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Remember New Monthly Meeting Room

**"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"**

## **JCAA REGULAR MEETING:**

**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Starting at 7:30 PM**

**At The JCAA OFFICE**

## **NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office**

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## **January 27<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting at the JCAA Office**

**Brick is doing construction at its community center and until its finish we will be holding the JCAA General meetings at JCAA Office**

JCAA office building is located at 1201 Route 37 East in Toms River. The meeting room is on the lower level of this building. The JCAA office can be easily found by looking for a Saturn dealership on your right side while driving on Route 37 East. Make the right turn right after this dealership and the JCAA office is immediately on your left side. There are many ways to get to the JCAA office, but an easy way is to take the Garden State Parkway to the # 82 exit and drive east on Route 37 for about 2 to 3 miles.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 27<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> ASMFC Meeting Week**

**February 4-8 AC Boat Show**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Mtg**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Suffern Show**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Somerset Saltwater Expo**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> JCAA General Meeting**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*By John Toth*

Winter is usually the time for fishing shows since the cold and the snow keep most of us from fishing. The JCAA had a booth at the **Garden State Outdoor Sportsman Show (Raritan)** and I want to thank all of you who volunteered to staff our booth. We usually sell a number of JCAA hats, shirts and other items, but our main purpose is to **"fly our flag"** at these type of shows. People come to our booth and they want to know the latest information about the National Registry or other important issues

affecting our sport. I also heard a number of people come up to me and say “You Are Doing A Good Job.” This means a lot to me personally since it validates the time and energy I volunteer to the JCAA. I also like to work at these shows since I get to hear the various concerns of anglers and what they think about a number of issues like a saltwater license. I find these shows fun to work at since you not only get to meet a number of people, but volunteers get to see the shows for free and also have the opportunity to visit the various booths and purchase all those goodies! I left this show with some great tasting pickles, spices, cleaning items and tasty pastrami that I purchased from nearby Harold’s that makes huge sandwiches!

The JCAA also had a booth at the **Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar hosted by George Poveromo at the Trump Marina Casino in Atlantic City.** This show had a huge turnout to hear a number of speakers talk about their special techniques to catch all types of fish and they had a wide range of speakers such as Gary Caputi, Lou Grazioso, etc. We sold chances on fishing gear and I along with our new Operations Manager, Sharon McKenna, got the pleasant opportunity to pull the winning numbers for the prizes on their stage. My thanks also go to the volunteers who worked at this show.

The JCAA could not function if it did not have the many volunteers who make it work and I want to thank all of you who have volunteered your time over the many years!

We have two more fishing shows on the horizon and they are listed below. The Somerset Saltwater Expo is an especially good show to attend since it focuses almost exclusively on saltwater fishing. **Mark Taylor** coordinates the JCAA volunteers who work at the shows and he can be reached at **(732) 929-2591**. His email address is [MTSPORT64@aol.com](mailto:MTSPORT64@aol.com). So hook up with Mark and enjoy both of the shows!

**February 4-8 - Atlantic City Boat Show**

**March 20-22 - Somerset Saltwater Expo**

### **Election Time**

The following is a list of officers who have been nominated to the following positions of the JCAA to serve during 2009. At our January 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, nominations can still be made from the floor for the positions in question.

President – Mark Taylor  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Captain Gene Nigro  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Bruce Freeman  
Treasurer – Doug Tegeder  
Recording Secretary – Tom Siciliano  
Corresponding Secretary – Paul Turi  
Membership Secretary – Bruce Smith

### **Farewell Address**

My two-year term as JCAA President comes to a close after presiding over our upcoming January 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Where did the time go? We have been involved in so many issues facing the sport we love and we will most certainly face more to come in 2009 given the upcoming issues like the new registry and the license issue to name a few. My wife once asked me why I do I spend so much time with the JCAA? I told her that I do not want to see our fishing rights in this state violated by those forces who want to diminish our fishing and hunting opportunities for their selfish gain. I also told her that I am very concerned about the economic health of the charter/party boats and the tackle shops, and I do not want to see them go out of business because of needless regulations imposed by people who are out of touch with the fishing industry. I intend to continue my involvement with the JCAA and I want to thank my JCAA colleagues for their support during my tenure. I also want to thank all of you who have supported me during my two-year term and the JCAA over the many years. God Bless!

