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Starting at 7:30 PM

AT JERSEY COAST SHARK ANGLERS

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 10th, 2014

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

IMPORTANT DATES

June 24th JCAA General Membership Meeting

July 10th JCAA Board Meeting

August 2nd JCAA Fluke Tournament

August 6th JCAA Awards Presentations

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President's Report

By Paul Haertel

Not too much has changed from last month. We have been continuing our efforts to stop seismic blasting, beach replenishment and jetty notching in the Loch Arbor to Elberon area, and sand mining of lumps such as Manasquan Ridge. We are also preparing for next year's battles over the regionalization issue as it pertains to fluke. We are seeking political help in all these areas as well as assistance to ensure that our state will be treated more fairly by the ASMFC in the future.

There was a lot of discussion about reducing the mortality on striped bass at the recent ASMFC meeting. There were many differing opinions and the process has been delayed. Even if the ASMFC decides to reduce mortality, stricter regulations for both commercial and recreational fishermen are expected to be spread out over three years rather than just one. The ASMFC is expected to approve a revised addendum at their August meeting which will then be made available for public comment throughout the fall.

We will be voting for the Sportsperson of the Year at our June meeting. In addition to the nominations included in this newsletter, nominations will also be accepted from the floor at our meeting. Nominations for our Youth Education Award must also be submitted by the June meeting.

I am asking for your help in promoting our fluke tournament. Last year we only had 328 boats

and we are behind schedule for having even that many boats this year. It is one of our major fundraisers and we need the support of many of our various club's members to make this a success. The date of the tournament is August 2nd which is prime time for fluke and the weather will be perfect. (I hope) We have a really nice boat, motor and trailer as the Grand Prize along with thousands of dollars worth of other great merchandise prizes. There is a \$1200 cash first place prize for each of our nine ports which is guaranteed regardless of the number of entrants. We also have a new optional cash category for those who want to take a shot at winning even more cash. There are more details about the tournament elsewhere in the newsletter.

On the subject of tournaments, the Berkeley Stripper Club's 11th annual Spring Tournament concluded on 6/8. This year's event was the first time that it was for catch and release stripers only. The new tournament format proved to be quite popular with a record number of entrants. All the money raised by the club is put into a dedicated fund where the money is eventually donated to organizations that protect or enhance our recreational fisheries. Over the last few years BSC has donated several thousand dollars to JCAA. Thank you BSC!

Just as we were ready to go to press, I received a couple emails regarding the MAFMC meeting. Paul Eidman reported that they voted in favor of conservation of river herring. The amount of by-catch allowed for commercial fishermen has been reduced. Chris Zeman reported that the RSA program will no longer just fund NEAMAP and can go back to fund species-specific research projects as it was intended to. Funding starts in FY 2015. It is refreshing to receive some good news for a change.

The special fluke regulations for Island Beach State Park are now in effect, 2 fish at 16" or greater. Any fluke that are kept that are under 18" must be checked in during designated hours. There is no option to keep 5 fluke at 18". The bag limit is 2 period.

20th Annual Fluke Tournament

By Paul Turi, Tournament Director

Our second mailing for the fluke tournament has gone out. Returns are slow coming in. About 35% of the returns coming in are coming back with

the Optional Cash Category checked off. That's a good sign. However, we are running behind last year's number for the first mailing.

The hats and t-shirts are in and we have begun mailing to those who have already sent in their orders. The shirt looks really great this year. Kudos to Harrington Graphics for the design and artwork!

Affidavits for those of you who have already entered the tournament have gone out and as the orders come in and are logged into the computer, the affidavits are being mailed immediately.

We have updated our website and right now you can go to our website and print out an entry form for the tournament, Optional Cash Category, order hats and t-shirts and either mail or fax the orders to the JCAA office. Also, our on-line order form is on the website. Now you can enter the tournament, the Optional Cash Category and order hats and t-shirts and pay by credit card right from your computer.

As I mentioned in last month's article, in our first mailing there is an error in a couple places on the Express Entry Form. It indicates we will be having the awards presentations at the Golden Nugget in AC. That is incorrect. **This year we will be having our Awards Presentations at the Holiday Inn on Rte. 72 in Manahawkin (Stafford Twp.)** I have received a number of emails and phone calls on this because of the confusion. **So let me be clear, the Awards Presentations will be at the Holiday Inn in Manahawkin on Wednesday – Yes, Wednesday – August 6th, 2014.** Fishing will be on **Saturday, August 2nd** and the awards will be handed out on **Wednesday, August 6th** at the **Holiday Inn**. We will begin registrations at 5:00 PM and start the awards presentations at 7:00 PM.

As I mentioned in last month's article, the **Grand Prize** this year will be a 14' Starcraft Boat, a 20 HP Yamaha Motor and a Sea Lion Trailer. The package is worth about \$9,000! In addition, this year we are adding an **Optional Cash Category** to the tournament. I have received a number of phone calls on this also. It seems a lot of people don't know what this is. The Optional Cash Category is just that – it is optional. You do not have to enter that part of the tournament. For those of you who do enter the Optional Cash Category part of the tournament, the fee is an additional \$60.00 to enter. You will only be competing against those who enter the Optional Cash Category for the port that you signed up for. Two-thirds of the money will be paid out to the winner

with the largest fish who entered the Optional Cash Category and one-third will go to JCAA. In effect, it is a winner-take-all. You must be entered in the Optional Cash Category to be eligible to win the money. If you weigh in the largest fish for your port and you did not enter the Optional Cash Category, you do not win the cash. The person who entered the Optional Cash Category and had the largest fish will receive two-thirds of the money collected for that port. JCAA will retain one-third of the money.

