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Process or Proclamation?

From the South Atlantic to the western Pacific, federal marine management is a study in contrasts

The United States acted twice at the start of the new year to impose restrictions on vast sections of ocean, dictating the future accessibility of those important resources. One action took years of scientific study and required dozens of public meetings attended by hundreds of concerned citizens, and thousands of hours of effort and organization before being implemented. The other took just months and was accomplished by the stroke of a pen. Taken together, the two recent marine management actions have cast a confusing net over the world of federal fisheries management.

In one case, the National Marine Fisheries Service announced plans to establish eight management areas off the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida designed to recover stressed populations of deep-water snapper and grouper. The federal rule, prepared by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, will prohibit bottom fishing in the designated areas, but will allow trolling and surface fishing over the protected bottom habitat.

Designation of the areas is the result of an extensive public process over several years that included input from various user groups, including the sportfishing community and commercial fishers.

"We regret that past management failures have left us today with a very short list of options for recovering these important species," said Frederic Miller, chairman of Coastal Conservation Association's (CCA) National Government Relations Committee. "However, we recognize that properly managing long-lived, slow-growing deepwater species is a particular challenge, and the careful process that produced these management measures demonstrates exactly

how these decisions should be made. The South Atlantic Council should be commended for pursuing a course of action that was based on science and invited public comment on all the various management options that were presented."

The federal rule, known as Amendment 14, also includes a provision that allows for the ban on bottom fishing in affected areas to be reviewed, adjusted and ultimately lifted when the science indicates that populations of snapper and grouper have recovered enough to satisfy the management goals. The designated areas range from nine to 30 nautical miles offshore and vary in size from 50 to 500 nautical square miles.

"It should never be an easy or quick decision to close public waters to the public, but unfortunately there are situations where that is the best management tool available to recover certain marine resources," said David Cummins, president of CCA. "When we are presented with that situation, it demands a thorough, open process guided by science to develop the trust and support of everyone involved in the fishery. We hope the process that developed Amendment 14 can serve as a blueprint for the careful use of closed areas in fisheries management in the future."

In stark contrast, the President recently announced the creation of marine monuments in the western Pacific, marking the second time in two years that the rarely used Antiquities Act has been used to create a marine monument.

"The Antiquities Act is sparse on process. In fact, it has none," said Matthew Paxton, federal lobbyist for CCA. "The law in its entirety is roughly one page long and has four sections, one of which provides absolute

discretion for the President to establish national monuments. There is no NEPA process, no opportunity for public comment and no chance for judicial review. This is dramatically different than the process used by the South Atlantic Council."

The Bush Administration used the Act in 2006 to create the Northern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, at the time the largest marine reserve in the world. Earlier this week, the Administration used the Act once again to declare marine monuments in the Pacific Ocean at three other locations: Rose Atoll, the Marianas Trench and the Pacific Remote Island Area (PRIA). The new monuments will span more than 195,000 square miles.

"No matter how noble the intention, management by proclamation is not the way to properly manage our oceans," said Miller. "These are staggeringly large areas of ocean that have been summarily taken out of any public process. The Antiquities Act

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FROM THE GUT
Happy New Year!



Gary Loomis
Chairman, CCA PNW

I started 2009 with an invitation from George H.W. Bush to attend the commissioning of the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush in Norfolk, Virginia. Although I was very excited about the invitation and the opportunity to see our former President again, it doesn't quite compare to the excitement I feel as we head into a new year, one with many opportunities to promote and achieve a new direction in harvest management.

Looking back on 2008, we accomplished a lot in the Pacific Northwest on behalf of our salmon, steelhead and other fisheries. Our first banquet season surpassed expectations and the funds raised enabled us to hire a variety of professionals who will help us to advance our advocacy efforts. Those professionals include our fisheries director, our regional director and our Oregon lobbyist. Now we are gearing up to hire a lobbyist for Washington and an assistant director for each state. We are doing exactly what we need to be doing in

terms of hiring professional help, only a few years earlier than most people within CCA expected of the Pacific Northwest.

Our tremendous growth – and the potential to grow even more – is the driving force behind our need to have more people on staff. Our chapters are multiplying, our membership is growing and we need to continue raising funds for our advocacy efforts in an increasingly challenging economy.

