

Don Marshall

I currently serve as the president of the Small Boat Trollers Association which affords me a seat on the board with Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations. I'm 33 years, old born in 1982 in Livermore, California. I started sportfishing and water skiing at the age of 4. My mother and father own and operate a plumbing and hvac company in Oakland, California where I worked for ten years between ages 16 and 27. I always have been around the water and worked on and off between my employment as a plumber/hvac technician as a part time deckhand when it made sense. When I started a family and my son was still an infant and my daughter was a toddler I decided the pull of the ocean was too great and I bought a small salmon troller and started fishing. I later bought a crab permit and the rest was history. I have been an owner/operator for five years. It's had its ups and downs but in the last two years it seems no matter how hard I work regulation, overhead, and infrastructure costs overtake me financially. That's why I started becoming more active in the politics and management within the fisheries. My generation that will lead the charge into the new era of fishing has seldom had representation until now.