Again, I would like to give a big thank you to **Grumpy's in Seaside Park**. Grumpy's donated 9 Tica rods for the tournament. The rods have a retail value over a hundred dollars. We will be adding a nice reel and line to the rod and that will make for a nice port prize for each of our 9 ports.

We still need some more port prizes. If your company would like to donate anything as door prizes or port prizes, please let me know. We also still have four ports that need sponsors who would be willing to put up the 1st place prize money of \$1,200. Right now we have five port sponsors. **RJ Marine Service in Cape May** is sponsoring the Cape May Port and is putting up the 1st place prize of \$1,200 for that port. **Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City** is putting up the \$1,200 for that port. **Hoffman's Marina in Brielle** is providing the \$1,200 1st place prize for the Manasquan Port. **South Harbor Marine in Waretown** is providing the \$1,200 1st place prize for the Barnegat Bay Port. **Fisherman's Headquarters in Ship Bottom** – as always – is providing the \$1,200 1st place prize for the Long Beach Island Port.

Our major sponsors this year are West Marine, Costa Sunglasses, Interlux Paints, The Fisherman Magazine, Yamaha Motors, Canyon Reels and RJ Marine Service. These companies are putting up cash and/or merchandise that is worth a minimum of \$3,000!

RJ Marine Service in Cape May not only is donating a 14' Starcraft Boat but they are also putting up the \$1,200 1st place prize for the Cape May Port. We can't thank Jeff over at **RJ Marine** enough for his generosity.

Costa Sunglasses is donating a nice prize for each of the 9 ports as they do every year. Costa has been a JCAA sponsor for many years.

Our friends over at **The Fisherman Magazine** in addition to donating door prizes & port prizes for each of the 9 ports is also donating full

page ads to JCAA to advertise the tournament, amongst other things.

Yamaha Motors is donating a 20HP engine for the Starcraft Boat that **RJ Marine Service** is donating.

Last year **Canyon Reels** was very generous to JCAA and this year they are coming up big-time. They are donating thousands of dollars in high quality reels for each of the 9 ports. We will have enough reels to make two high-end port prizes for each of the 9 ports! **Canyon Reels** are high quality reels and will make a really nice port prize.

West Marine again this year is donating gift certificates for each of the 9 ports in addition to giving us numerous door prizes. **West Marine** has also been very generous to JCAA over the years.

I would be remiss if I did not mention **Sea Lion Trailers**. **Sea Lion**, although not a major sponsor, is donating a **Sea Lion Trailer** for the 14' Starcraft Boat that **RJ Marine Service** is donating.

Our friends over at the **Holiday Inn** on Rte. 72 in Manahawkin are helping us out in a pinch this year. They are providing a very nice ballroom for us to have our awards ceremony this year at a very reduced price. They are also cutting their room rate for those who desire to stay over that night. And they are also going to give a discount or a free drink to anyone desiring to have dinner. They are also donating some rooms to JCAA at no charge! Management suggests anyone desiring to stay over should make a reservation well in advance.

Remember, Atlantic City is only 40-45 minutes from Manahawkin via the Parkway. Long Beach Island is a stone's throw from the Holiday Inn. If anyone wants to come down to LBI and make a day of it prior to the awards presentations, LBI has some of the nicest beaches along our coast for anyone who just wants to bake in the sun. There's also boat rentals available for crabbing or fishing for the day. There are also many fine bars and restaurants on the island. Bay Village and Fantasy Island with all the shopping and amusements will keep adults and kids busy. There are plenty of things to do on LBI for those who want to make a day of it.

So mark your calendar for fishing the tournament on August 2nd and the Awards Presentations on Wednesday, August 6th. If you have any questions on the tournament or would like to register by phone, call the JCAA office at (732) 506-6565 and I can take your order over the phone

via credit card. If no one answers, leave a message and I will call you back.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Thomas Fote

MSA Reauthorization

The Magnusson/Stevens Reauthorization is moving forward. We had a workshop at the ASMFC meeting discussing their involvement. American Sportfishing Association, Center for Coastal Conservation, National Marine Manufacturers Association and Coastal Conservation Association wrote a response to the Hastings Bill on the reauthorization. That letter is included below. JCAA is continuing to gather information on MSA reauthorization and will be working with other organizations to develop our final comments. Even though we do not expect passage this year, it is important that the research begins. Tom Siciliano is the chairman of the JCAA committee dealing with the reauthorization. If you want more information, please email tfote@jcaa.org and I will send you the current position papers that are available from other organizations.

Bycatch Issues

John Oswald's article from the Asbury Park Press is below. It talks about the latest release from NOAA on summer flounder bycatch taking place in other fisheries. It seems ironic that in 1990, when I first began dealing with summer flounder, black sea bass and scup, bycatch was an important issue. Other fisheries were discarding more scup as bycatch than we were landing in both the recreational and commercial fisheries. The commercial fishery was rewarded with a larger percentage of the share of the scup because they committed to greatly reducing the bycatch. The last time I saw a report, the scup bycatch discards is still greater than the commercial and recreational fisheries combined. While I was on vacation, I received numerous emails about a bycatch of striped bass in the menhaden fishery. I know in some fisheries we have made significant strides in limiting the bycatch by gear restrictions and other measures. However, we need to do much more. Every pound of discard has a huge impact on both recreational and commercial fisheries. Some

people insist the unexplained natural mortality we see in some species is because of unreported discards. NOAA, through NMFS, must do more to reduce discards. This is still a very important issue that costs all of us dearly.

