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Members:

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Welcome to the run-up to the 2017 albacore season! With a month or two to go WFOA will be updating information concerning rules, regulations, and markets in this and the next newsletter which we will send in mid-June.

Included in this newsletter besides the AFRF segment is Regulatory Issues for U.S. West Coast Albacore Fishermen laying out permit and other requirements albacore vessels have to do for 2017. WFOA and AFRF will also have another newsletter in about Mid-June with updated buyer's lists, supporting member lists, and a member list, plus flyers from supporting members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dues: There are still a few vessel owners and supporting members that have not paid 2017 member dues. We have sent reminders out. If you do not pay by June 30th we will remove you from our info lists etc. WFOA encourages vessel owners to join our association especially those in the highly restricted salmon fishery.

Member and At-Sea Information Lists: WFOA is rethinking its methods of distributing price and market information to the fleet and owners during the season. We will announce the policy in the June newsletter. We would like to update our vessel e-mails of those members wishing to receive short informational messages' at-sea. Many change servers or providers and do not let WFOA the new address. If you want onto this list in 2017 please email wfoa@charter.net with VESSEL EMAIL in the subject line plus the name of the boat and we will add you to the list.

The other list is the general email onshore list for members. You get more detailed information on Fridays and in between if something occurs. We do depend on those onshore to relay information to the

vessels. Many on boats now have gmail accounts of similar which are used on both lists. But as with the boat email address, PLEASE UPDATE CHANGES!

WA CCF, NCFC Membership: WFOA will renew its membership in National Coalition of Fisheries Communities (Saving Seafood) as well as Coalition of Coastal Fisheries in Washington State.

2017 WFOA Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting for WFOA and AFRF went well last month in Astoria, Oregon. Seminars were well attended and we had 78 attendees at dinner on the March 28th. WFOA extends our thanks to all the supporting members listed below who contributed:

Bornstein Seafoods Inc., Bumble Bee Seafoods, Chicken of the Sea, DaYang Seafoods, Englund Marine, Gallagher Transport, Ilwaco Landing Fishermen, Jessies' Ilwaco /AlbersFish Company, Interocean Seafoods, Marine Chartering Co., Oregon Seafoods, Pacific Seafood Group, Seafood Producers Coop, Seafood Suppliers Inc., Star Kist Co., Trident Seafoods, Tri-Marine Fish Company, Wild Planet Foods, Wilcox & Flegal Oil

WFOA also thanks those individuals that conducted seminars, speeches and contributed raffle items to the event.

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Dinner Speaker: Bob Vannase from National Coalition of Fishing Communities (Saving Seafood) was the dinner speaker coming out from Washington, DC. There were also great prizes at the raffle. The Holiday Inn Express has expanded and did their usual fine job as did Bridgewater Bistro who catered dinner in the Red Loft Bldg.

MARKET and CATCH:

2017 Season: From information gathered, it appears prices for albacore in the coming season should be good. Demand is high and inventory low. Right now blast frozen troll caught albacore from the South Pacific is more than \$ 5,000/st up to \$6,000/st ex-vessel. We also expect brine and brine/bled markets to be good but the markets there are set by other forces and affected by different issues. A very positive development in 2016 is that most of the blast/bled albacore now is consumed in North America markets in various forms.

Given that there will be severe restrictions on salmon trolling along the west coast this season, we expect more effort from coastal salmon boats if albacore show within range. We welcome any salmon boats into the WFOA organization so they can keep up on regulatory and market issues throughout the season. Please encourage vessel owners to join or let the office know of potential members we can send an info packet to and make contact. 600-700 boats land albacore per season on the west coast and less than half belong to either WFOA or AAFA.

South Pacific: Thirteen albacore trollers from the west coast fished in the South Pacific this season. Early in the season, from the end of December through February fishing was very good for some. Boats fished from outside the New Zealand EEZ to the east and south as far as 46 S. High quality blast frozen albacore as previously mentioned above are being paid ex-vessel prices from \$5,000 - \$6,000/st and higher.

MANAGEMENT & REGULATION:

WCPFC Fishing Zone: A reminder to members if you're planning on fishing west of 150W in the WCPFC zone. Some South Pacific U.S. vessels encountered some issues in the South Pacific where a seemingly minor paperwork issue and a photo of the vessels not showing the Radio Call Sign have been relayed to the NOAA/NMFS PIRO office for potential prosecution and

potential large and getting listed forever as an IUU vessel. This is serious and shows sort of how international management can work and potentially put fishermen out of business in an instant. If you are planning on fishing in the WCPFC zone this season make sure you have the Offshore Permit and the WCPFC Endorsement and all the paperwork involved up to date including a picture of the vessel with Radio Call Sign (Documentation numbers no longer work)

U.S./Canada Albacore Treaty: The regime under the treaty has been rolled over for another three years. Although it seems to be set WFOA submitted a letter to the State Dept. requesting clarification on their exchange of letters with Canada concerning catch attribution and the discrepancies on reporting data, along with port access.

