

OSIG Meeting February 28

The Ocean Salmon Industry Group (OSIG) Meeting will be held February 28, 2013 at the **Embarcadero** Resort Hotel & Marina in the downstairs ballroom, 1000 SE Bay Blvd (near Englund Marine) in Newport. Coffee and pastries will be available at 9:30am, with the meeting starting at 10:00am. The agenda will include: Review of 2012 Ocean Fisheries; Review of 2012 Salmon Spawner Escapements and 2013 Coho and Chinook Abundance Forecasts; Sideboards, Guidelines, and Issues Affecting 2013 Season Structure; Develop Oregon Preferred Options – Commercial and Recreational. The meeting should be over around 3:30pm.

PFMC Meeting Schedule

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) and its advisory bodies will meet March 6-11, 2013 in Tacoma, WA at the Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza, 1-888-862-3255 to address issues related to salmon, Pacific halibut, groundfish, coastal pelagic species, highly migratory species, and habitat matters. Key agenda items include: Adopt alternatives for the 2013 ocean salmon fisheries for public review; adopt public review options for 2013 incidental catch recommendations for Pacific halibut in salmon troll and sablefish fisheries.

April PFMC will begin with advisory bodies meeting on Friday, April 5, followed by council sessions from April 6-11 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR, 503-281-2500.

Copies of briefing materials can be found on the PFMC website (www.pcouncil.org).

Margaret Nelson - We Will Miss You

It is with sad hearts that we say good-bye to Margaret (Peggy) Nelson, wife of fisherman Barry Nelson (Oregon Salmon Commissioner). Margaret passed on December 24, 2012. Barry and Margaret were active salmon and albacore fishermen (F/V Mystic) and advocates for the fisheries, as evidenced by the multitude of meetings they attended. Margaret was constantly at Barry's side on land and at sea. Thank you Barry for sharing her with us, and our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss you, Margaret.

OSC Meeting February 28 after OSIG

An Oregon Salmon Commission meeting will be held Thursday, February 28, 2013 at the **Embarcadero** Resort Hotel & Marina in the downstairs ballroom, 1000 SE Bay Blvd, Newport at 3:30pm, immediately following the OSIG meeting.

Agenda items:

1. Call to order, Introductions - Chair Darus Peake
2. 2013 Salmon Season Discussion – Determine OSC recommendations
3. Incidental Halibut
4. PFMC meetings
5. Pacific Salmon Commission meeting update – Mark Newell
6. Legislative Issues
7. Administrative Report – Nancy Fitzpatrick
 - a. Meeting Minutes
 - b. Financial Reports
 - c. Approve out of state travel
8. Other Business

Agenda additions may be brought to the attention of the Chair at the start of the meeting.

(The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting.)

Incidental Halibut in the Troll Salmon Fishery

In the summer of 2012 the Oregon Salmon Commission approached the International Pacific Halibut Commission about a change in the start date for the incidental troll halibut. The idea was to have the incidental season open whenever the ocean troll salmon season started and end when normal catch limits were reached.

So far IPHC and ODFW are on board with the only concern of notifying the fleet of the change to insure the individual application process is not hampered. The OSC will take on the responsibility of sending out the informational flyer to all known permit holders prior to the season opener.

PFMC seems to need two of their meetings to insure public comment prior to making the season change for the 2013 season.

We need public response to the PFMC to get this going this year. If you agree with the change in the start date or have other comments on this issue, please send a handwritten or typed letter or email to Nancy (see mailing information on the last page). The OSC will send these to PFMC. Thanks.

Revised Coast Guard Reauthorization Legislation

On December 5, 2012 the House and Senate approved USCG reauthorization legislation (H.R. 2838). The approved measure is on its way to the President's desk for signature.

NPDES Vessel Discharge Permits

H.R. 2838 extends the current moratorium on vessel discharge permits for an additional year -- from December 2013 to December 2014. So, all commercial fishing vessels regardless of size, will not be required to have an NPDES permit until December 2014.

The EPA is expected to publish final NPDES vessel discharge regulations for all commercial fishing vessels (i.e. for vessels < 79 feet; and all vessels ≥ 79 feet; and for commercial-use vessels) by January 2013 *with final implementation delayed until December 2014, consistent with the deadline specified in H.R. 2838.*

Commercial Fishing Vessel Dockside Examinations

H.R. 2838 changes the current dockside examination provision which requires "all vessels to be examined by October 2012 and at least once every 2 years" after that. The new law now requires "all vessels be examined by October 15, 2015 and at least once every 5 years" after that. Nothing in this law prevents vessel owners from participating in more frequent dockside examinations to maintain the safety of their vessels.

