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WESMAR Expands Trawl Options for Bottom and Pelagic Fishing

Woodinville, WA – November 1, 2007 –WESMAR has announced the addition of two new trawl sonar systems, designed for inshore bottom and pelagic trawlers. The Models TCS180 and TCS280 join WESMAR's Model TCS380 trawl to provide smaller trawlers three options for more efficient fishing. All three are third wire systems considered vastly superior to acoustic trawl systems.

They come at a time when, because of continuing high fuel prices, efficiency in locating and harvesting fish is of urgent concern.

The Model TCS180 is a full screen down sounder trawl that constantly monitors the vertical opening of the net and fish entering, and simultaneously shows the footrope and its relation to the bottom. The use of this system improves efficiency by constantly monitoring the net, and also removes the chance of hangs or loss of net.

The model TCS280 is a full screen profile trawl sonar system that profiles the net opening at 300kHz so fishermen can measure the vertical and horizontal opening and view the overall net shape. By scanning a full 360 degrees trawlers can make sure that no fish are lost above the net. This system has the option of selecting 180 degrees for a fast update of the fishing circle and fish entering.

The TCS380 system is both a net profile trawl sonar and down sounder. This system includes a pressure sensor that constantly monitors the depth of the headrope, making it possible to align the net with the fish as they pass under the boat. On the bottom, the depth sounder will indicate how far down the slope the net is fishing.

Each system works with Wesmar's PC20 catch sensors. These lightweight, high-frequency sensors can be removed from their stainless steel carriers for charging.

WESMAR is a leading manufacturer of premier fish detection equipment with a reputation of providing what the fishermen want. CEO and founder Bruce Blakey says "with high fuel prices the need for affordable precision fish detection equipment, for vessels of smaller sizes is urgent. The trawlers depend on trawl monitoring equipment to manage both the quantity and quality of their catch with the lowest possible expenditure of fuel.

"The cost of fuel is not likely to come down and the smaller vessels with less economy of scale will continue to be hit hard with fuel expense. These units will provide the operator with continual monitoring of the net, fish entering, and quantity of catch. The uncertainty and wasted time of blind tows will be eliminated," says Blakey.

"An example is the Russian Factory Trawler Pioneer Nikolaev, which reported an \$80,000 fuel saving using the Wesmar Trawl Sonar in a three-month period during the 2007 winter Pollock season, compared to other vessels in their fleet.

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