There will be an online meeting of the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Data Working Group on May 25th, 2017 to discuss some of these issues.

WFOA is still trying to interpret the language of catch attribution in case of future international allocations. WFOA also hopes for some quick preseason discussion on port access procedures and data reporting. WFOA has little confidence this language would result in U.S. credit for Canadian catch in the U.S. zone if quotas came down at this time. We did write a letter express concern to the U.S. Dept. of State on this language as did AAFA and Alaska Troller Association. An email with some explanation was sent back in response but did not clarify or change anything. WFOA will keep after this issue possible in new communication to the State and Commerce Dept. and coastal lawmakers who have been involved in the process asking for stronger language.

The following statement was issued last month by the U.S. Department of State.

"Update - I am pleased to report that on Friday, March 10 the United States reached agreement in principle with Canada based on the U.S. proposal to extend the terms of the 2014-2016 regime for another 3 years, with no substantive changes. We also completed an exchange of letters (see attached) to document the catch attribution arrangement and it's evolution to a continuous arrangement. For the sake of efficiency, both sides also agreed to use the draft diplomatic notes that were prepared for the 2014-2016 regime and simply change the dates (see attached draft annexes), subject to whatever other legal updates that might be needed. The two sides

plan to exchange the usual communications to provisionally apply the terms of the regime and allow fishing to start on time while we work to enter the annex amendments into force. As per usual, the renewal and amendments to the Treaty annexes do not require advice and consent from the Senate, and do not require any changes to U.S. legislation or regulations. - Dave Hogan - U.S. Dept of State“

See the regulation insert in the newsletter for details.

Antiquities Act - Marine Monuments: WFOA and a large number of U.S. fishing organizations signed a letter questioning the use of the Antiquities Act to set aside vast ocean zones for monuments. We believe this 100-year-old act is being abused over the past 20 years. President Trump has just ordered a review of the process on both land and sea which could result in some changes in the future. The review will also examine major marine areas that Presidents Bush and Obama put off limits. That includes Hawaii's Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, which Bush designated in 2006 and Obama quadrupled in size a decade later.

April 4, 2017 — The following was written by Peter H. Flournoy, a representative of the Western Fishboat Owners' Association, in response to a March 31 op-ed in the New York Times:

“I have represented U.S. commercial fishermen for about 35 years, primarily working in the Pacific Ocean. I believe the primary concern of Republicans and Democrats who oppose the Act stems from where the Antiquities Act has been used, primarily by Presidents Bush and Obama, to close large areas of the ocean on both coasts to U.S. fishermen. Sometimes the expressed rationale is to protect the ocean bottom or coral reefs in certain areas, however, too often this also ends all surface fishing, which has no contact with the ocean floor. Traditionally U.S. fisheries are managed under the Magnuson Stevens Act. The Councils formed under this statute are the entities with the fishery management expertise. When the Antiquities Act is used, they are closed out.

While it may be that the Antiquities Act should be used for land areas, for the ocean there is the Marine Sanctuaries Act, which has a very public, transparent, and inclusive process.

In your opinion piece you also frequently used the number of tourists who visit the national parks which have grown from Antiquities Act set asides. I doubt I could count more than a hundred visitors to the marine protected areas

which have been established. These visitors are not your common middle class citizen that finds pleasure in taking his family to view nature's majesty at minimum expense. The only people that can enjoy the marine sanctuaries that have been set up under the Antiquities Act are those rich enough to own cabin cruisers or dedicated sufficiently to enjoy the expensive sport of scuba diving.

I hope the next time you lecture your classes on the Antiquities Act you might mention some of the above concerns”. See: <http://tinyurl.com/kjmtepe>

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC): North Pacific Re-Certification: WFOA and AAFA will begin MSC re-certification in August 2017. Given the ongoing stock assessments for North Pacific albacore and the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for Northern Albacore we are anticipating an uneventful re-certification at this time. The MSE processes which will lay the groundwork for future management structure will be completed in about two years. The ISC stock assessment will be finalized around mid-July 2017. The ISC albacore stock assessments occur every three years.

WFOA has considered dropping out of the South Pacific MSC certification because of the issues involved plus time and expenses, but it does affect some of our members and developing markets they have. So we will be working with MSC and the certifiers to find a remedy within our certification. We did find we cannot share in the New Zealand certification as its only for NZ vessels harvesting within the 200nm EEZ of New Zealand.

WFOA District Meetings: The WFOA board had a discussion of the issue of no district meetings in 2017 and what to do. The discussion entailed cost, member participation, dates, as well as the possibility of holding email/blog/web service meetings to take the place of past district style meetings. It was suggested that meetings be held after the season concluded. And was suggested that we do not eliminate member meetings of each district, since being able to meet with the WFOA Directors and Manager by each district is valuable.

The board modified the bylaws setting up a process directors election can be held on-line or electronic means through the WFOA office. WFOA will send out a copy of bylaws to all regular members in June.

