

WEfish Meeting Minutes 8/20/17

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: Molly moved to call the meeting to order, Marci, 2nd.
- II. Attendance: Molly Bold, Marci Hollingsworth, Sarah Beese, Greg Mueller, John Shaw, Andrea Towle, Adrienne Jones, Tatum Andersen and Trisha Cornett.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Molly moved to approve, Marci 2nd.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Seafood Festival
 - i. Saturday, September 2nd is the annual Seafood Festival. Holly is the chairperson. Trisha is overseeing the fish display. Last year we did trivia questions, kids crafts, and the fish display. *WEfish* would like to focus on the fish display and trivia questions with a raffle/drawing for our booth this year. We would like to have a hand washing station for the fish display and discussed renting one. Trisha suggested having some poster boards out for educational purposes. It was mentioned to have an artboard for children to take pictures with. Trisha had the idea to have a snapchat filter to take pictures with and will look into the filter for us. We need to find some school kids who need community service hours to volunteer for this event. The hours would be from 10am-4pm. Adrienne will be doing inventory of our apparel to see if we are in need of ordering more for the festival.
 - b. Coast Guard Appreciation
 - i. The CG Appreciation dinner is Wednesday, October 18th. Holly and Andrea are in charge of this event. The dinner will be at the McCausland Hall and it is a possibility to use the tent if we need extra space. We will be having a planning meeting in early October to make definite plans. John will talk to Verna to find out any information we may need about the dinner.
 - c. Crab Derby

- i. The Crab Association would like Wefish to take over the Crab Derby. We are willing to take over and Adrienne is willing to take the lead with help from Danny Reeves. This event will be the 3rd weekend in April.
- d. Fishermen's Memorial
 - i. There will be a planning meeting coming soon.

V. New Business

- a. Pacific Marine Expo
 - i. The Pacific Marine Expo is coming up November 15th - 18th. We will be sharing a booth with the Trollers Association again this year. Greg mentioned that having a raffle/drawing and handouts at our booth would be beneficial. Wefish will also be leading a seminar at the expo on our role in the community.
- b. Seagrant Fisheries Tour
 - i. The Oregon Seagrant Program hosted a Fisheries Tour in Astoria. They partnered with local businesses/processors to educate people on the value of commercial fishing. They invited 250 people and spent around \$2000 to put the event on. Molly asked if Wefish should put on an event like this? Kevin Decker is our Washington Seagrant contact and he could answer questions for us. Greg suggested talking to the Brian Blake to see when a good time for our legislature to be apart. Molly had met with Guy Glenn and he had suggested that if we did a Fisheries Tour like this, we would need to have a tour in Grays Harbor one year and the next year having Pacific County host the tour.
- c. Supporter Signs
 - i. Molly brought up how we need to be showing appreciation to our supporting businesses. Some ideas are to give out signs for the local businesses such as "this business is supported by fishing dollars", yard signs, and bumper stickers.
- d. Disaster Relief
 - i. Molly informed us that Wefish has been asked to write a letter in support of the Salmon Disaster Relief. Wefish would like to write a letter in support of all fisheries and needs to be written by September 1st.

- e. Maritime Weekend
 - i. John brought up that the Maritime Weekend/Salmon tales is coming up September 22-23. There will be live music and Finn the fish will be there. He asked if Wefish would like a booth at the museum? We will discuss it and decide at the next meeting.
- f. Governor Inslee
 - i. Greg mentioned that the gathering with Governor Inslee was very productive and the takeaway from the event was that Westport is a community that works together.
- g. School Supplies
 - i. Sarah talked about the children who are in need from the Ocosta School District. The school is donating all school supplies for the children this year but Sarah thought it would be nice to donate backpacks. Wefish will donate 5 girl/5 boy backpacks and if anyone else would like to donate, please contact Sarah Beese.
- h. Jody
 - i. Adrienne talked about Jody having her new twin babies and how it would be nice to do a meal train for her when she gets home. We all agreed and Adrienne will be organizing and contacting us.

Molly adjourn, Marci 2nd.