Upcoming ASMFC Issues for the August Meeting

Since the JCAA newspaper is only printed in mid-August, that issue will have information on the actions of the ASMFC summer meeting and the Mid-Atlantic Marine Fisheries Management Council meeting in August. The striped bass, summer flounder and eel plans could have addendums that will be ready for public hearings. It is important that you sign up for the JCAA alerts to keep up to date.

Seismic Blasting & Sand Mining

On June 6, the Senate Environmental and Energy Committee heard Senator Smith's resolutions on sand mining and seismic blasting. Both resolutions were cosponsored by Senator Kip Bateman. This is another example of bipartisan efforts to protect the coast. Of the many organizations that attended the hearing, none opposed the resolutions. Cindy Zipf of Clean Ocean Action did a terrific job in pointing out why the seismic blasting would have a negative impact. It is interesting that neither Rutgers nor the Army Corp of Engineers attended to defend their proposed attacks on the environment. I guess they understood there was no justification for their proposals. Both resolutions were passed out of committee unanimously. JCAA will be waiting for the vote by the full Senate. We hope this will happen soon. Even these resolutions are a huge step in the right direction. They represent only a step. There is much work to be done and it is up to us to get it done. It is also wonderful that we have the support of NJ DEP in opposing seismic blasting because of their concerns about protecting the marine resources. It is always beneficial to have two branches of the government working in tandem.

Senator Smith's resolutions are presented below. In the last newspaper I sent you to the Clean Ocean webpage to sign the petitions. If you have not done so here is the information about the petition. It is after the resolutions.

Senate Resolution No. 72
State of New Jersey
216th Legislature

Introduced May 12, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator BOB SMITH

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Senator SAMUEL D. THOMPSON

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Urges rejection of seismic blasting plans in Atlantic Ocean near Barnegat Bay.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the National Marine Fisheries Service to reject seismic blasting plans in the Atlantic Ocean near Barnegat Bay, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The National Marine Fisheries Service within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has proposed authorization for marine mammal “takes” during an oceanic seismic study which would be conducted in the Atlantic Ocean about 15 miles from Barnegat Bay in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, The proposed authorization is in the public comment period, and a public hearing will be scheduled on the matter; and

WHEREAS, The authorization allows over 25 marine mammal species, six of which are endangered, to be subjected to noise created from seismic airguns and three other acoustic blast technologies; and

WHEREAS, Seismic testing is known to have the potential to seriously harm marine life; and

WHEREAS, One such test that may be used near Barnegat Bay is a multibeam echosounder (MBES), which has been implicated in the stranding of over 100 melon-headed whales off the coast of Madagascar; and

WHEREAS, The proposed testing area is also a key habitat for squid and summer flounder, which are important local fisheries; and

WHEREAS, The tests will negatively impact an area just beginning to recover from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy, while the marine life populations continue to suffer from sea level rise, marine acidification, and pollution; and

WHEREAS, While scientific research is extremely important and vital to the health of the ocean and marine life, there is no need for this particular study, which will pose an unnecessary risk to certain marine life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. The National Marine Fisheries Service is respectfully urged to reject any proposal and cancel all plans relating to the performance of seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean near Barnegat Bay, New Jersey.
2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Richard L. Merrick, Ph.D., Director, Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the regional administrator for the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and every member of congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

Statement

This resolution urges the National Marine Fisheries Service to reverse its proposed authorization of seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean near Barnegat Bay, New Jersey, and cancel all plans related to such testing. The National Marine Fisheries Service within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has proposed authorization for marine mammal “takes” during an oceanic seismic study about 15 miles from Barnegat Bay in June 2014. The proposed authorization is in the public comment period, and a public hearing will be scheduled on the matter. The authorization allows over 25 marine mammal species, six of which are endangered, to be subjected to noise created from seismic airguns and three other acoustic blast technologies. One such test uses a multibeam echosounder (MBES), which has been implicated in the stranding of over 100 melon-headed whales off the coast of Madagascar. The proposed testing area

affected by the authorization is a key habitat for squid and summer flounder, which are important local fisheries.

The tests, if conducted, will negatively impact an area just beginning to recover from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy, with fish populations and other marine life already suffering from sea level rise, marine acidification, and pollution.

Accordingly, this resolution urges the National Marine Fisheries Service to reject any proposal and cancel all plans relating to the performance of seismic testing near Barnegat Bay.

Senate Resolution No. 73
State of New Jersey
216th Legislature

Introduced May 12, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator BOB SMITH

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Senator SAMUEL D. THOMPSON

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Opposes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sand mining project at Manasquan Ridge near Axel Carson Artificial Reef.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

A SENATE RESOLUTION opposing the United States Army Corps of Engineers' sand mining project at the Manasquan Ridge near the Axel Carson Artificial Reef, New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has plans to conduct a storm damage reduction project off the coast of Ocean County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the plan calls for the USACE to conduct sand mining operations at the Manasquan Ridge near the Axel Carlson Artificial Reef; and

WHEREAS, The USACE plan indicates that these areas, designated as "borrow areas," could be used in the future for additional sand mining, so as to

replenish material lost in other areas due to erosion and future storm damage; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), in accordance with existing regulation, has identified both of these areas as "Prime Fishing Areas"; and

WHEREAS, The proposed sand mining operations at the Manasquan Ridge near the Axel Carlson Artificial Reef will negatively impact fishing areas just beginning to recover from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy, while the marine life populations continue to suffer from sea level rise, marine acidification, and pollution; and