We also need to make sure that we speak with a consistent voice as we engage in the fight to preserve our Pacific Northwest fisheries. Traditionally the voice of the sportsman – and that of conservation – has been fractured and as a result not very effective. CCA provides that consistent and influential voice, and as you have read in this newsletter, by all accounts we are making a good impression and a big difference. The professionals that we hire -- specifically our fisheries director and our state lobbyists -- help to maintain that consistent voice with legislators and other key decision makers.

Here is an example of why that matters, and how we can harness the voice of CCA's members to make a difference.

As 2008 wound down, Oregon's Commission voted to derail harvest reform efforts by ignoring the recommendations of the bi-state Columbia River Fish Working Group (CRFWG), a process that was developed and negotiated by the Oregon and Washington Commissions. It's worth noting that the CRFWG is comprised of three commissioners from each state, professional staff from both

states and upwards of a dozen volunteer non-voting advisors.

Instead of acting in good faith and implementing the CRFWG's conservation-based, harvest reform recommendations, the Oregon Commission chose to ignore the findings and endorsed an increase in the non-selective commercial harvest of our wild salmon and steelhead this spring. It's an understatement to say that this decision will further harm our remaining salmon and steelhead runs.

CCA Oregon, on behalf of the state's 4,000 members, respectfully asked Governor Kulongoski and Oregon legislators to urge the Oregon Commission to honor and adopt the efforts put forth by the CRFWG. We also engaged our members in taking action, as you will read in more detail in this newsletter, by encouraging them to contact the governor and their local legislators to voice their concerns about this failure to protect our region's increasingly precious resource.

As this newsletter went to press, another round of negotiations between Oregon and Washington fisheries officials has been scheduled, and our hope is that Oregon will adopt the CRFWG's recommendations.

Our ability to quickly respond to this situation and voice our concerns – immediately and with impact – is an example of the effectiveness of CCA's model. I am looking forward to another productive year, and I hope that you will join me in charting a new direction in harvest management, one that will ensure the recovery of the resource.

Director's Corner

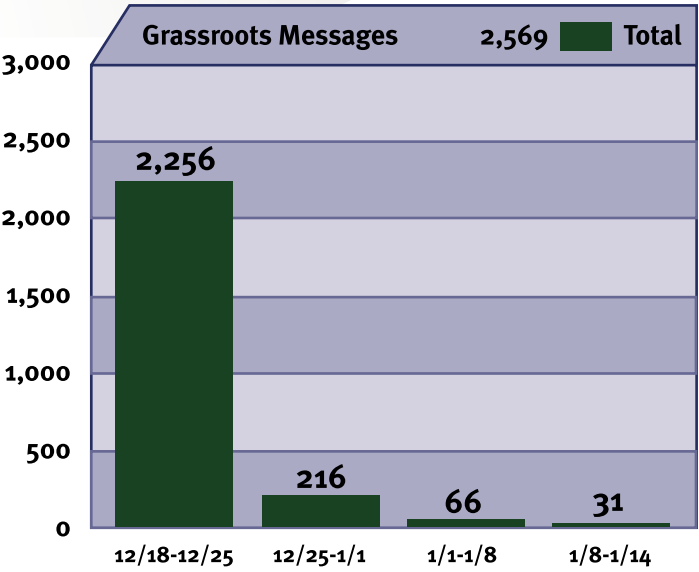
CCA Members Speak Loudly for Conservation

Bryan Irwin
Regional Executive Director

On December 18, 2008, Oregon CCA members demonstrated the power behind their collective voice. Members stepped up in a big way to let their legislators and Governor Kulongoski know about their disappointment in the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission's decision to turn a blind eye toward the conservation benefits of selective fishing, while giving more spring salmon to the non-selective gill nets.

Northwest anglers have been disappointed in ODF&W Commission decisions in the past, but to my knowledge have never spoken out so loudly and effectively as our recent efforts in Oregon. It's unprecedented! Over 800 CCA members, supporters and friends have sent more than 2500 e-mails and letters to the Governor, state senators and representatives. Every single member of Oregon's House and Senate has received multiple messages from their constituents alerting them to our concerns with the Commission's decision. One Senator, Betsy Johnson of Scappoose, heard from 82 CCA members in her district! While it's too early to know the result of this outreach effort, it is clear from the responses we've seen from our elected officials that our message is being heard.

To put this into perspective, a "successful" call-to-action campaign is considered a success with a 9 to 11 percent response rate from membership. We are currently at a 40% response rate. Let's keep up the good work.