Change in Safety Training Program Reporting

Current law requires that individuals in charge of a fishing vessel (those operating beyond 3 miles) pass a safety training program and hold a valid certificate and must undergo a refresher course at least once every 5 years. The results of the updated training course must be made available to the public. H.R.2838 removes the requirement that the Secretary make the course results available on a "publically accessible" database.

New Survival Craft Requirements

Prior to passage of H.R. 2838, the Secretary could not, after January 1, 2015, approve use of a survival craft whose design allowed any part of an individual to be immersed in water. H.R. 2838 changes this requirement in that the date "January 1, 2015" is replaced by "the date that is 30 months after the date on which the report described in subsection (c) is submitted". The report referenced in subsection (c) is due 180 days after passage of H.R. 2838.

The USCG will submit a comprehensive report to Congress on the incidence of survival craft use during 1991 to 2011 by June 5, 2013 after which a new survival craft requirement is expected to be implemented by December 2015.

There are also changes to Load Line Requirements for New Vessels and to Vessel Certification Requirements.

Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Safety Exams

The Coast Guard will be offering vessel inspections from February 18 through March 8 at the following ports. If you are interested, please contact the appropriate person for your region. Use the Commercial Fishing Vessel Checklist Generator at www.fishsafe.info to find out what equipment your vessel is required to have onboard in order to successfully be issued a CFV Safety Decal. Begin by entering your vessel-specific information and upon completion, you have the ability to print out a list of the safety equipment that will be checked during a Dockside Safety Exam and/or At-Sea Boarding.

Northern Region - Contact Curt Farrell or Mike Rudolph 503-240-9373/9337

	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/12	2/22	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28	3/1	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8
Westport, WA		x				x							x		
Ilwaco/Chinook, WA				x					x					x	
Astoria/Warrenton					x					x					x
Tillamook/Pacific City	x						x					x			
Newport			x					x			x				

Southern Region - Contact Steve Kee 541-756-9224

	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/12	2/22	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28	3/1	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8
Florence/Win Bay		x					x					x			
Coos Bay	x					x					x				
Port Orford				x					x						
Brookings			x					x							

Coast Guard Drill Conductor Courses

Free 2-day CG Drill Conductor Courses will be offered in Brookings, Coos Bay, and Newport during March from 7:45am – 5pm each day. You must call to register.

Brookings March 5-6 at the Harbor Fire/Water Bldg. Contact Kathy Hall 541-469-7830.

Coos Bay March 7-8 at the Charleston Marina RV. Contract Curt or Mike 503-240-9373 or 503-240-9337.

Newport March 12-13 at Englund Marine. Contact Michele 541-574-6534, ext. 11.

Downloadable Version of the Coast Pilot

The Coast Pilot Manual is available to download from the NOAA website (www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot_w.php?book=7) According to the Coast Guard, you may print applicable pages from the electronic version instead of buying the manual. If you have questions, talk to Curt, Mike, or Steve (phone numbers on the previous page) who will be inspecting vessels during February and March.

★★★ Oregon Chef Gregory Gourdet "King of American Seafood" ★★★

With an Oregon troll-caught Chinook salmon landed in Newport and butter clams harvested in Coos Bay, Chef Gregory Gourdet from Departure Restaurant in Portland, Oregon did what no other chef from above the Mason-Dixon line has been able to do in the previous eight years – namely, win the coveted title of “King of American Seafood” at the 2012 Great American Seafood Cook-off held August 11 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chef Gourdet, representing Seafood OREGON, the promotional arm of the state’s four industry-funded seafood commodity commissions that operate under of the umbrella of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, bested chefs from fifteen other states from around the country, each preparing a variety of domestic seafood items that reflected their respective state and region.

Gourdet’s winning dish, “Slow-cooked Oregon Chinook Salmon, Coos Bay Butter Clams, Bacon Dashi, Porcini, Candied Heirloom Tomato and Crispy Sea Beans” was masterfully prepared and presented to the six judges in front of a large crowd, including T.V. cameras from the Food Network and Louisiana Public Broadcasting. Sushi chef Sam Saltos, also from Departure, assisted Gourdet.