WHEREAS, Storm protection measures, including sand mining, are necessary to protect the State of New Jersey from future damage, but the current proposal unnecessarily places diverse fishing grounds at risk; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House strongly opposes any sand mining operations at the Manasquan Ridge near the Axel Carlson Artificial Reef, off the coast of Ocean County, New Jersey, and respectfully urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers to cancel all plans and reject all future proposals related to sand mining operations at this or any nearby site.
2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Commissioner of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and every member of Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

Statement

This resolution expresses opposition to United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) sand mining project at the Manasquan Ridge near the Axel Carson Artificial Reef. The USACE has plans to conduct a storm damage reduction project off the coast of Ocean County, New Jersey. A portion of the plan calls for the USACE to conduct sand mining operations at the Manasquan Ridge near the Axel Carlson Artificial Reef. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in accordance with existing regulation, has identified both of these areas as "Prime Fishing Areas." These proposed sand mining operations will negatively impact fishing

areas just beginning to recover from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy, while the marine life populations continue to suffer from sea level rise, marine acidification, and pollution. Storm protection measures, including sand mining, are necessary to protect the State from future damage, but the current proposal unnecessarily places important fishing grounds at significant risk.

Clean Ocean Action Petition on Seismic Blasting

For Immediate Release, May 14, 2014
Contact: Tina Berger, 703.842.0740

Link: [Stop Seismic Testing](#)

Stop Seismic Testing off the NJ Coast This June, All Marine Life at Risk

Author: Clean Ocean Action

Target: President Barack Obama, New Jersey

Governor Chris Christie, Rutgers University

President Robert Barchi

Signatures: As of May 17 there were 13,078. Help us get to 25,000 by May 26, 2014

A research study led by Rutgers University and funded by the National Science Foundation is proposed for this June to blast the ocean with sound pulses that are orders of magnitude louder than a jet engine taking off, every 5 seconds, 24 hours a day, for 30 days. These explosive sounds will have devastating impacts on all marine life, including whales, dolphins, sea turtles, fish and shellfish. They will also harm NJ's tourism and fishing industries.

We the undersigned oppose the NJ Seismic blasting study proposed for this summer, and we call upon our elected leaders including President Obama and Governor Christie to stop this study. Furthermore, we urge President Robert Barchi of Rutgers University to stop this study before its proposed June 3 start date.

For more information on who is conducting the study and the impacts to marine life, visit Clean Ocean's [website](#).

To receive status updates on this issue, sign the petition go to [this link](#).

Bycatch Report Reveals Startling Fluke Numbers

by John Oswald, Asbury Park Press, 5/29/2014

A couple of years ago, I took a trip on a scallop boat out of Point Pleasant for a Hook, Line & Sinker story. Once we reached the scallop grounds, the dredge was dropped and it was dragged for about an hour before it came back up and its contents sorted. There was a lot more there than just scallops.

Mixed in with rounded brown shells were fluke, yellow tail flounder, monkfish, skates and a host of other sea creatures. Everything but the scallops and the monkfish quickly found their way back into the ocean. Trouble was, they weren't going to survive. Some of the fluke were nearly folded in half. By law, the captain couldn't keep the fluke and yellowtail flounder even if he wanted to.

A report issued in March by NOAA now provides a clearer picture of just how big that kind of bycatch is. Among other interesting facts, the U.S. National Bycatch Report First Edition Update 1 showed that the summer flounder bycatch in non-directed commercial fisheries in New England and the Mid-Atlantic in 2010 was approximately 3.6 million pounds. That's a lot of fluke. What is surprising is that most of this bycatch actually occurred in commercial fisheries managed by the New England Fishery Management Council.

"The 2010 data is about as recent as it gets," said Chris Zeman, one of New Jersey's representatives to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Zeman explained that for years, NOAA was not publishing these kinds of reports. They had the raw data, but were not extrapolating it to obtain a clear picture of what was going on in the fisheries. The process was also delayed by a series of lawsuits brought by a non-governmental organization that questioned the methods for deploying observers and bycatch reporting.

The report, says Zeman, might answer some questions fishery managers have been asking about the slow rebuilding of the summer flounder stock now that the fishery is no longer experiencing overfishing.

"Even after years of no overfishing, summer flounder populations are not growing as fast as scientists originally predicted. That can be due to either problems with the science or more summer

flounder were being killed than we thought, or a combination of both," he said. Unlike the recreational sector, where the bycatch is estimated right off the top, it is unclear whether this is fully accounted for on the commercial side.

Before 2005, Zeman said, NOAA had very few observers aboard commercial fishing vessels, and they were there mostly for marine mammals and sea turtles. More catch observers were put in place after 2005, providing much more reliable data.

"Having reliable estimates of discards at sea allows managers to make sure we're accounting for all sources of mortality, and most importantly, setting management measures to surgically target specific sources of mortality. Without this information, the default response to a declining fish population is to reduce quotas in the directed fisheries.

The good news is that if we can find ways to reduce this bycatch, we may be able to increase quotas for the directed commercial and recreational fishermen," Zeman said.

The Bycatch Report is not limited to summer flounder and includes estimates for 573 stocks nationwide, an increase from 480 stocks in the first edition in 2011.

The next report is due in 2015 and NOAA plans to include additional bycatch estimates. They will include data from 2011, 2012 and 2013. The report is only for federally managed species.

Since the data is from 2010, Zeman said there is no way to tell if the bycatch numbers for summer flounder are still in the same neighborhood of the 3.6 million pounds.