Thank you to those of you who participated in this "Call to Action," especially those of you who also asked your friends to participate. It's worth noting that 300 additional messages were sent as a result of friends telling friends -- that's grassroots at its finest.

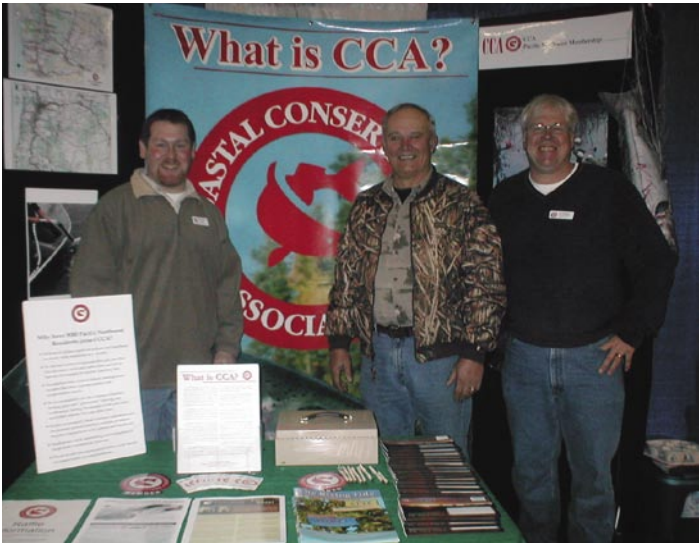
CCA Prepares for Boat and Sportsmen's Shows

Paul Mikesh
CCA Oregon, Event Coordinator

At this writing CCA PNW is in the midst of kicking off it's participation in 2009's Boat and Sport Show schedule. Eight Oregon and SW Washington area Chapters (Mt. Hood, Columbia County, Willamette Falls, Tualatin Valley, Tillamook, Salem, Portland Metro and SW Washington) have all signed up for specific days at the Portland Boat Show (3-11 Jan) and Sportsmen's Show (4-8 Feb). Eugene, Roseburg and Medford Chapters are all planning to cover their respective Sportsmen's Shows in the month of February.

Chapters are encouraged to consider covering significant festivals and fairs in their area as a good source for adding new members to their Chapter rolls. Last summer the Columbia County Chapter covered their local County Fair and signed up twenty-eight new members and ten renewals in a short four day event.

CCA Oregon has published a "Volunteer's Guide to Working Public Events" and it can be obtained by emailing paulmikesh@comcast.net. Oregon Chapters wishing to participate in a local event can contact me for assistance with materials to be used in the booth.



Pictured from left to right are Wade Radke, Pres Mt. Hood Chapter, Paul Mikesh CCA Oregon Event Coordinator, and Jim Birdwell GRC, Mt. Hood Chapter staffing the booth at the Portland Boat Show, January 3-11, 2009.

CCA 2009 Spring Banquet Calendar

CCA Spring banquet season is nearly upon us! Please mark your calendar with the following important dates and plan to attend the banquet(s) in your area. Oregon and Washington banquets that will take place this Spring are listed in the chart below.

Table with 2 columns: Chapter Name and Banquet Date. Rows include Washington Banquets (Tri Cities, Sea Tac, Kitsap, Lewis County, North Sound, North Snohomish, Southwest Washington) and Oregon Banquets (Willamette Falls, Columbia County, Tillamook, Rogue Valley, Tualatin Valley, Salem).

Mt. Hood Chapter to Hold Poker Tournament

All of you Texas Hold 'em poker players mark you calendars for Saturday February 21st to attend the First Annual Mt Hood Chapter Texas Hold 'em Tournament. There is a \$50 buy-in to the tournament, that includes your chip stack and food. Prizes will be awarded to those who reach the final table, and in addition to the first place prize a trophy will be awarded to the champion.

"We're excited to offer our members the chance to have a membership event that can be both a lot of fun and get people to a CCA event that they might not otherwise attend," said Mt Hood chapter president Wade Radke. "Our chapter is excited to offer another event besides the banquet where we can get our message out to a lot of people."

"Even if you are not a "high roller," it's fun to watch a poker tournament unfold. After all, there can only be one champion and as players are eliminated the tension and excitement build. Playing in a tournament will sharpen the skills of novice and experienced players alike. For a modest entry fee, you will be helping the fish while having a good time with fellow CCA members. Plus, the prizes are great, too. Sign up soon - I know I plan to - because the seats will be snapped up quickly", John Stec CCA Oregon president.

