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Salmon For All Contributes to Regional Food Banks

Salmon For All is a nonprofit trade association of Columbia River commercial fishermen and processors, representing the Columbia River gillnet industry. With roots going back to 1958, Salmon For All has offices in Astoria, providing advocacy for the continued viability and sustainability of Columbia River commercial fisheries in Oregon and Washington.

Salmon For All many times has had to appeal to the communities where our fishermen live and work for help in battling repeated efforts to curtail or ban entirely gillnet fishing in the lower Columbia River. And our communities have always been there for us, including during the most recent Oregon legislative session, when six bills aimed at limiting or eliminating the gillnet fishery were introduced. Fortunately, we prevailed in our legislative battles and our fishermen still have their jobs. But a lot of other people in our communities haven't been as lucky.

In recognition of these difficult times, and by way of thanks for the help we have been given when we needed it most, the Board of Directors of Salmon For All recently voted to donate \$1,000 to local and regional organizations providing help for the needy and food for the hungry. We are donating \$500 to Clatsop Community Action for the Clatsop Regional Food Bank; \$250 to Turning Point Community Center in Clatskanie for the Clatskanie Emergency Food Pantry; and \$250 to the St. James Family Center in Cathlamet for assistance to families in need in Wahkiakum County, where poverty is widespread and help is desperately needed.

For further information about Salmon For All, visit our website at: www.salmonforall.org.