"It's not something you can easily figure out because there are many fisheries involved that are constantly changing. We really shouldn't be four years behind on the report." But Zeman commended NOAA for preparing this report and its commitment to the at-sea observer program" He admits there is more work to be done, but it can lead to a reduction in discards and more fish to catch

Nominations can be made from the floor. If you wish to nominate someone, please submit a bio of at least 250 words. Don't worry about typing and spelling, etc. When we have elected someone, if I need more or less words to make the bio fit in our brochure, I will work with the nominating club to accomplish this.

The dinner again this year will be held at the Crystal Pt. Yacht Club in Pt. Pleasant on Sunday, November 9th, 2014. Ticket prices are the same as last year, \$75 per head or \$600 for a table of 10.

I am also looking for door prizes for this event, so if you can help us out, please let me know.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the JCAA office or by email at pturi6@comcast.net

Below is a nomination for the Sportsman-of-the-Year Award and Youth Education Award by the Berkeley Striper Club.

Berkeley Striper Club Nominates Fred Bogue for JCAA Sportsman of the Year Award and JCAA Youth Education Award

The Berkeley Striper Club would like to nominate Fred Bogue as the JCAA Sportsman of the Year. Fred is an avid striped bass fisherman and a dedicated member of the Berkeley Striper Club. Fred has been a member of our club for over 20 years during which time he has been active in all committees including awards, banquets, picnics, tournaments and flea markets. Fred was elected to eight terms as an officer for collective service of three years as vice president and five years as president, and has served on the Executive Board for the past seven years. During his presidency, the membership grew from 50 to 200 as Bogue strove to maintain the balance between recreation and conservation. Fred is a two-time recipient of the Bill Sculerati award, presented to members who exemplify sportsmanship and dedication to the Club.

Fred is an advocate of tag and release, and has managed the Club's database and program since 1993. He publishes annual studies to track size, migration and mortality, and has participated in tagging symposiums and workshops through NOAA and the ASMFC. Fred has promoted tagging within the Club by conducting how-to seminars and presenting his yearly studies. He established an annual tagging weekend with the primary goal to tag a body of fish for more meaningful return results. The Berkeley Striper Club has tagged 32,000 fish in total and Fred's personal record is 3,200.

Sportsperson of the Year

By Paul Turi

Just a reminder, at our June General Membership Meeting we will be voting on our Sportsperson of the Year.

Under his guidance BSC started a scholarship program in 1998 for students of marine biology at Stockton, which has, in recent years, evolved into the John Bushell Memorial Youth Education Program. This initiative is focused on underprivileged children from local communities. The program raises funds to purchase fishing equipment, prizes and food and involves club members in a day of hands-on. The children are taught knot tying, casting and safety, and after being fed lunch, are taken on the beach to work one-on-one with a club volunteer. The program has been active for five years, and this season each child went home with their own rod and reel. Fred is HOFNOD (Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs) certified through the Future Fisherman Foundation and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Fred's dedication to his fellow fishermen was evident during the aftermath of Sandy when he organized a Club cookout to promote camaraderie among displaced members. He helped a fellow member clean out his flooded home and after collecting Christmas trees in his neighborhood, participated in the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association's dune restoration project at Island Beach State Park.

management. It is important that recreational groups and individuals submit research proposals to ensure that RSA funds are directed toward recreational fisheries. For more information about how to submit a research proposal, feel free to contact me directly at chrisze@optonline.net or call me at 617-461-3212.

NOAA Recreational Listening Session

On Wednesday, NOAA hosted a listening session to discuss how to improve its management of our Nation's recreational fisheries. Russ Dunn, NOAA Fisheries national policy advisor for recreational fisheries, hosted the listening session. NOAA is presently developing a national policy for recreational fishing. This is a very important process and I was pleased to see a good number of recreational fishermen in the room. My comments primarily focused on the need for commercial and recreational parity – meaning equal and uniform treatment with regards to priority setting, budget allocations, cooperative research, fishery disaster funding and overall involvement. This does not mean managing fisheries the same way or setting similar management measures, because they are different and management should recognize and accommodate the differences in its management approaches. One clear example of how present management is not treating commercial and recreational fisheries equally is NOAA's recent distribution of federal fishery disaster aid mostly to New England commercial fishermen, despite the strong need for aid for recreational fisheries in New York and New Jersey. I also repeated the need to replace or significantly revise the MRIP recreational catch reporting program. NOAA will continue to receive comments on its recreational national policy, so please contact Russ Dunn and let him know what needs to be included in the national policy for recreational fisheries.

Highlights from MAFMC

Meeting

By Chris Zeman

Mid-Atlantic Council Meeting Update

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) met in Freehold, NJ on June 10-12. The biggest news from the meeting came from NOAA and its Science Center about the Research Set Aside (RSA) Program. Since 2008, most of the funds generated from the summer flounder and black sea bass 3% catch set-aside would be used to fund NEAMAP – a spring/fall inshore survey that supplements the NOAA Bigelow offshore survey. Starting in 2015, NOAA reported that it will fully fund NEAMAP. This means that RSA funds can now be used for its originally intended purpose – to fund species and fishery-specific cooperative research projects. This is a major development that will allow for more cooperative research projects that can lead to improving our science, catch reporting, reducing discards and overall

Summer Flounder Comprehensive Amendment

The Council initiated a comprehensive review of how it manages the commercial and recreational summer flounder fisheries and will be accepting public comments during the summer on what needs to be changed. This is a long-term process and is expected to take at least two years. For the recreational fishery, it seems that everything is on the table and under review – including commercial and recreational allocations, regional management and other management approaches, and

measures to reduce discards. This is not a complete list and it is important for recreational fishermen to submit comments this summer on what they want to see the Council consider under this comprehensive plan review.

