



2009 Federal Assistance

With the 2009 Salmon Season closed and declared another disaster, salmon fishermen and fishing families are trying to survive. Oregon (through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission) was able to distribute the remaining \$6.7 million to those Oregon fishermen, wholesale buyers, and some related businesses that received disaster assistance in 2008. This amounted to about 42% of what they received in 2008. To bring this amount up to 100%, an additional \$9.8 million is needed. If received, this would mean a check of around 58% of the 2008 assistance.

We are working with our congressional delegation, but they need to hear from fishermen and fishing families that are directly impacted by this disaster. Contact information for our Oregon delegation is provided in the next column.

If this is important to you, then write letters requesting this additional funding. They need to hear your story.

Oregon Fisheries Day - August 16, 2009

Oregon Sea Grant and the Oregon Coast Aquarium are planning a collaborative event, "Oregon Fisheries Day", to be held at both the Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC) and the Aquarium on Sunday, August 16, 2009 with events happening from 12-4pm. The purpose of the event is to highlight the conservation efforts made by Oregon fishermen, and to provide the public an opportunity to learn about specific fisheries from the fishing community.

Salmon, albacore, and black cod will be highlighted at the HMSC with fishing gear, displays, grilled fish, videos, handouts and other activities. Dungeness crab and pink shrimp will be at the Aquarium.

Join us to celebrate our fisheries.

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June 2009 OSC Meeting

At its June 29, 2009 budget meeting in Newport, the OSC elected Darus Peake as Chair, Jeff Reeves as Vice Chair, and Kevin Bastien as Secretary/Treasurer.

- Commissioners approved the FY 2009/10 budget, which included income from assessments, federal grant money for the CROOS project, state funding for the Port Outreach Project, and income from the Oregon Albacore Commission for administrative services.

- The OSC will again contract with Jerry Reinholdt and Paul Heikkila to attend PFMC meetings and report to the commission with regulatory updates.

- The OSC will continue to offer six \$500 scholarships to dependents of Oregon licensed commercial troll salmon permit fishermen. Applications are available through the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (www.osac.state.or.us).

- Commissioners were updated on the CROOS (see article below) and Port Outreach Specialist Projects (see article next page).

- Since the OSC has been hearing from some fishermen that a salmon permit buyout should be considered, a discussion about the pros and cons was on the agenda. Interested fishermen attended the meeting to provide their thoughts. Obvious questions are; does the industry need a buyout, who would pay for it, who would/could get bought out, how much money would be paid per permit, how would this restructure the fleet, what about the latent permits that have not been fished, would a buyout need to be three statewide (CA, OR, WA), do we use buyout models from other states and or fisheries? According to ODFW, from 1992 until the present the number of vessels landing salmon ranges from 138 - 649. Since there are so many unanswered questions, the OSC formed a committee with Barry Nelson as chair to begin collecting fishermen input (pros and cons) about a buyout. This item will be on an OSC agenda at a future meeting. (Barry Nelson, P.O. Box 1641, Winchester Bay, OR 97467, macban86@yahoo.com)

- The Oregon Department of Agriculture reappointed Darus Peake and Jeff Werner to the OSC. Henry deRonden-Pos a fisherman from Newport, was approved as a new commissioner. Henry looks forward to working with the commission and the industry.

CROOS Update

Even though there has been no season in 2008 or 2009 for collecting at-sea genetic samples by salmon fishermen, activities have been progressing on the CROOS (Collaborative Research on Oregon Ocean Salmon) Project.

- A fishermen's workshop was held on February 25 with presentations on genetics, scale analysis, otolith analysis, dataloggers, oceanography, marketing kiosks at New Seasons, and a fisherman's perspective. Scientists had poster displays with explanations about their projects, and were available for questions and fishermen input. Breakout groups on the website, marketing, management, sampling protocols, and science tools engaged the fishermen with active discussions on these topics. Attendees of the workshop were pleased with the information provided, the interactions between fishermen and scientists, and the possibilities of the project.

- Electronic dataloggers capable of uploading data directly to the website are under development.