## **FISHERIES MANAGEMENT & LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

*By Thomas Fote*

### **Newspapers Continue To Cut Outdoor Columns.**

Over the years I have written articles about the necessity of our support for the outdoor press. It is the outdoor writers who keep us informed about issues of importance to the anglers and hunters of the state.

In the last issue we mentioned that Al Ristori was forced to take an early retirement and was rehired to do a single weekly column. Now we learn

that John Geiser is no longer employed at the Asbury Park Press. Both the Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press have decided to cut back on their coverage of fisheries and other outdoor issues. They have decided to ignore over 10% of New Jersey's population who are avid hunters or anglers. This problem is much bigger than these two newspapers. Nationwide, we are losing our outdoor writers throughout print journalism. These are local writers who can speak to issues in the states they cover. Here at home, we are also losing the institutional memory that these reporters bring with them to their jobs. Al Ristori and John Geiser must have 100 years of experience and that will be impossible to replace. This is a loss for all the hunters and anglers in New Jersey. There are blogs on the internet and there are message boards but those are more often opinions than reporting. What the newspapers did was to cover the facts backed by the research that a reporter is required to do.

Newspapers are complaining that they are losing business, but that is shortsighted and they need to rethink the cutbacks. Most anglers and hunters rely on newspapers for these local and statewide columns and news stories and are regular buyers of the newspapers since they could not find that news elsewhere. Newspaper management should realize that we are a niche market that is not served by radio and television. We need to prove to the papers that we are not going to buy if our issues are not covered. I have always subscribed to the Asbury Park Press for the fishing columns and to find out what is going on along the coast. I am considering canceling my subscription. I will wait to see how the paper handles our issues in upcoming editions. If you regularly read or subscribe to the Star Ledger or Asbury Park Press, I think you need to inform that your purchases are motivated by the coverage of fishing and hunting issues. We can find all the other sports news on ESPN, CBS, NBS, and ABC. But the only place for our fishing and hunting news is the newspapers and weekly and monthly magazines.

I hope John Geiser finds another outlet for his knowledge. It would be a shame to lose 50 years of experience.

Among the many programs dealing with serious budget cuts are the interpretive programs at state parks. We understand that we are in the middle of a financial crisis and difficult decisions need to be made. However, we should not make our children pay the price for the current budget crisis. It is bad enough that they will be paying our bills for their entire working lives. We should not short change them when it comes to learning about the outdoors. Interpretive programs are where many of us first learned about the outdoors. As a Brooklyn boy, I was introduced to a much bigger world at park programs. JCAA has donated money to help with the interpretive programs at Island Beach State Park. Other organizations have done so as well and there are many volunteers who help keep the program running. Most of the money from recent Governor's Surf Fishing Tournaments has gone to the interpretive program. Teaching kids and adults to fish and to respect the outdoors is priceless. Watching the kids' eyes light up when they see their first bog turtle or the fish in the tanks or watch the osprey nest or fly are fond memories. When children fall in love with the outdoors they become stewards of the outdoors and become life long supporters of outdoor programs and environment. Bill Vibbert, a past superintendent, wanted to build an interpretive center at Island Beach State Park. He, Bruce Freeman and I developed a plan. Our commissioner of DEP realized how important the kids are to our parks and helped secure oil spill money to build that interpretive center. Tens of thousands of citizens have participated in the programs offered there. In the scheme of things, we are not talking about much money. But the impact is huge. We cannot let Governor Corzine, the Legislature and the acting Commissioner of DEP fail us in our responsibility to educate all the citizens but particularly the children, about the natural resources of New Jersey. The interpretive program is one of the best tools available and should not be axed in the budget. What we need to do is keep a cadre of paid staff who work throughout our parks, using our volunteers and securing outside funding to keep the programs running. Unless we continue to educate our children, all the newspaper articles, TV programs and governmental decrees will not create environmentalists for our future.

**NJ DIVISION OF PARKS MAY LOSE  
INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS**

**Federal Registry and Saltwater Fishing  
License**

Last month we were still waiting for the final rules on the saltwater registry. The start date of the registry has been delayed until Jan 1, 2010. The reason given for the delay is that NMFS is trying to work out the details with the states. We have a basic idea what the program details will be. JCAA still needs a meeting of the Saltwater Registry Committee. A date will be chosen at the next JCAA General Meeting. I have been looking forward to having an open meeting with NMFS personnel but I have not yet worked out the details. I hope some of you attended the workshop at the Raritan Show or participated in the conference call on 1/13. There should be more information in the March JCAA Newspaper.