Black sea bass reopening of Wave I

The Council is developing a Framework Adjustment to allow for the reopening of Wave 1 to black sea bass fishing during the 2015 fishing year. This is good news and will allow for a recreational black sea bass fishery during January and February when there are limited opportunities for recreational fishermen. The only wrinkle in this process is that, for the first time, NOAA intends to count Wave 1 catch against the recreational annual catch quota. In most cases, having to account for catch is no surprise and should be expected, but this is an unusual situation because Wave 1 catch was never accounted for due to limitations in MRIP and this catch was never included when the recreational allocation was originally established. This process is ongoing and the Council will be taking final action on this during its August meeting in Washington, DC.

River herring/Shad bycatch cap reduced in commercial mackerel fishery

The Mid-Atlantic Council took additional action to conserve depleted river herring and shad populations on the East Coast. As part of its annual specifications for the Atlantic mackerel fishery, the Council imposed an 89mt cap on total bycatch of river herring and shad. The cap would increase to 155mt if the total mackerel catch exceeds 10,000 mt. The prior cap was set at 236 metric tons. This means that the commercial fishery will close if it catches 89 mt of river herring and shad bycatch. This lower catch cap can allow quicker recovery of river herring and will hopefully lead to a quicker end of New Jersey's moratorium on all directed catch of river herring.

Shore-Based Enhanced Fishing Opportunity Program for Summer Flounder at Island Beach State Park Opens Saturday, June 14

Division of Fish and Wildlife, 6/13/2014

On Thursday, June 12, 2014, NJ Department of Environmental Protection (Department) Commissioner Bob Martin signed a Notice of Administrative Change adjusting the size and possession limits for summer flounder (a.k.a. "fluke") for anglers fishing from shore at Island Beach State Park (IBSP) during the 2014 open season.

The Shore Based Enhanced Fishing Opportunity Program (Program) for summer flounder at IBSP will begin Saturday, June 14, 2014. Summer flounder is New Jersey's most popular recreational saltwater species. Last year, New Jersey anglers caught an estimated 7.6 million summer flounder and kept 1.2 million of those fish.

Anglers participating in the IBSP Program may retain 2 fish greater than or equal to 16 inches (total length) only at IBSP during the current 2014 New Jersey summer flounder fishing season, which opened on May 23 and remains open until September 27. The Program will be available to "shore-based" anglers only, defined as fishing from a pier, jetty, beach, bank, or marsh. Anglers participating in this Program may NOT fish from a boat, kayak, canoe, personal water craft, or arrive to the shore by means of water craft.

Shore-based angling shall be by hook and line only. Summer flounder greater than or equal to 16 inches but less than 18 inches shall not be removed from IBSP, filleted, consumed or otherwise mutilated until the fish is affixed with a tag at the Department's check station, located approximately one mile south of the IBSP entrance, which will operate between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM only. Anglers must retain the Department's tag affixed to the fish, and proof of legal entry to IBSP until returning home or until just prior to consumption if the fish are to be consumed prior to the angler returning home.

Anglers that possess summer flounder harvested at IBSP may harvest summer flounder outside IBSP provided they abide to the 18-inch size limit and 5-fish possession limit applicable to all other waters (for example, if 1 fish is harvested at

IBSP, 4 fish 18 inches or greater may be harvested in waters outside of IBSP). (Please consult the Marine Digest for regulatory information.)

In addition to monitoring the recreational summer flounder harvest at IBSP, the Department will be collecting data on other important recreational species as well by conducting a creel survey at the numerous beach access sites on IBSP. The interviewers will record number of anglers, number of hours fished, number of fish caught and take measurements of fish kept. This information will be utilized to determine the feasibility of the Program as well as provide important data for coastwide management of the species.

For additional information, anglers can contact the Department's Marine Fisheries Administration at 609-748-2020.

Membership Report

By John Toth

Invoices for 2014 club membership dues have been sent out. Please make every effort to send in your club dues in a timely manner. Also, please take the time to completely fill out the Dues and Sponsorship form and the Club Survey form that we need to update our mailing list.

Thank you for sending in your 2014 dues - Seaside Heights Fishing Club, Fortescue Anglers Association and Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club.

Also, any clubs, companies or individuals who have ads in our JCAA newsletter, please send in your payments to our address: JCAA, 1201 Route 37 East, Suite 9, Toms River, NJ 08753.

If there are problems with the JCAA sending newsletters to the wrong addresses or to the wrong club members, please let me know so that corrections can be made. I can be reached at (732) 656-0139 or at tothjohn@verizon.net.

As always, **Thank You**, for your continued support of the JCAA!

Forage Fish

*By Capt. Paul Eidman,
Committee Chairman*

Public Comment Hearing for American Eel Hearing July 10, 7PM

Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on Draft Addendum IV by either attending public hearings or providing written comments. The Draft Addendum is available on the Commission [website](#) under Public Input. The public comment deadline is 11:59 PM (EST) on July 17, 2014. Comments should be submitted to Kate Taylor, Senior FMP Coordinator, 1050N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201 or at comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: American Eel). Final action on the Addendum is scheduled to occur in August.

American Eel Draft Addendum IV

In May, the Commission's American Eel Management Board approved Draft Addendum IV to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Eel for public comment. The Draft Addendum proposes a suite of options to address the commercial glass, yellow, and silver eel fisheries along the Atlantic coast. Management options under consideration include glass and yellow eel quotas, a catch cap for the yellow eel fishery, a moratorium on the glass eel fishery, and a seasonal closure and license cap for the silver eel fishery in the Delaware River (NY).