The tournament will begin at 1:00 PM at Persimmon Country Club, 500 S.E. Butler Road, Gresham, OR 97080. You can either email your RSVP to mthood@ccapnw.org or call Jennifer at the CCA PNW office @ 877-255-8772. RSVP early to secure your seat to this inaugural event!

Fight for the Conservation of Salmon and Steelhead in 2009

John Stec
Oregon CCA President

Once the calendar turns over into the New Year, it is customary to renew our personal dedication to any number of issues by declaring our “resolutions.” And, while many of these well-intentioned resolutions will fall by the wayside over the next twelve months, there is one that must not be allowed to become lost in the day-to-day challenges that we all face. I’m speaking, of course, of our resolve to see the fight to conserve our wild salmon and steelhead through to a successful conclusion.

In my recent report to the general membership of CCA Oregon, I repeated the call for help in growing our membership base. Indeed, one of the goals expressed in our business plan calls for a net increase of 25 percent in Oregon members. This is an aggressive but attainable goal and I hope you will do your part by signing up at least one new member in 2009. There is more than strength in numbers; the is significant power as well. And power is what it will take to change decades of slipshod harvest and management practices.

But let’s step back from membership issues for a moment and consider another vast source of power which we must now begin to summon to the fight. I am speaking of the sport fishermen and women of Oregon who do not fish for salmon or steelhead. I’m also speaking of citizens who do not fish at all. Of what importance are these people, whose numbers are considerable, to our efforts? Let me answer with a quick example.

Many years ago, I was involved in the Oregon Hunter Education Program. In the orientation for new instructors, ODFW staff pointed out that about 10 percent of the population enjoyed hunting, 10 percent where decidedly anti-hunting, and the remaining 80 percent were neutral. Similarly, there are those who fish, those who are against all fishing, and those who are basically indifferent. The point is fairly obvious: the keys to success in our efforts include engaging the voting public who is presently unengaged without alienating them. While our professional staff and Government Relations Committee are working to educate our legislators, others can be working to educate the general public. This is where our Communications Committee will play an increasingly important role.

We shouldn’t overlook, though, the role that individuals like you and me can play in this process. For example, ask yourself if you could:

Involve kids. Speak to a scout, 4-H, or similar youth group to educate them about the importance of maintaining viable fish populations as part of Oregon’s heritage. If you aren’t comfortable with public speaking, contact your local CCA chapter and find someone who is.

Work with teachers. Talk to a local science teacher about CCA Oregon and using Young Tide or other CCA educational materials for classroom projects.

Inform yourself. Visit the CCA website at www.ccapnw.org. Read the book Striper Wars, by Dick Russell, or get a copy of the April, 2007 National Geographic. Both tell, in layman’s terms, how desperate a fight we are presently in. You don’t have to be a biologist, fisheries expert, or “fish head” to have a good working knowledge of the issues we face. Then, use your knowledge to ...

Alert the uninformed. Explain to your next door neighbor the difference between conservation and allocation, the absolute need for selective harvesting, the impact of predation, and why it is important for them to understand these and other issues.

Remember, fish don’t talk, nor do they vote for their own best interests. You, on the other hand, can do the first to get more people to do the second.

These are simple actions that can help in immeasurable ways. If we all try to get that 80 percent group of folks thinking and talking about the sorry state of affairs in our fish management processes, we will increase our power and achieve our goals more rapidly.

As I write this message I’m looking out my home office window at the drifting snow and icy street. The day, like the beginning of 2009, could be described as gloomy. Yet tomorrow my son Justin and granddaughter Jennifer will fire up the boat and head out into the Multnomah Channel for some sturgeon fishing. I’ll watch her, pink-cheeked and bubbling over with a thirteen-year-old’s enthusiasm, waiting for the tell-tale twitch of the rod tip. If the day is slow, she’ll sip her hot chocolate and at some point remind us that even if we’re skunked she just loves being out on the water with us.

This is the legacy that must be preserved. It has nothing to do with limits, tagging out, bragging rights, or getting “our share.” It has everything to do with knowing that, beneath the boat, an ancient cycle of life and death is playing itself out, and that in the great scheme of things we are but a small part. As individuals, there are many aspects of life that we have little control over. Making sure that our great grandchildren and beyond can experience the same sense of awe and reverence for our fish runs does not fit in that category.