## **Legislative and Fisheries Management**

### **Agenda**

Nothing has changed with our legislative priorities so I am including last month's article. Hopefully with the Legislature back in session we will begin to see some progress. Remember, this is an election year and we need to hold our Legislators accountable.

The New Jersey Legislature has been back in session since the election. We are still waiting for action on several bills. The Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs bill was passed by the Assembly. We still need the Senate Appropriations Committee to hear this bill before it can be posted for vote by the full Senate. We have been told by Senator Sweeney and Senator Buono that they will post this bill as soon as their committee completes its work on the economic stimulus package.

The Pots Off the Reef Bill has made no progress in the Assembly. It passed the Senate and the Assembly remains the roadblock as it was during the last session. We must keep reminding Assembly Speaker Roberts that this bill is of great importance to the recreational fishing industry and the recreational anglers of New Jersey. Working with Assembly Speaker Roberts is a task that should be a priority for the New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus.

## **PRESIDENT IGNORES SCIENCE REQUIREMENT AGAIN**

Below are two releases from ASA dealing with President Bush's last slap at the fishing industry. With the stroke of a pen President Bush closed whole areas to recreational and commercial

fishing. In the Executive Order it states that recreational fishing will be allowed once a study is completed to determine what recreational fishing is compatible with the new monuments. We have been down this road before. There are areas closed at National Wildlife Refuges for 20 years waiting for studies to be completed. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue. It was President Bill Clinton who started this hypocrisy closing whole areas to fishing without any scientific justification or public hearings. He did this in Hawaii. President Bush expanded on President Clinton's decisions in the Hawaiian Islands and now he has decided to close more areas of the ocean. Again, with no due process at all. This is not how MPA's are supposed to be created. Bills and regulations have been written to cover these procedures. One person should not be able to circumvent the law of the land. As Mike Nussman points out in his release, President Obama has promised a "transparent, science based process" and we need to demand that NOAA, NMFS and our new President make that a reality.

## **Bush Creates Three New Marine National Monuments From ASA on January 12**

On January 6, 2009, under the Antiquities Act, President George W. Bush created three new marine national monuments in federal waters in the Pacific Ocean: the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, Rose Atoll Marine National Monument and Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. According to the proclamations, recreational fishing out to 50 nautical miles is prohibited within the monuments until the federal government develops a management plan for each one. Although each proclamation states that provisions for recreational fishing must be consistent with the Recreational Fishing Executive Order (EO 13474, September 26, 2008) which states that recreational fishing should be managed as a sustainable activity in federal waters, at this point recreational fishing is prohibited. President Bush said, "The monuments will prohibit resource destruction or extraction, waste dumping, and commercial fishing. They will allow for research, free passage, and recreation - including the possibility of recreational fishing one day." The American Sportsfishing Association along with other members of the Sportsfishing community held a

series of meetings with the White House over the past several months to highlight the conservation, economic and social benefits of recreational fishing and boating and voice our significant concerns with using the Antiquities Act to establish marine protected areas in the Pacific Ocean. Under the Antiquities Act process, no proposal was available for public review, bypassing established rule-making processes. However, unlike the proclamations which had no proposal for public review, the agencies with the monuments' oversight (Departments of the Interior and Commerce) have two years to prepare management plans which are expected to be submitted for public review. These proclamations are vastly different from the 2006 Hawaiian Islands marine monument declaration which prohibited almost all activity within the monument, including recreational fishing. ASA and its partners will work with Interior, Commerce and the new administration to help ensure that all appropriate review and rule-making processes are followed.

### **GETTING JCAA ALERTS**

People I meet have many questions about JCAA and fisheries management. I always ask if they read the current JCAA newspaper. Or I ask if they are on the JCAA email list for frequent updates. Too many of them say no to both. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, there is considerable effort put into every JCAA newspaper and all the email alerts. If you don't read them, all that time and energy doesn't have much payoff. If I don't have your email address, you miss the alerts entirely. If you want to be on the email list, go to the JCAA webpage (<http://www.jcaa.org>) and click on the word "subscribe" about half way down the page. Or send me an email and I will add you to the list. All I need is your name and email address. This list is confidential and is never shared with anyone outside of JCAA. What is also disappointing is that every club does not have a representative on the email list. This is something your club can remedy easily. Just send me an email at [tfote@jcaa.org](mailto:tfote@jcaa.org) and say you are the club representative.