Dories of Pacific City Video

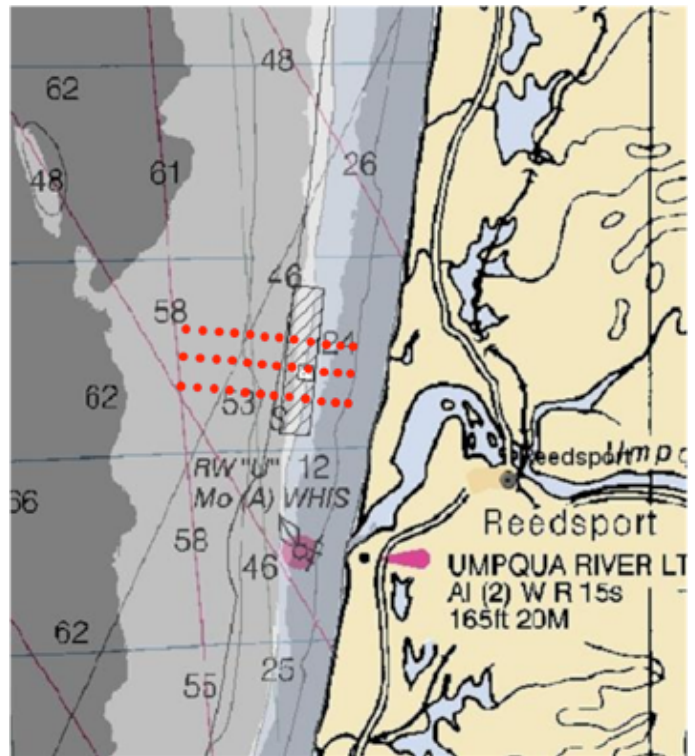
The Pacific City Dorymen’s Association has a new video “Dories of Pacific City–The Tradition Continues”. This slideshow features the historic and unique fishermen and women of Pacific City as they go to sea and return to the sands of Cape Kiwanda in a 100 year-old tradition.

This story will be on OPB-TV’s Oregon Field Guide and is due to air Thursday, February 28 at 8:30pm and repeat the following Sunday at 6:30pm. After the story airs, it will be viewable on OPB’s website (www.opb.org/ofg)

Notice - Research Project in Progress

Study: Potential Impacts of Wave Energy Development to Migration and Habitat Use of Green Sturgeon

ODFW and NOAA are collecting baseline data on green sturgeon migrations in the vicinity of the OPT wave energy project offshore of Reedsport. An array of 40-50 underwater acoustic receivers in place through June 2014 will detect sturgeon and other tagged animals including salmon and sharks as they pass through the area. The surface floats and line look like crab gear except that the floats are marked “RESEARCH” (see photo). Please do not disturb the equipment. However, if you find gear obviously adrift or grounded far from the project area, please retrieve it and call the phone number below to notify us. The cooperation of the fishing fleet and other ocean users is critical to the success of this project. Thank you for your assistance! For questions or lost and found research gear, please contact John Payne, Project Manager drjohnpayne@gmail.com 206-484-4768 or Al Pazar 541-999-1538. Pacific Surveyor and Delma Ann monitor VHF Channels: 11, 73, 16



Receivers shown as red dots. Approx. boundaries: 43° 44.32' to 43° 46.67' latitude and 124° 18.90' to 124° 11.77' longitude.



Research Floats



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Wild Seafood Exchange March 20, 2013 in Newport, Oregon

Now in its 11th year of promoting the West Coast Wild Seafood industry, Wild Seafood Exchange is coming to the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport, Oregon on March 20, 2013. Wild Seafood Exchange has evolved from a focus on direct marketing exclusively to include branding and distribution of wild seafood as well as legislative and regulatory issues.

The day starts at 8:00am with a continental breakfast and networking. Agenda items include: Restaurants and Retailers Speak; Successful Direct Marketing Operations; Processing and Distributing; Regulatory Enforcement/Fisheries Policy; The Future of Direct Marketing.

Produced in collaboration with Sea Grant, Wild Seafood Exchange is the only commercial fishing conference specifically aimed at the independent commercial fishing fleet. For registration and other inquiries, contact Denise Philips 206-284-8285 (denise@philipspublishing.com) or check their website (www.wildseafoodexchange.com).

Remember that when you purchase an Oregon troll caught Chinook salmon you are supporting not only our fishermen, but our coastal communities and related businesses.

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