Please, do what you can to help. ☺

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Start the New Year by Getting Involved; Growing Membership

Matt Olson
President, CCA Washington

The past 18 months have been a blur of activity within CCA, including banquets and fundraising, hiring staff, the refinement of our advocacy efforts and the development of a legislative strategy.

Each one is an important milestone in our progress, and we are moving fast. Washington is already CCA’s fourth-largest state chapter in the country, and Oregon is close by at number five. That’s an amazing amount of growth in less than two years!

As Washington’s president, I am connected to CCA each and every day through my volunteer efforts on behalf of the organization. I am often in the middle of much of this activity, and I see first-hand the amount of work being done, the tremendous volunteers that we have and the progress that we are making.

As a result, I am often surprised when members ask me, “What have we been doing?” I am also asked *when* we are going to do something. My favorite question is, “What has my \$25 paid for?”

My first response is to answer these questions with a question, which I will ask all of you: Have you attended your local chapter meeting?

We are working to improve our communications to our membership by refining some of our existing tools (our web site) and considering the addition of other options. However, the best way for CCA members to find out what’s going on – and how they can become involved – is to attend local chapter meetings. These meetings are the most important and direct way to communicate. Chapter meetings will inform you of the status of current events and provide you with the opportunity to ask about the latest news and issues with CCA in the Pacific Northwest.

To some, it may seem like we aren’t taking enough action or obtaining our goals quickly enough. Whenever I spend time with CCA members in other states – CCA chapters that have been working on conservation and fisheries issues for decades longer than we have – they are amazed by how far we have come and how much progress we have made in the Pacific Northwest.

We have hired an excellent Executive Director, Bryan Irwin, who is working regionally in both Oregon and Washington. CCA Oregon has hired a lobbyist and in Washington our Government Relations Committee, our Fisheries Director, Heath Heikkila, and I have been working hard to secure a lobbyist for Washington. By the time you read this

article, Washington will join Oregon in having a lobbyist working for us in the current legislative session.

We are also well on our way toward hiring an Assistant Director for Washington. We have conducted some promising interviews and have met with some very qualified candidates. Bryan Irwin, Washington Vice Chairman Rob Tobek, Washington Vice President Stan Brogdon and I are confident that we will have an Assistant Director on board in the first quarter of 2009.

To help us reach the goals that we are all working toward, we really need to throw our weight into the harness, so to speak, and take our membership to the next level. Every citizen truly has a stake in this issue, and we need to pull together and extend our reach beyond anglers and help everyone understand the importance of advocating for the future of our Pacific Northwest fisheries.

You can help in a few very simple ways. First of all, the next time you have a chapter meeting, make sure that you attend. And, challenge your fellow members to bring three or more of their friends and/or non-members. We are all in this together, and with this kind of teamwork we can all benefit from the growing “pool” of concerned members. ☺

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discounts the importance of receiving critical input from all user groups and providing a comprehensive evaluation of alternatives before any restricted area is put in place. Using the Antiquities Act as a convenient and expeditious way to lock up the marine environment runs counter to the entire conservation ethic.”

The Northern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument was created as a no-fishing zone and allows neither commercial nor recreational fishing. In announcing the new marine monuments, the President cited a recent Executive Order requiring that recreational fishing be managed as a sustainable activity in such areas, but a final decision on whether or not to allow it in the new marine monuments could be years away.

Article provided by CCA National ☺

Update your E-mail and contact information!

Did you know we only have valid E-mail addresses for approximately 60% of our membership?

If you are not receiving CCA E-mails or publications, we might have a bad electronic address and/or physical address for you. But, there’s something you can do! Go to CCA National’s website www.joincca.org and go to the “Update Your Address” link on the left hand side. There you can submit a change of E-mail address or home address. It is helpful, but not necessary to have your CCA membership ID handy.

Oregon CCA Plans a Day at the Capital

All CCA/Oregon members should mark Feb 24th on their calendar for a day at the capitol to meet with legislative leaders and show support for our 2009 legislative agenda. This will present a great opportunity to respectfully voice our concerns over the management of our fishery resources, the recovery of wild fish, and show support for several pieces of legislation that will be introduced during this session encouraging a move to more selective harvest methods of available hatchery stocks.

Once the legislative session has started Oregon lobbyist Shawn Miller will reserve space at the capitol for the event and an action alert will be sent out advising all members of further details about this opportunity to meet personally with those who represent us in a casual and informal setting.