## **Message from ASA President and CEO Mike Nussman**

On January 6, with the stroke of his pen, President Bush declared Rose Atoll, the Mariana Trench and the Pacific Remote Island Area (PRIA) as the United States' new Marine National Monuments. The proclamation effectively prohibits recreational fishing out to 50 nautical miles within the monuments for an undetermined period of time until federal agencies can complete their management plans.

It will be up to the Departments of the Interior and Commerce to determine how, when and if recreational fishing will be allowed to occur in the future. In fact, to quote the President, "the monuments will prohibit resource destruction or extraction, waste dumping, and commercial fishing. They will allow for research, free passage, and recreation - including the possibility of recreational fishing one day."

In 2006, President Bush first used the Antiquities Act to create the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Monument. The Hawaiian Islands monument encompasses 140,000 square miles where all recreational fishing, even catch-and-release, is banned – forever. That is not the case with the new marine monuments. In this case, we're out until we're back in.

The American Sportsfishing Association along with other members of the Sportsfishing community held a series of meetings with the White House over the past several months to highlight the conservation, economic and social benefits of recreational fishing and boating and voiced our significant concerns with using the Antiquities Act to establish marine protected areas in the Pacific Ocean. Unlike with the Hawaiian Islands designations, our collective voice was heard. It will be our task to ensure that the new administration understands these benefits as well.

To those who say that these new marine monuments are too remote to ever attract people, I say Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon and Yosemite were once very remote areas when they were established as national parks. Now millions of Americans enjoy them and fish there. In fact, the national park system was developed to invite people to enjoy our natural areas, not to wall people off

from them. It's the walling off of our public resources to people without due process, such as the three new marine monuments, that I believe sets an unacceptable precedent.

Are we opposed to protecting our marine environment? Of course we aren't. The new marine monuments encompass special areas and we need to protect them. What we oppose is the lack of process that preceded these designations. What you may not realize is that this designation process took approximately 60 days to complete. There was no proposal or scientific information available for public review and comment. We in the Sportsfishing community have significant issues with any process where the outcome unduly prohibits people from accessing public resources, particularly when there is no open, transparent process to do so.

What's the reasonable approach to establishing marine protected areas where recreational fishing is prohibited? Certainly, first and foremost, we must question the need for these designations. Does the science support them? Have other management measures been given time to succeed? Have the economic, social and biological impacts been fully studied? If the need to close a fishery or an area to recreational fishing is determined to be prudent, is there a clear process by which the area will be reopened for public recreation?

In interviews and on the campaign trail, President-elect Barack Obama has said that his agenda regarding access to public lands is going to be one that ensures the outdoors is available to the next generation. More specifically he said that, and I quote, "the decision to establish marine reserves should be made as a result of a transparent, science-based process and be the least intrusive possible to get the job done." Our work to re-establish recreational fishing in the three new marine monuments is a top priority. I assure you, we will work with the Obama administration on this important issue and other issues of key importance to the Sportsfishing community.

## **Solar Meets Polar as Winter Curbs Clean**

**Energy**

**NY Times**

**December 26, 2008**

**By KATE GALBRAITH**

Old Man Winter, it turns out, is no friend of renewable energy.

This time of year, wind turbine blades ice up, biodiesel congeals in tanks and solar panels produce less power because there is not as much sun. And perhaps most irritating to the people who own them, the panels become covered with snow, rendering them useless even in bright winter sunshine.

So in regions where homeowners have long rolled their eyes at shoveling driveways, add another cold-weather chore: cleaning off the solar panels. "At least I can get to them with a long pole and a squeegee," said Alan Stankevitz, a homeowner in southeast Minnesota.

As concern has grown about global warming, many utilities and homeowners have been trying to shrink their emissions of carbon dioxide — their carbon footprints — by installing solar panels, wind turbines and even generators powered by tides or rivers. But for the moment, at least, the planet is still cold enough to deal nasty winter blows to some of this green machinery.

In January 2007, a bus stalled in the middle of the night on Interstate 70 in the Colorado mountains. The culprit was a 20 percent biodiesel blend that congealed in the freezing weather, according to John Jones, the transit director for the bus line, Summit Stage. (Biodiesel is a diesel substitute, typically made from vegetable oil, that is used to displace some fossil fuels.)

