

WEfish Meeting Minutes 10/9/16

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: Laura moved to call the meeting to order, Adrienne 2nd.
- II. Attendance: Molly Bold, Adrienne Jones, Marci Hollingsworth, Laura Roehrich, Andrea Towle, Tatum Andersen and Greg Mueller.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Molly moved to approve, Laura, 2nd.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Seafood Festival review
 - i. Lots of positive feedback from this event. Everyone loved the fish display. We would like to try for a different spot for our booth next year. Andrea also suggested trying some different crafts next year. Possibly something simpler or a kit for the child to take home with a WEfish sticker on it.
 - b. Donation Forms
 - i. Molly designed a form for groups who display an interest for donations from WEfish. It is available as needed.
 - c. Port of GH meeting
 - i. WEfish would like to meet with the port (Leonard Barnes and Jack Thompson) regarding a few concerns we have as a group. Some of the concerns we are wanting to discuss are the bathrooms, showers, appearance of the railing along our dock area, and the haul out. Molly will be setting a date for the meeting and will let us know.
- V. New Business
 - a. Pacific Marine Expo
 - i. WEfish will be teaming with the WA Trollers Assoc. to have a booth at the expo November 17th-19th in Seattle. We will be displaying our cookbooks, clothing, pamphlets, and would like to give away grocery bags with our logo on them. If anyone would like to help out and work at the booth, Adrienne will order extra tickets.
 - b. Billboard Ideas
 - i. Molly discussed creating a billboard to display in front of the Westport Convention Center supporting our local fishermen. We discussed asking the canneries and some local businesses that support commercial fishing to give

\$500 and we will add their name to the billboard. The cost to make the sign is \$3500.

- c. Grant ideas
 - i. Molly had contacted the WDFW to see if they had any curriculum for kids on commercial fishing and they had nothing. Wefish would like to possibly write a grant to get funding to make this available for our events and to educate our local children. Trisha Woodward would be interested in helping us write the grant. We will table this until the next meeting.
- d. Treasurer needs
 - i. Adrienne brought to our attention that we have multiple computers being used for our Wefish information. It would be really helpful to have our own laptop with all of our info on it. Adrienne also talked about getting quickbooks for our finances. Andrea motioned to buy the laptop and quickbooks with the budget of \$800 or under. Marci -2nd. Molly will be ordering the laptop.
- e. NOAA Derelict gear meeting
 - i. This meeting will take place on October 14th at 11am. Molly encouraged us all to come and be apart. The National Public Radio will be there also.
- f. CG Appreciation dinner
 - i. Lots of really positive feedback from this event. The event was well attended and Wefish would like to have more of a part in the dinner next year.
- g. Scavenger Hunt
 - Wefish has set a date for the scavenger hunt for February 11th, 2017. There will be much more info to come.

Next Meeting: November 12th