Just like a first date, this is our opportunity to make a first impression and show that we truly believe that if we put the resource first and practice management strategies based on what science tells us is best for the resource, all Oregonians and user groups will benefit as well

as - most importantly - the resource. If we deliver that message in a respectful and credible manner that first impression will be positive and the relationships we build with those who represent us will be lasting. This will help to insure that future Oregonians enjoy our salmon and steelhead runs as the Northwest icons they are and must remain.



Even though we have made amazing strides in membership growth since our formation it is important to remember, as we take our message to decision makers, the larger our membership the louder our voice. As we me move into the New Year, if we all recruited one new member, our membership and most importantly our voice would double. 📢

Washington Begins New Year with Solid Foundation

Ed Wickersham
Chairman, WA Government Relations

From Spokane to Vancouver and right into the Governor's office in Olympia, the Washington GRC has built a critical mass of energy toward salmon and steelhead recovery in Washington.

Exciting developments include:

- The WA GRC formed subcommittees to handle growth and specialize geographically. Our Puget Sound group headed by Andy Marks is growing at a fast clip, and forming additional subgroups to address the numerous conservation issues in the Puget Sound watershed. Kitsap Peninsula and Puget Sound Chapters have each designated GRC members to work with the PS GRC group. They have also formed Puget Sound working committees at the Chapter level to focus on specific concerns.
- Our Columbia River group, led by Ginny Ross and Harry Barber is fully engaged in Spring and Summer Chinook management and is assisting with the Columbia River Fish Working Group (CRFWG) process established by the Compact early this year.
- CCA Washington's GRC Chair, Ed Wickersham, is the recreational advisor

to the CRFWG process. Ed brings the voice of science and conservation to these proceedings while representing the concerns of CCA members.

- Rapid action on short notice was instrumental in the WDFW Commission's decision to table its Columbia River Spring and Summer Chinook decision at the Olympia hearing in mid-December. The GRC learned of the Oregon Commission's decision to derail the consensus allocation plan on the night of Dec. 12 and rallied CCA members to attend the December 13 meeting and provide testimony.
- Hal Boynton, our Hoh River Steelhead expert, also attended the WDFW Commission meeting on December 13 to discuss disturbing threats to wild steelhead conservation under the current tribal harvest negotiations. This testimony supplemented our detailed prior letter to WDFW on this matter urging the Department to protect the State's interests in those negotiations with the tribes by insuring sufficient escapement and reducing non-selective harvest.
- CCA members played a vital role in efforts to keep the Tokul Creek steelhead hatchery open when WDFW put it on the chopping block. CCA issued a strong letter in support of the Tokul Creek hatchery and in complete alignment with

HSRG recommendations. We believe CCA played a role in saving that hatchery since the final WDFW position tracked closely with our proposal.

- WDFW named CCA members Tom Pollack (one of our team leaders and CCA representative in the North of Falcon process), Dave Knutzen and Ken Kumasawa to the WDFW Sport Fishing Advisory Board.
- Frank Urabeck has taken a strong role in supporting our GRC and North of Falcon team and has provided invaluable help in preparing our team for two full-day NOF workshops in October and November. Both workshops were heavily attended by CCA members --- too many to mention here! CCA's presence at these workshops has been instrumental in creating the opportunities we now have.

Finally, an event occurred at the first NOF workshop which sums it all up. When a very complicated issue arose for which no one had an answer or proposal, WDFW official Pat Pattillo asked the group "Well...What is CCA's position on this?"

Fellow CCA members, that is the question we have waited to hear. Now we need your continued support and engagement more than ever to provide the answer loud and clear in the New Year. 📢

Rewards Program Nabs Chinook Salmon Thieves

Ed Wickersham
Chairman, WA Government Relations

In 2008, CCA Washington, in support of efforts by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Program, launched a reward program intended to raise awareness regarding the conservation of endangered and wild salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in the Lower Columbia River. During June 2008, on different dates, two citizens who were fishing on the Columbia River observed individuals take Chinook salmon when the season was closed. They reported the violations via the reward hotline number on our signs. Subsequently WDFW-LE officers responded and contacted the violators. On the one occasion the officer made the contact as the suspect was exiting the fishing area. In the other the officer

followed up the next day and substantiated the violation after contacting the suspect.

It is interesting to note that in both incidents the reporting parties actually talked with the suspects and pointed out to them that they were taking salmon in violation of the law. And in both instances their comments were met with hostility. Both fish in question were hatchery Chinook.