The passengers got out of that situation intact, but Summit Stage, which serves ski resorts, now avoids biodiesel from November to March, and uses only a 5 percent blend in the summertime, when it can still get cold in the mountains. "We can't have people sitting on buses freezing to death while we get out there trying to get them restarted," Mr. Jones said.

Winter may pose even bigger safety hazards in the vicinity of wind turbines. Some observers say the machines can hurl chunks of ice as they rotate.

"It's like you throw a plate out there and that plate breaks," said Ralph Brokaw, a cattle rancher in southeast Wyoming who has 69 wind turbines on his property. When his turbines ice up, he stays out of the way.

The wind industry admits that turbines can drop ice, like a lamppost or any tall structure. To ameliorate the hazard, some turbines are painted black to absorb sunlight and melt the ice faster. But Ron Stimmel, an expert on small wind turbines at the

American Wind Energy Association, denies that the whirling blades tend to hurl icy javelins.

Large turbines turn off automatically as ice builds up, and small turbines will slow and stop because the ice prevents them from spinning — “just like a plane’s wing needs to be de-iced to fly,” Mr. Stimmel said.

Mr. Brokaw says that his turbines do turn off when they are too icy, but the danger sometimes comes right before the turbines shut down, after a wet, warm snow causes ice buildup.

From the standpoint of generating power, winter is actually good for wind turbines, because it is generally windier than summer. In Vermont, for example, Green Mountain Power, which operates a small wind farm in the southeastern part of the state, gets more than twice the monthly production in winter as in August.

The opposite is true, however, for solar power. Days are shorter and the sun is lower in the sky during the winter, ensuring less power production.

Even in northern California, with mild winters and little snow, solar panels can generate about half as much as in the summer, depending on how much they are tilted, according to Rob Erlichman, chief executive of Sunlight Electric, a San Francisco solar company.

Operators of the electrical grid do not worry much about the seasonal swings, because the percentage of production from renewable energy is still so low — around 1 percent of the country’s power comes from wind, and less from solar panels. In addition, Americans use slightly less electricity in the winter than in the summer because air conditioners are not running. This is especially true in sunny areas, so solar panels’ peak production matches the spikes in demand.

But as renewable energy becomes a bigger part of the nation’s power mix, the seasonable variability could become more of a problem. Already, power developers are learning that they must make careful plans to avoid the worst impacts of ice and snow.

Trey Taylor, the president of Verdant Power, which has put small turbines in the tidal East River in New York City and plans more for the St. Lawrence River in Canada, said that ice chunks could slide over one another “like a deck of cards,” pushing ice below and harming turbines. That may

rule out parts of otherwise promising sites like the Yukon River in Alaska, he said.

Kevin Devlin, the vice president for operations of Iberdrola Renewables, a wind developer, said that winter was probably the hardest time of year to maintain turbines, because workers must go out in snow and ice. Occasionally, he said, the turbines will shut down or set off alarms if it is too cold, and workers must brave the elements to fix them.

For homeowners, the upkeep of their power sources can also be a bother.

Mr. Stankevitz keeps his panels tilted 40 degrees or higher, but they still become covered with snow — and experts say that if even one cell in a panel is covered, the panel will not produce power.

On the other hand, the panels can get extra power from sunlight reflected off nearby snow. And like other electronic gear, solar panels work better when cold.

Mr. Stankevitz said that on some rare winter days, when the Minnesota sky is clear, the weather is freezing and the sun is shining brightly, his panels can briefly churn out more electricity than they were designed to produce, more than on the balmiest days of summer.

**Beach access: Intensify fight**  
**Editorial Asbury Park Press**  
**December 30, 2008**

If the property owners and public officials who are fighting New Jersey's efforts to expand public access to beaches continue to have their way, spending a day on sand and in surf along some parts of the state's coast soon may be the domain of a privileged few. That can't be allowed to happen.

Shore municipalities, including Avalon and towns on Long Beach Island, recently have won victories in the courts, beating back state Department of Environmental Protection efforts to provide 24-hour beach access, offer bathroom facilities and provide adequate parking. The courts also have rejected attempts by the DEP to force property owners to sign easements that would allow beach replenishment projects to move forward.

In addition, a bill proposed by state Sen. Jeff Van Drew, D-Cape May, seeks to insulate business and industry from having to provide access to the public. Initially, Van Drew cited security concerns. More recently he pointed to burdens on businesses during tough economic times.

