

## WEfish

### Meeting Minutes 8/21/15

Mission of *WEfish*: to preserve the legacy and promote the value of commercial fishing in our families and community through promotion, education, outreach, and service.

- I. Order: Molly moved to call the meeting to order, Laura 2nd.
- II. Attendance: Laura Roehrich, Molly Bold, Trisha Woodward, Holly Rydman, Linda Collins, Cathy Williams, Tatum Andersen, Adrienne Jones
- III. Approval of Minutes: Laura moved to approve, Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- IV. Open Business:
  - a. Scholarships:
    - i. Deadline to have scholarship ready is beginning of 2015 school year/September. Can Sara Beese confirm we are on track to meet this deadline?
  - b. Lost Fishermen's Fund:
    - i. Approximately \$1000 at BOF/fundraiser. Can we get a treasury report on exact amount?
  - c. Logo/Branding/Sweatshirts:
    - i. KC sport fishing is willing to give *WEfish* members a discount. Running low on sweatshirts, would like to look at new design and order. Adrienne also got black t-shirts for We Fish members with logo. Looking into cost.
    - ii. Any ideas on stores willing to sell our sweatshirts? Sarah will check with Larry at Deep Sea Charters. Marci will check with Englund Marine and the Islander. Any updates?
  - d. Life Jacket Loaner Program:
    - i. Fire Department has funds for this. Molly went to meeting 7/27. Goal is to have this in place by summer 2016.
    - ii. Darrin from the Fire Department suggested locker next to Derby Station/rec side. We Fish members suggested sites on Fishermen's Memorial side, boat launch and commercial fishing section.
    - iii. Life jackets have already started to be collected.
    - iv. Need to take into consideration ventilation, drainage, replacement of lost/damaged/stolen items
    - v. Trisha & Molly meeting on 8/23 to put together a draft proposal for review and comment. E-mailed to group 8/29, comments due by 9/5. Will then go to review by stakeholders.
  - e. Cookbooks-possibly discount them this fall (\$5 off?) to sell what is left and start collecting recipes for fall of 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

- f. *Wefish* Christmas cards?? The Tokeland Marina takes photos of all the boats and sends it to each boat owner as a Christmas card photo.
- g. Website-some pieces are tricky to update or appealing to the eye, can't put events on calendar of events, need a repository for newsletter and minutes. Molly asked Trisha to see how much he would charge us to fix these specific items.
- h. Grant possibilities:
  - i. Grays Harbor Community Foundation gives out grants 4 times a year. Group is interested in applying for these grants. Possibly new Fishermen's Memorial?
  - ii. Next deadline for an application is in October 1 @ 5 p.m.

V. Events:

- a. Blessing of the Fleet (BOF)-hopes for 2015
  - i. Plan to meet with all planners in January 2016 to debrief and discuss event for 2016
- b. Showcase Grays Harbor in September:
  - i. Step 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30 (Need people to come at 8:30 to help set up): Fishing demonstrations, commercial fishing information, values of fishing families. Audience is 150 community leaders and representatives coming in 2 groups/40 min. each. Holly is doing seafood appetizers. We will be in the Lens Building at the museum.
- c. Seafood Festival is 9/5/15 @ Maritime Museum
  - i. Advertising-Do radio spots. Trisha will get in What's Happening Section of Daily World.
  - ii. Sign up sheet sent around for shifts
  - iii. Need donations of various seafoods for display
  - iv. Need fishing gear for display/demonstration
- d. Coast Guard appreciation October 4<sup>th</sup> cookies only? Holly is working on getting more details on this and how *Wefish* might be involved.
- e. Dump Day-find out when it is? Put together bag of food items for crew as they come into the cannery?
- f. Beach clean up Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> starts at 10.
  - i. Need volunteers to serve hot dogs, trying to get more details on what this entails and what we can commit to. Sign up sheet sent around.

VI. Solicitation Letters/Membership:

- a. For corporate members possibly some sort of sign that their business is supported by fishing dollars and/or a nice picture with *Wefish* logo in the corner.

IX. Adjourn: Laura moved to adjourn, Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next meeting Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. at Islander. Marci agreed to take minutes in Trisha's absence.