Based upon the recommendation of the Department officers, and in consideration of the nature of the violation it was decided that \$100.00 would be an appropriate reward. Both citizens were pleased and very positive in their praise for what CCA is trying to do. Both citizens wish to remain anonymous. Rewards of \$100.00 have been paid to both citizens and accompanied by a letter thanking them for their help. CCA offers 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. 📢

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I've been fishing western Washington rivers and waters since 1970 and have seen a rapid decline in the quality & quantity of our steelhead and salmon over the years particularly since 1974. It is very disturbing to me, but now being very excited and encouraged look to CCA for leadership in seeking a permanent solution to our endangered resource.

This a Chinook weighing about thirty pounds, landed while on a trip on the Chehalis river with guide, Chuck Wicken, on an extremely rainy, wet & cold day. We had to chase this aggressive jumping fish over half a mile down river before netting it.

Enjoy a wonderful 2009!

Dave Wands ><(((o>
Olympia, WA

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.

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Dear Editor,

My name is Zach Park. This summer I was on a plane home from Portland to Boise and I sat next to Gary Loomis. We got to talking and he was telling me about CCA a little bit and I was telling him about this fish I had caught on my GL3 fishing rod.

I caught this fish in mid january on the upper nestucca river. It measured 40" X 20" and weighed 22 lbs. There was a couple of inches of snow on the ground and it was freezing cold. It was about noon when I hooked into this fish and I was almost at the point of boredom before my bobber dissappeared into the beatiful green water. As soon as I hooked into the fish it jumped out of the water and I was amazed at the raw power and size of this fish. When it came out of the water my roommate looked at me and said " that is the biggest steelhead I have ever seen, don't lose him whatever you do!" this bright chrome buck jumped out of the water five or six more times. I got him to the bank 3 or 4 times and each time he went for another run and sat in the middle of the river and wouldn't budge. I was only fishing 10lb leader and was afraid that he was going to break me off. It took me about 25 minutes to finally net this pig and when I got him in the net he broke my net because he barely fit in it. This is a day I will never forget.

Sincerely,
Zach Park



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Meeting Info: **Monthly**
2nd Tuesday, 7pm
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Banquet Date: **March 20, 2009**

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541-206-7694

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Banquet Date: **Tentative - August, 2009**

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Meeting Info: **TBA**
Banquet Date: **Tentative - April 25, 2009**

MOUNT HOOD - GRESHAM

Chapter Location: **Gresham**
President: **Dan Christopher**
Contact: **qualityfishing@comcast.net**
503-880-4543

Meeting Info: **Every even month**
2nd Wednesday, 7 pm
Gresham Golf Course

Banquet Date: **September 16, 2009**

NORTHEAST - PENDLETON

Chapter Location: **Pendleton**
President: **Scott Paul**
Contact: **goose_klr@hotmail.com**
541-276-1951

New Chapter: TBA

PORTLAND METRO

Chapter Location: **Portland**
President: **John Zell**
Contact: **jzell@zephyr.net**
503-282-9347

Meeting Info: **Monthly**
1st Wednesday, 7 pm
The Kennedy School
Portland, OR
October, 2009

Banquet Date:

ROGUE VALLEY CHAPTER

(MEDFORD AND SURROUNDING AREA)
Chapter Location: **Medford**
President: **Nathan Grimm**
Contact: **ng Grimm50@gmail.com**
206-406-9040

Meeting Info: **TBA**
Banquet Date: **April 3, 2009**

SALEM

Chapter Location: **Salem**
President: **Brian Canini**
Contact: **bbc0798@comcast.net**
503-930-6860

Meeting Info: **Parrish Middle**
School Library
"D" St. at Capitol St. NE
Salem, OR

Banquet Date: **May 30, 2009**

TILLAMOOK

Chapter Location: **Tillamook**
President: **Jack Smith**
Contact: **asgs@oregoncoast.com**
503-842-6313

Meeting Info: **Monthly**
3rd Friday, 6:30 pm
Tillamook Office
of ODFW
(Please contact to verify location)

Banquet Date: **March 21, 2009**

TUALATIN VALLEY

Chapter Location: **Aloha**
President: **Frank Unger**
Contact: **tualatinvalley@ccapnw.org**
503-936-6581

Meeting Info: **Monthly**
3rd Monday
Tualatin Valley
Fire and Rescue
20665 SW Blanton,
Aloha, OR