The court rulings are confounding and legislation seeking to limit access on economic grounds is shortsighted. The more parking, restrooms and public facilities a coastal town provides, the greater the number of people who will be able to use and enjoy its beaches, businesses and other amenities, putting more money in the pockets of commercial enterprises.

If towns and businesses are worried now about the lack of patrons, wait until those who would like to play on a town's beaches, shop in its stores and eat in its restaurants have no place to park or change clothes. And wait until natural erosion devours all the beaches denied state and federal sand replenishment.

Those whose vision is limited by narrow self-interest and the notion that New Jersey's beaches are a private sandbox for the mega-wealthy need to be reminded, as the DEP has done, of the Public Trust Doctrine, whose principles date back to the Roman Emperor Justinian: The public has the right to swim in coastal waterways and walk along their shores.

That right must continue to be defended by the DEP, coastal advocacy groups and elected officials, including the misguided Van Drew, who should rethink his position and withdraw his bill.

The impact of the court rulings and Van Drew's legislation, if acted upon, could come as early as next summer, when the visitors who pump millions into the Shore's economy start to find themselves barred from the waterways. At first, it may be just here and there. But if the contagion is allowed to spread, here and there eventually could become most everywhere.

**ASMFC WINTER MEETING WEEK**  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

Please note: The agenda is subject to change. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of meetings. Interested parties should anticipate meetings starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

**Monday, February 2, 2009**

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board**

1. Welcome/Call to Order, M. Gibson
2. Board Consent - ACTION
  - a. Approval of Agenda

- b. Approval of Proceedings from October 20, 2008
3. Public Comment
4. Board Charge
  - a. Overview of Board Charge, N. Meserve
  - b. Technical Committee Report, D. Kahn
  - c. Committee on Economics and Social Sciences Report, M. Paine
5. Discussion on Initiating an Addendum, M. Gibson
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

**2:15 - 4:15 p.m. American Lobster Management Board**

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Spiny Dogfish & Coastal Sharks Management Board**

**Tuesday, February 3, 2009**

**8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Atlantic Herring Section**

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board**

1. Welcome/Call to Order, A.C. Carpenter
2. Board Consent - ACTION
  - a. Approval of Agenda
  - b. Approval of Proceedings from October 20, 2008
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Data Poor Workshop Peer Review - ACTION
  - a. Scup
  - b. Black Sea Bass
5. 2009 Quota Modifications - ACTION
  - a. Scup
  - b. Black Sea Bass
6. Consider Approval of State Summer Flounder Recreational Conservation Equivalency Proposals, T. Kerns - ACTION
  - a. Technical Committee Recommendation
  - b. Consider Approval of Proposals
7. Consider Approval of Scup Recreational Proposal, T. Kerns - ACTION
8. Election of Vice-Chair - ACTION
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

**1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Winter Flounder Management Board**

**4:45 - 5:45 p.m. American Eel Management Board**

**6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Business Session**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

**8:00 - 9:45 a.m. Executive Committee**

**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Shad & River Herring Management Board**

**3:15 - 6:15 p.m. ISFMP Policy Board**

**Thursday, February 5, 2009**

**8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Weakfish Management Board**



**9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Atlantic Menhaden  
Management Board**  
**10:45 - 11:15 a.m. ISFMP Policy Board**  
**(Continued)**  
**11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Business Session**

**New Economic Report Finds Commercial  
and Recreational Fishing  
Generated More Than Two Million Jobs**  
***NOAA For Immediate Release Jan. 6, 2009***  
**Contact: Monica Allen 301-713-2370**

U.S. commercial and recreational fishing generated more than \$185 billion in sales and supported more than two million jobs in 2006, according to a new economic report released by NOAA's Fisheries Service.

The commercial fishing industry-harvesters, seafood processors and dealers, seafood wholesalers and seafood retailers-generated \$103 billion in sales, \$44 billion in income and supported 1.5 million jobs in 2006, the most recent year included in the report, Fisheries Economics of the United States, 2006, which covers 1997 to 2006. Recreational fishing generated \$82 billion in sales, \$24 billion in income, and supported 534,000 jobs in 2006.

"The report documents clearly that managing fisheries sustainably is good for the environment and the economy," said Jim Balsiger, NOAA acting assistant administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service. "Fishing helps create a substantial number of jobs around the nation."

The report also breaks down the sales, income and job figures for each coastal state. The highest amount of sales generated by the commercial fishing industry were in California (\$9.8 billion), Florida (\$5.2 billion), Massachusetts (\$4.4 billion), Washington (\$3.8 billion), and Alaska (\$3 billion). The most jobs were generated in California (179,000), Florida (103,000), Massachusetts (83,000), Washington (75,000) and Texas (47,000).