- A pilot marketing project utilizing interactive kiosks and selling albacore loins and steaks was launched at New Seasons markets in Portland in February. When the barcode on the product was scanned, a computer screen on the kiosk showed a short video of the fisherman and the plant that processed the albacore.

- Oceanographic scientists are analyzing the patterns of salmon movement and distribution from the 2006 and 2007 salmon data collection and correlating this with physical oceanographic changes such as sea surface temperature and chlorophyll-a concentrations.

- Chinook salmon bycatch from the shoreside Pacific whiting fishery were sampled in Newport during August 2008. Of the total West Coast shoreside bycatch of 2,037, 423 Chinook (21%) were analyzed with mid Oregon coastal stock being the predominant stock. (The entire report is available - contact the OSC)

- Work is continuing on the website development.

- CROOS participated in Sea Fest at Newport with hands-on activities such as using dataloggers, CROOS toolkit including GPS, and the marketing kiosk.

- West Coast Salmon GSI Collaboration, an interdisciplinary partnership between the salmon troll industry, university, federal, state, and tribal agency scientists and managers of California, Oregon, and Washington, continues to meet and develop strategies to achieve common goals and objectives.

- When (I am trying to optimistic, and not saying 'if') we have a 2010 season, we will again need to contract with fishermen for at-sea data collection. We will want to have those contracts completed and in place before the season begins. Therefore, in the early Spring when we know more about our season, we will provide information about signing up to participate in the CROOS project.

Preliminary 2009 Oregon Ocean Commercial Troll Salmon Catch and Effort Estimates Through Week 29 (July 13 - 19)

Courtesy of ODFW website - estimates are unavailable until 10 days following the sampling week

	Number of Boat Days				Chinook Harvested				Coho Harvested			
	Weekly	Cumulative			Weekly	Cumulative			Weekly	Cumulative		
Area	2009	2009	2008	2007	2009	2009	2008	2007	2009	2009	2008	2007
2	53	289	576	150	35	499	5183	1259	1851	5636	19	551
3	-	-	-	396	-	-	-	3697	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	796	-	-	-	3511	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	1263	-	-	-	7151	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	233	-	-	-	1842	-	-	-	-
Totals	53	289	576	2838	35	499	5183	17460	1851	5636	19	551

Area 2 - Columbia River Area - includes effort and catch from Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon

Area 3 - Tillamook Area - includes effort and catch from Cape Falcon to Cascade Head

Area 4 - Newport Area - includes effort and catch from Cascade Head to Heceta Head

Area 5 - Coos Bay Area - includes effort and catch from Heceta Head to Humbug Mountain

Area 6 - Brookings Area - includes effort and catch from Humbug Mountain to Point St. George, CA

----- Port Outreach Project to Continue in 2009

The Oregon Salmon Commission working with the Governor's office and state agencies is contracting with Community Colleges and Workforce Development to reinstate the Port Outreach Specialist Project.

The Outreach will work with fishing families that are impacted by the salmon disaster to help them access state and local emergency services, i.e. food stamps, counseling, housing assistance, jobs programs, etc. If you need assistance, please contact the Outreach in your area. They will help evaluate your needs and connect you to the appropriate services.

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*** Seafood Recipes Wanted ***

Seafood OREGON, a consortium of the Oregon Albacore, Dungeness Crab, Salmon, and Trawl Commissions, will again have a booth at the Oregon State Fair August 28 through September 7, 2009.

This is a special year for Oregon as we celebrate its 150 years as a state (1859). Events have taken place throughout the year and will culminate at the Oregon State Fair.

To acknowledge our coastal and fishing industries' heritage and contribution to our state, *Seafood* OREGON will hand out its own cookbook of 150 ways to enjoy/prepare Oregon seafood. We have some recipes, but would love to add to our collections, so please send us your favorite recipes for any of the following Oregon seafood: albacore, bottomfish, Dungeness crab, salmon, pink shrimp. Types of recipes can include appetizers, main dishes, salads, sandwiches, sauces, soups, stews, etc.

You can send or email your recipes to any of the four commissions. (My email is on the back of this newsletter.) We will compile them and have them copied and ready for State Fair on August 28.

Thank you in advance for your contributions.



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