Banquet Date: **April 17, 2009**

WILLAMETTE FALLS

Chapter Location: **Milwaukie**
President: **Rick Atwood**
Contact: **watershedboats@molalla.net**
503-829-3611

Meeting Info: **TBA**
Banquet Date: **March 5, 2009**

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WASHINGTON CHAPTERS

LEWIS COUNTY

Established: **April 2007**
Chapter Location: **Centralia**
President: **Jeff Ashe**
Contact: **lewiscounty@ccapnw.org**
Meeting Info: **Monthly - 2nd Thursday, 7 pm**
Powersports NW
300 S. Tower Ave., Centralia

Banquet Date: **March 7th, 2009**

LOWER COLUMBIA

Established: **September 2007**
Chapter Location: **Longview**
President: **Rick Estes**
Chapter: **lowercolumbia@ccapnw.org**
(360) 957-3718

Meeting Info: **Monthly - 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm**
Monticello Hotel , Longview

Banquet Date: **Tentative – March 2009**

SEA-TAC

Established: **October 2007**
Chapter Location: **Des Moines**
President: **Frank Eshpeter**
Contact: **seatac@ccapnw.org**
Meeting Info: **Monthly - 3rd Tuesday, 7 pm**
Des Moines Masonic Hall,
2208 S. 233rd St., Des Moines

Banquet Date: **March 28, 2009**

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Established: **October 2007**
Chapter Location: **Camas**
President: **Steve Koch**
Contact: **swwashington@ccapnw.org**
(360) 606-0623

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: **June 6, 2009**

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: **2009 - TBA**

SNO-KING

Established: **January 2008**
Chapter Location: **Woodinville**
President: **Scott Sypher**
Contact: **snoking@ccapnw.org**
Meeting Info: **Monthly – Last Tuesday, 7 pm**
Three Rivers Marine,
24300 Woodinville-
Snohomish Rd., Woodinville

Banquet Date: **March 19, 2009**

TRI-CITIES

Established: **January 2008**
Chapter Location: **Richland**
President: **Stan Brogdon**
Contact: **tricitie@ccapnw.org**
(509) 531-1553

Meeting Info: **Even Months**
2nd Thursday, 7 pm
O'Callahan's
@ The Shilo Inn, Richland

Banquet Date: **March 13, 2009**

NORTH SOUND

Established: **April 2008**
Chapter Location: **Bellingham**
President: **Jason Cross**
Contact: **northsound@ccapnw.org**
Meeting Info: **Monthly - 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm**
(September to June)
Alternate between Whatcom
& Skagit Counties –
Skagit Co. Location: Sportsman's
Warehouse, Burlington;
Whatcom Co. Location: TBD

Banquet Date: **March 6th, 2009**

KITSAP

Established: **April 2008**
Chapter Location: **Silverdale**
President: **Charles Gauthier**
Contact: **gauthiere@wavecable.com**
Meeting Info: **Monthly – 4th Thursday, 7 pm**
Sportsman's Warehouse,
Ridgetop Blvd.
NW #150, Silverdale

Banquet Date: **Tentative – April 4th 2009**

CAPITOL CITY

Established: **May 2008**
Chapter Location: **Lacey**
President: **Don Freeman**
Contact: **(360) 951-7086**
Meeting Info: **Monthly – 1st Monday, 7 pm**
Lacey Fire Dept. #31,
1231 Franz St., Lacey

Banquet Date: **2009 – TBA**

INLAND EMPIRE

Established: **Board Approval Pending**
Chapter Location: **Spokane**
President: **Casey Mason**
Contact: **c.mason@qwestoffice.net**
(509) 590-8383

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

Banquet Date: **TBA - September, 2009**

NORTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Established: **Board Approval Pending**
Chapter Location: **Marysville**
President: **Errol Collins**
Contact: **(360) 659-5193**
Meeting Info: **Monthly – 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm**
North River Marine,
12505 Smokey Point Blvd.,
Marysville

Banquet Date: **Tentative: May 19th, 2009**

Coastal Conservation Association Membership Application

MEMBER INFORMATION

☐ Renewal Dues ☐ New Membership

Name _____

Associate Member Name(s) (if applicable) _____

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- ☐ \$200 SPONSOR: Bronze lapel pin, print, plus member gifts.
- ☐ \$500 PATRON: Silver lapel pin, print, plus member gifts.
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