Recreational fishing generated its highest economic effect in total sales and jobs generated in Florida (\$7.6 billion sales, 131,000 jobs); Texas (\$2.2 billion sales, 34,000 jobs); California (\$1.9 billion sales, 23,000 jobs); North Carolina (\$1.2 billion sales, 24,000 jobs); and Louisiana (\$1.2 billion sales, 27,000 jobs).

Fisheries Economics of the United States, 2006 also includes descriptive statistics on

commercial fish landings, revenue, and price trends; recreational fishing effort, catch, and participation rates; and employer and non-employer establishments, annual payroll, and annual receipt information for fishing-related industries such as seafood retailers and ship and boat building.

The report is the first volume in a new series designed to give the public accessible economic information on fishing activities in the U.S., and is a companion to Fisheries of the United States, and the forthcoming Fishing Communities of the United States.

The report also provides a snapshot of fishery management plans, limited access privilege fishing programs (a type of catch share program), buyback programs, and ecolabeling programs as well as the status of fish stocks and an inventory of protected marine resources.

Fisheries Economics of the United States, 2006 is available online at: [www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/index.html](http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/index.html). Hard copies of the report are forthcoming.

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**NJ's open space fund needs money**  
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**The Associated Press**

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Gov. Jon Corzine's nod to open space in his State of the State address could give new life to stalled efforts to direct long-term funding to the purchase of farmland, green acres and historic sites.

At least two bills already in the Legislature address permanent funding for open space, which environmentalists have long advocated and Corzine said he supports, though he has not said where he thinks the money should come from. Several proposals have come and gone since Corzine was elected in 2005, including a plan to dedicate a portion of the sales tax to open space preservation. A new legislative proposal is being drafted.

"It is my preferred approach that we put in place a long-term funding solution," Corzine said in the State of the State message Tuesday. "That said,

we need, at a minimum, an interim bonding question for November's ballot to extend the financing the votes approved in 2007."

Voters approved an emergency \$200 million bond referendum in 2007, the same year they rejected borrowing for stem cell research and dedicating a portion of the sales tax to property tax relief. The open space money has all been spent. (No statewide open space funding question has failed in New Jersey in a dozen or so requests to voters dating back decades.)

Environmentalists said they are frustrated the question of long-term funding keeps cropping up without being resolved.

"A one-year stopgap doesn't get the job done, and I'm not even sure it would pass (in this economy)," said David Pringle of the New Jersey Environmental Federation. "We shouldn't be living referendum to referendum."

Jeff Tittel of the New Jersey Sierra Club said \$200 million a year is needed, and that there are many ways to get it: through a modest water-user fee, from the sales tax or gas tax, by taxing those who develop farmland, through a multiyear bond referendum, or by taxing billboards, SUVs or recreation equipment.

The proposal to dedicate a portion of existing sales tax revenue to open space purchases had support from a majority of lawmakers in both political parties, Tittel said, but became a casualty of the caustic budget battle of 2006 that shut down state government. A similar proposal became a political casualty the next year, when Corzine tried to tie permanent funding for open space to a failed plan to pay down state debt by raising tolls.

"This is the first time since 1961 that we are out of money for open space," Tittel said. The governor should never have allowed us to get into that situation in the first place."

Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean Jr. of Westfield agreed, accusing Corzine, a Democrat seeking re-election in November, of "playing politics with land preservation goals as opposed to finding a real solution that has worked very well for two decades."

Kean said he continues to support a Senate resolution he and Democratic leader Steve Sweeney co-sponsored dedicating \$175 million in existing tax revenue to open space through 2038, if voters approve the idea.

Assemblyman John McKeon, D-South Orange, said he is drafting a bill that would provide \$350 million a year to the open space preservation fund by imposing a water use fee that would cost the average household \$2 per month. The proposal also would require voter approval. McKeon, long a champion of open space funding, said failing to replenish the fund would cause economic peril.

For example, if the Highlands watershed region were to be developed rather than preserved, he said the costs of treating and delivering clean, safe tap water to the state would become so astronomical no one could afford to live in the Garden State any longer.

"The bottom line — it's unpalatable to do nothing," he said.