The Draft Addendum also includes glass eel harvest allowances for aquaculture purposes and a conservation-based allocation program in which the states may earn a glass eel quota via stock enhancement programs that increase glass eel passage. The Draft Addendum intends to build upon the management measures established under Addendum III in order to reduce overall mortality and increase conservation of American eel stocks. The Board's actions respond to the findings of the 2012 benchmark stock assessment indicating the American eel population in U.S. waters is depleted. The stock has declined in recent decades and the prevalence of significant downward trends in multiple surveys across the coast is cause for concern. Causes of decline are likely due to a combination of factors including historical

overfishing, habitat loss, food web alterations, predation, turbine mortality, environmental changes, toxins and contaminants, and disease. States of Maine through Georgia will be conducting public hearings on the Draft Addendum throughout June and July. The details of those hearings follow.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
July 10, 2014; 7 PM*
Atlantic County Library, Galloway Branch
306 Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, New Jersey
Contact: Russ Allen at 609.748.2020

*Hearing immediately follows Marine Fisheries Council meeting which starts at 4 PM.

River Herring and Shad Catch a Well-Deserved Break

Good news in the forage fish world. The Mid Atlantic fishery management council voted to reduce the amount of river herring and shad species that are dumped overboard as bycatch in the commercial Atlantic Mackerel fishery. The council voted to limit the bycatch of river herring and shad to 89 metric tons, a greater than 60 percent reduction from the previous level.

This was a complex level to set because there hasn't been a viable Mackerel catch in a half a dozen or so years, so some council members were hesitant to set a bycatch limit too high for fear that if the fish came back, they would get shut down quickly. River herring (Alewife & Blueback) and shad (American, Hickory) populations are at historic lows due to a combination of a number of factors. With the advent of giant trawlers towing nets of unprecedented size between them, mowing the ocean relentlessly day after day, overfishing at sea is the most concentrated and observable factor in the last 20 year demise of these fish. Jersey-based anglers have watched numbers of these highly prized baitfish vaporize in local headwaters and are no longer allowed to catch and liveline herring at all.

We are currently spending millions of dollars to remove dams, build fish ladders and improve habitat in upstream spawning areas while this antiquated dumping practice continues out at sea at an unprecedented industrial scale. Fisheries biologists estimate that almost 4 million river herring are killed at sea as bycatch each year and that this is undermining our land-based efforts to recover these species.

We commend the council members that voted in favor of conservation. This is a strong indication that the council recognizes the need to limit the number of these fish being wastefully killed off, and the importance of these species to the ecosystem. The next federal step will be to have these small but vital forage species managed as stocks in the fishery to insure future abundance. Important to note that until adequate funding is put in place on a state level, and better stock data is obtained will the current recreational moratorium be lifted.

ASMFC Striped Bass Draft Addendum Development Continues

The Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board met to review and consider approval of Draft Addendum IV to Amendment 6 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass for public comment. The Draft Addendum will propose new fishing mortality reference points, as recommended by the 2013 benchmark stock assessment, and associated management measures to achieve the proposed target fishing mortality rate. While the Board did not approve the document for public comment, it approved substantive changes to the document and will reconsider a revised draft for public comment at the Commission's Summer Meeting in August.

The most significant change was the addition of a three-year timeframe to reduce fishing mortality to its target with options to achieve the reduction in harvest incrementally over the three years. This extended timeframe is intended to lessen the impacts of taking the required harvest reductions in one year. As a result, the Draft Addendum will propose measures to achieve the required reduction all in one year or incrementally over three years. The Board also received a report from the Technical Committee on the development of Chesapeake Bay specific fishing mortality reference points for inclusion in the Draft Addendum. Due to the nature of the fishery, which targets smaller and predominantly male fish, the Technical Committee could not develop bay-specific reference points at this time. It reported the reference points approved for management use in the 2013 benchmark stock assessment represent the best available scientific advice to manage fishing mortality on the entire striped bass population. The proposed coast wide target fishing mortality rate is designed to maintain the spawning stock biomass at

its target level over the long-term. The effects of the bay's harvest of smaller fish on the total coast wide stock are already incorporated into the coast wide population reference points due to different selectivity patterns for the bay and coastal fishing fleets. Based on data through 2012, the Atlantic striped bass stock is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring under the proposed reference points. While the stock has declined, it remains at levels similar to 1995 when the stock was declared recovered. The revised Draft Addendum will continue to focus on the same management measures that are currently used to regulate the coastal and Chesapeake Bay striped bass fisheries— recreational bag and size limits, and adjustments to the commercial quotas. The Board established a subgroup to work closely with the Plan Development Team to help guide the inclusion of the new options. The revised Draft Addendum will be considered by the Board for approval for public comment in August, with public hearings conducted throughout the fall and final addendum approval slated for October at the Commission's Annual Meeting. If approved, the states would then implement management measures in early 2015.

NJ Outdoor Alliance Report

By John Toth

The regular May 26th meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) fell on the Memorial Day Holiday and it was rescheduled to June 2nd. On behalf of the JCAA, I attended this meeting, and the following agenda items were discussed:

Seismic Testing - Cindy Zipf from Clean Ocean Action was the guest speaker at this meeting and her presentation concerning seismic testing dominated most of the discussion at this meeting. The purpose of seismic testing is to assess deep sea sediments from **60 million years ago** to the present to better understand climate change. The National Science Foundation is conducting this study and it has enlisted universities (including Rutgers) to assist it with this project. The test location is just 15 miles off the Barnegat Inlet in a 230 square mile area. The study will blast sound waves that are louder than a jet take off (230 decibels) every 5 seconds continuously 24/7 for 30 days from June through

July and may extend into August if necessary. The loud blasts will be emitted from up to 8 guns firing at once.

