowen**—Vice Chairman

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**Lynn Buerer**—Treasurer

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**John Stec**—Chair, Management

**Vacant**—Chair, Government Relations

**Frank Unger**—Chair, Chapter and Membership Development

**Jack Smith**—Chair, Nominations

**Angela Hult, Bryan Edwards**—Co-chairs, Communications

### WASHINGTON

**Gary Loomis**—Chairman

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**Matt Olson**—Chair, Management

**Lynne Fletcher**—Chair, Budget

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**Jim Bain**—Chair, Chapter Development (acting)

**Jim Bain**—Chair, Membership (acting)

**Gary Johnson**—Chair, Nominations

**Glen Johnston**—Chair, Fundraising

**Vacant**—Chair, Communications



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