

# Extra Fish Caught by New WESMAR FT Sonar Paid for Unit in Two Weeks!

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How do you justify the expense of a powerful new sonar system?

Kodiak fisherman Bruce Schactler has the answer. You catch so much additional fish that your sonar becomes an investment in immediate profit.

In two weeks of fishing for herring roe, Schactler, a Kodiak, Alaska, fisherman, experienced tremendous success near Togiak, Alaska, using WESMAR’s new FT (focused transparent) sonar system. His catch was so huge that he was unwilling to reveal its size.

“Let’s just say the extra fish the FT helped me find paid for the sonar,” says Schactler, a satisfied man.

The key feature that led to his fishing success is the FT’s profile mode. “I found and caught fish that I would not have seen without the profile mode,” says Schactler. “In the past, such fish have not been discernible because there are so many other boats in the area. With the profile mode I could set on my targets, because I was able to isolate the size and exact location accurately. At the same time I set my partners on fish. With profile mode I was able to find them hard on the bottom and on the bank.”

Schactler also intends to use the FT during salmon and herring bait season, ensuring an even greater return on his sonar investment.

“This sonar (the HD800 FT) will be ideal for

salmon and bait herring,” says Schactler. “The resolution is excellent, and the thickness mode feature will be a big help because it allows me to vertically scan individual schools. I fish in very competitive areas with several pinnacles and a lot of noise from other boats. The ability to scan from a distance and identify targets immediately will be extremely helpful,” said Schactler. “Profile mode is the perfect sonar feature for any fishery.”

“The FT’s cursor feature is also helpful,” continues Schactler. “It provides more accuracy in determining the range, rather than the toggle switch. Also, the unit’s fast tracking hydraulic hoist comes up better. With my old hoist, I had to slow down, but with the new version you don’t have to. The hoist is compact, it fits fine, even though I have less room on board than most boats.”

Schactler has been a longtime believer in WESMAR sonar. In 20 years of fishing for multiple species on his 52-foot purse seiner, he has used several of the company’s units with fabulous results, progressing from the popular SS265 to new Focused Beam series today. He has witnessed sonar technology improve dramatically during his fishing career, but when referring to the FT he is even more complimentary than usual.

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