## **HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES** *BY JOHN KOEGLER*

### **Bluefin Tuna**

This year (2009) NMFS has so far restricted US bluefin tuna landings to one large school or medium fish per boat trip. They have done this in the past to control the Carolina winter fishery, but we will have a smaller national quota in 2009. NMFS has been unwilling to share any of the huge uncaught commercial bluefin quota with anglers. They just let the unused quota expire.

Meanwhile, the ICCAT farce continues. The European body, the Community Fisheries Control Agency (CFCA), has conducted a survey of the European bluefin tuna fishery. The report concludes: "It has not been a priority of most operators in the fishery to not comply with ICCAT's legal requirements."

There is wide belief that the full report was suppressed by the ICCAT commissioners at the request of their national governments because its contents are so embarrassing to so many nations named in the survey.

## **SUPPORT THE ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM**

## **JCAA Youth Education Report**

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### **NATIONAL YOUTH FISHING & BOATING GRANT REQUEST**

The JCAA Youth Education Committee is working with Dr. Eleanor Bochenek, Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University, to submit a grant request for the RBFF National Youth Fishing and Boating Initiative Grant Request. We hope to partner with federal, state, and JCAA member clubs to complete the grant criteria guidelines. The JCAA Youth Education Committee is looking to conduct two new pilot projects. 1, Teaching single mothers and their children about fishing and boating. 2, Creating a junior/adult achievement patch for the promotion of conservation and volunteerism. We plan to test the concept at the University of Toledo this summer during their National Youth Sports Program and at Moral, Recreation, and Welfare (MWR) Military Installations. Hopefully, the project designed will work with other state and federal programs.

### **NJ Boat Show Edison Convention Center**

On Saturday, February 21, 2009 the JCAA Youth Education Committee will assist The Fisherman Magazine by conducting an educational clinic for fishing clubs, schools and conservation organizations that would like to host a youth fishing event. Some of the topics will include: how to keep kids fishing, "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs" certification, school fishing clubs, summer youth fishing tournaments and fishing/boater safety. Come out and hear about the Recreational Fishing and Boating Foundation's Anglers' Legacy and "Passport To Fishing and Boating." This program will teach you how to start a successful youth fishing program and give you the tools/resources to conduct a fun fishing event. The Anglers' Legacy creates a national awareness through efforts at the federal, state and grassroots level, helps motivate new members, supporters and volunteers, and provides a way to unify all our efforts to share the legacy that is important to us all. After the clinic the Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will also feature a special youth education seminar about how to make a circle hook rig to catch Striped Bass. Youngsters will receive "Hooked On Fishing

Not On Drugs" materials and printed handouts for attending the seminar.

### **ABOUT RBFF**

RBFF is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 to increase participation in recreational angling and boating. RBFF helps people discover, share and protect the legacy of boating and fishing through national outreach programs including the "Take Me Fishing" campaign and Anglers' Legacy. [www.rbff.org](http://www.rbff.org)

### **NEWARK BAIT - KIDS' FISHING FUN NIGHT**

The JCAA Youth Education Committee will visit the Newark Bait and Flycasting Club at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2009 and present a "PASSPORT TO FISHING" event for youngsters attending their Kids' Fishing Night. The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club will host the event at the Knights of Columbus Hall located in Union, NJ. Children and their families are welcome to come and enjoy a night of fun fishing activities and refreshments. The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club is committed to teaching the joys of fishing to our young people. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will also support this worthwhile event by conducting a seminar about how to start a youth fishing club and providing "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs" packets/prizes for all the youngsters.

### **Division Of Fish & Wildlife Press Release**

The NJ DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife would like teachers to be aware that the deadline for applying for Physical Education Grants has been extended to February 9! These grants provide up to \$2,500 to certified teachers to help establish a fishing and/or boating education program in their school. The Future Fisherman Foundation and The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation are partnering to sponsor the Physical Education Grants Initiative. Programs must be cross-curricular to be considered. Grant recipients will attend a 5-day training workshop and travel to and from the training are a part of the grant funds. Information is available on the Future Fisherman Foundation's website at [http://www.futurefisherman.org/programs/physh\\_ed/](http://www.futurefisherman.org/programs/physh_ed/) or on the Division's website at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pegrant.htm>.

### **NEAT WEBSITE TO VISIT**

Below is a neat website for youngsters to visit "Boating Sidekicks" and, yes, there is a contest you can enter to win some cool stuff.

<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/kidsite/07contest-index1024.htm>

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