

WEfish Meeting Minutes 3/5/17

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: Marci moved to call the meeting to order, Laura, 2nd.
- II. Attendance: Molly Bold, Adrienne Jones, Marci Hollingsworth, Josh & Laura Roehrich, Tatum Andersen, Matt & Sarah Beese, & Jody Pope.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Molly moved to approve, Adrienne, 2nd.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Crab Derby
 - i. Molly informed us that the Crab Association approached WeFish on sharing efforts to put on the crab derby this year. We would be splitting the profits. Danny Reeves would be in charge of getting the crab, if we marketed and ran the booth. The derby is April 15-16, which is also Easter Weekend. Molly is going to approach some of the other WeFish members along with some of the Crab Association members to see if they would have any extra volunteers to help since it is a holiday weekend. Molly, Laura, Tatum and Adrienne(maybe) are willing to help on Saturday.
 - b. Weekend With The Fleet
 - i. Molly discussed our upcoming Weekend with the Fleet. The City of Westport is purchasing a big tent that we will be available to rent for a small fee, in case we run into poor weather like last year. The Sea Scouts also would like to be a part of our event.
 - ii. Molly brought up the idea of finding sponsors to fund the Fisherpoets and put them up in a hotel. We also discussed talking to the owner of The Knotty Pine to see if we can have the event there on Saturday evening. WeFish would then be free advertisement for their bar.
 - iii. Shirley will be handling the vendors. We will be offering the vendors Saturday and Sunday, with warning of Sunday being a little slower due to the crowd wanting to attend the Blessing of the Fleet at 1pm.
 - iv. WeFish would like the Coast Guard to have an active role in the weekend events. We will be meeting with Chief Evans and his wife, Brandy to see if the CG would be willing to do boat tours or a demo.

v. We discussed the kid activities for Saturday with Weekend With The Fleet. We all agreed that the crafts should be more simplified this year. The kids loved the necklaces and boat building last year. Another idea Tatum came up with for this year is paint your own buoy key chains. Sarah will get in contact with the Oregon Mermaids to see if they would be willing to come and be apart. Giving tickets out for the crafts was a great idea last year. We do need to improve on the way the ticket prices are displayed this year.

vi. Danny will be displaying the gillnet boat again and showing how to mend net. We discussed having a fish display as we do at the seafood festival. We also talked about having an area on teaching how to tie line and how to splice. We will also be inviting Merino's Seafood back to show demos on how to filet fish and possibly how to can Tuna. We will be talking to Anchor Bank or Bank of the Pacific to see if they would be willing to sponsor this demo and get a microphone and speaker system so it will be easier to hear.

vii. WeFish will be doing Hot Dogs, Chips & Pop for sale on Saturday. We discussed talking to Brooke Priest or Michelle Kachman with the Ocosta PTO to see if they would want to do a fundraiser on Saturday evening to keep people around for the Fisherpoet event. On Sunday, We will be inviting Merino's Seafood to serve Clam Chowder while the vendors are there and the Blessing of the Fleet is going on.

c. Emergency Committee

i. Molly discussed the idea and importance of having an Emergency committee. This committee would be in charge of handling/monitoring the tragedy funds. Molly and Jody both suggested having someone on this committee who has been involved in the fishing community for a number of years. Jenee Bearden, Greg Mueller and Molly's name were mentioned to be on this committee. It was also brought up to possibly change the bylaws with the right to reserve who/where monies are given to and the amount given out also. Molly will be chatting with the Newport Fishermen's Wives on what they're bylaws look like. Molly also talked to the President

of the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial and they do not give monies out in times of tragedy. They will form scholarships for the children/spouses involved. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

d. Fishermen's Memorial

i. There was a survey sent out on what the community would like in seeing a new Fishermen's Memorial. Molly said that there has been many emails that have come in and about 80% of the emails have said they would like to see some changes made. One of the ideas mentioned was having a memorial park right next to the viewing tower. Another idea is having a covered area at the memorial where there would be information of the fishing history in Westport. Molly suggested having a billboard at the Blessing of the Fleet with surveys available on where we would like to go with the Fishermen's memorial in the future. Matt also suggested contacting the victim's family members to see what they would like done for a new memorial.

ii. We would like have the current memorial have lighting placed on it and painted with fresh new flowers for the upcoming Blessing of the Fleet. Josh has also offered to spray the weeds around the memorial. We will also be purchasing flowers for the memorial from the Westport Winery. Marci will talk to Greg about buying the flowers ourselves instead of the City buying them for us this year.

e. Life Jacket Lockers

i. Josh informed us that the life jacket lockers are all ready to go. They just need to be painted. Molly will be contacting us on a day to have a painting party and get them all completed and placed before the Crab Derby.

f. 7th Board Member Position/Volunteer Coordinator

i. We discussed the need to have a 7th board member. Laura motioned to add the 7th board member, Jody 2nd. Jody also brought up the need for having a volunteer coordinator. We will all be thinking of who would want to be involved in this position.

g. Scholarship/Festival/Fundraiser Bank Accounts

i. Molly talked about the need of having a scholarship & festival/fundraiser bank accounts opened. Adrienne brought up the point of if that is necessary if everything is being kept track of on Quickbooks. Molly & Tatum will be

checking with our accountant on that and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

Laura adjourn, Marci 2nd.