If there is no district meeting or election the board can re-appoint the present directors by a vote.

Motion was passed to re-appoint all directors whose terms were up in 2017 to new two year terms. A list of all directors and contacts are on www.wfoa-tuna.org/directors

Election of WFOA Officers:

OFFICERS 2017: President - Lewis Hill,
Vice-President- Karl Johnson, Secretary - Teresa Reeves

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017: Lewis Hill, John LaGrange, Karl Johnson, Wayne Moody, Shawn Ryan, Ed Bittner

AFRF – WFOA REPS 2017: Rick Goche , John LaGrange, Wayne Moody, Lewis Hill*, Ron Harper, Karl Johnson, Ron Harper, Henry deRonden

OTHER:

Steve Fosmark , F/V Seeadler passed away at Community Hospital of Monterey on Monday, March 13, 2017 at the age of 65, surrounded by his family. He was born in Tillamook, Oregon on June 26, 1951 to Robert Stanley Fosmark and Doris Lee Fosmark. He attended Tillamook High where he played varsity football as a sophomore winning the state championship. He fell in love with fishing and was known to skip class to hunt and fish.

He met his wife Kathy in Moss Landing while in port. Throughout his fishing career of 48 years he owned 2 boats and fished from Mexico to Canada. His family spent summers fishing with him and both his sons continue to be involved in the fishing industry.. He represented fisherman on the Western Fishboat Owner's Association and was appointed as an advisor to the Pacific Fishery Management Council. He worked on research projects with National Marine Fisheries to develop sustainable fishing gear.

Bob Insinger Award: At the WFOA annual meeting there was a nomination of Steve & Kathy Fosmark for the award. It was passed unanimously.

New Members:

Garibaldi Landing Fishermen	Ilwaco, WA
Ocens	Seattle, WA

BOATS FOR SALE:

F/V Seeadler – 50×16 Steel Crabber/Tuna/Salmon Combination Vessel. 350 Pot CA Crab Permit – CA/OR Salmon Permit – HMS Tuna History Swordfish Drift Gillnet & Trammel permit & net available – Martin Allen Monk Design – Packs 30 Ton brine Tuna. 16,000 pound crab – Flooded

Chiller, O6D compressor, 40kw Izzue Genset, N-14 Cummins Main, full hydraulics, and full electronics including Furuno Sonar, Junes crab block, bait chopper, 250 Custom Crab Pots, 2 buoys and 2-3 shots of rope, 3 spool Kolstran gerdies, 4 spool Riesly stainless tuna pullers, bait tank, 4 bait wells. \$515,000 Contact Scott 831-915-5346 – Survey available on request – Same owner for 30 years

F/V Ventura II: Year: (Sale May be Pending) 1971, Length: 79.7, Builder: Gilbert & Son Location: California. 79.7'x23.1'x11.5' Steel combination Longline/ Tuna vessel built by Gilbert & Son in Rockport Texas. Two Cummins M18QTA Main Engs. (350 Hp), Reduction Gears: Twin Disc 6:1, Two John Deer 105KW Generators, Air Blast at -30 in main hold, Two Carrier 5F60 Comp. for main hold, 3 Ton Howe ice machine with Carrier 5F40 Comp., Bait hold freezer with Copeland Comp., 60-65 Tons frozen Tuna capacity, 60,000lbs Iced fish, 3,000 gallon fresh water, Two ISL-700 Water makers, Longline Gear: LP Super Spool 3, LP Line Shooter, LP Hydraulic Package, LP Hook and Buoy Timer, 6 LP Hook Boxes, 8 Radio Beacons. Electronics include, Two ComNav Auto Pilots, Four GPS, Two Radars, One Sonar, Three Plotters, One ADF, Two PC computers, Three Sat. phones, Sailor 150, Faria VMS, Vespermarine AIS, and more. Excellent High Seas Longline and Albacore boat, Proven as one of the Top Producers. Call 818-343-9927 or 805-236-4253. Asking \$750,000

F/V Quashala (Canadian), 61 ft LOL, 16. 2 ft Beam, 8 ft Draft. Rebuilt, New Deck, Beams, Bulwarks. Wood Hull, Aluminum House. Fish hold dived into 4 tanks for tendering. Refrigerated 25 ton capacity for albacore. Reconditioned Detroit Mail Series 60 with 600 hours. 4 cyl John Deere 75kw aux. Cessna hydraulic system. 120-240v Hydro-watt Generator. Fuel 4,700 US gallons. Many other extras. Asking \$130,000 USD. call Don at 604-594-2056.

Salmon: Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture hearing scheduled – May 24, 2017 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., State Capitol, Room 2040, Sacramento, CA - Senator McGuire, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (JCFA), is announcing the upcoming JCFA hearing on May 24, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., State Capitol, Room 2040, Sacramento, CA. The informational hearing will include presentations and discussions of California's salmon fisheries. More detailed information will be provided in the upcoming weeks. Please contact Tom Weseloh, the Committee Consultant, with any questions (contact information below).

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