Loud sound waves of this magnitude cannot have a positive effect on sea life and Cindy Zipf discussed the possible damage it can have on whales, dolphins, squid, scallops and just about every fish in the ocean. The migration patterns/ life of marine life like whales and dolphins that are known to use sound waves can be seriously disrupted and disorient these creatures. Our fishing season can also be negatively impacted by this blasting by fish moving away from the harmful effects of this testing. Just about every recreational organization and even commercial anglers are united against seismic testing. Whether seismic testing can be stopped is unclear at this time. While the stated purpose is to check for rock sediments (60 million years ago) for climate change, can another purpose of this testing be for oil and gas deposits????

Beach Replenishment - Cindy also raised concern about the Army Corps of Engineers taking sand from productive fishing areas and if this sand being used is free from toxic materials. Paul Harris (NJ Beach Buggy) commented that it is important that the sand used for this purpose be of the same type that marine animals can sustain/breed in it like sand crabs. If not, their life cycle and others are in jeopardy.

Jetty Notching - Paul Harris also reported that he suggested to NJ DEP that it should consider building a bridge over a jetty that is notched as a solution to this contentious issue. The bridge would allow anglers to have continuous use of a jetty and the Army Corps of Engineers would get the notching it wants. The DEP is concerned about the cost of this recommendation. Sergio Radossi, member of the NJ Marine Fisheries Council, indicated that this council sent a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers opposing their jetty notching project.

Artificial Reefs - Pete Grimbilas reported that the legal regulations restricting use of it to both recreational and commercial anglers is still under review by the DEP legal department.

Regionalization - It was reported that the party/charter boat industry is not that happy with the allowing of 16 inch fluke being caught at Island Beach State Park. Their concern is why would anglers go on their boats when they can catch two 16 inch or more from the surf?

Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament Report

By John Toth

The Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament was usually held on the first Sunday in October. However, this first Sunday in October also brought cold and windy weather many times with it. Additionally, the fishing opportunities seemed to diminish with only 21 fish being measured in the 2013 tournament with the biggest fish weighing in at an 18 1/2 inch bluefish, not much to get excited about. This continued lack of excitement resulted in less angler participation over the years. Something had to be done to change this picture!

This tournament was moved to the third Sunday in May, May 18th, to see if it could be better for this tournament. It certainly did and not only was the weather nice, but the fishing really improved! Along the beach, the rods were bending with many bluefish and striped bass caught. A 36 inch bluefish caught by Chris Follmer from Hasbrouck Heights won the Governor's Cup. New Jersey anglers were not the only ones fishing in this tournament. A number of them also came from Pennsylvania and Staten Island, NY.

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association is a sponsor of this tournament and I along with Lt. Governor Kim Guardagno, David Chanda, Director of the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, Tim Burden from the NJ Beach Buggy Association and John Rogalo from the NJ Federation of Sportmen's Clubs, were on hand to give prizes to the lucky winners from the various categories in this tournament (striped bass and bluefish). What was really fun to see was the small kids and teens running up to get their prizes and seeing the excitement on their faces! It looked like they won the lotto! It also seemed to me that the girls/women who received their prizes ran up or walked quickly for their nice prizes while the boys and older guys seemed to strut up for their prizes with the "look at me attitude." I guess that is another one of the differences between our sexes! It seemed everybody was happy with this date change and it looks like the third Sunday in May will be the new date for this tournament. I also heard unofficially that 200 more anglers participated

because of this date change and, hopefully, more anglers will fish in this tournament in 2015!

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD NOMINEES

Paul Osborne, Jersey Shore Chapter Trout Unlimited

The Manasquan Fishing Club is nominating Mr. Paul Osborne, Jersey Shore Chapter Trout Unlimited for the 2014 JCAA Youth Education Award.

Paul has represented Trout Unlimited with educating students attending area schools for a number of years. Students that participate in Trout in the classroom can learn about the health of their local waterways, water temperature readings and how trout are sensitive to changes in water quality. Trout in the classroom is now completing 9 years in existence and the Jersey Shore Chapter Trout Unlimited is proud of their accomplishments.

Every year Paul and other members of TU travel to Pequest trout hatchery and pick up trout eggs and deliver the eggs to 30 plus schools through Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Paul is dedicated to teach students the art of fly casting and fly tying. He incorporates the study of insects and cold water conservation. The program is designed to teach students about the importance of a healthy watershed through hands-on workshops, identify insects, measuring stream health/water quality and protecting our aquatic resources for future generations.

At the end of the school year the 2.5 inch Brook Trout fingerlings, as many as 50 or more per school, are released into the Toms River at the River Wood Park or the Tree Farm, aka the Forest Education Resource Center Jackson. Many students were excited to release Brook Trout fingerlings from; Berkeley Elementary, Stafford Elementary, Howell Middle School and New Egypt High into the Toms River. The school's teachers and students make the releasing event a conservation education trip.

Paul takes pride working with NJ DEP, Forest Education Resource Center, NJ F&WL Education Department and the Jersey Shore Chapter

Trout Unlimited. We are lucky to have a volunteer like Paul and the members of Jersey Shore Chapter Trout Unlimited to teach students about caring for our aquatic resources.

Don Marantz, Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club

The Shore Surf Club is proud to nominate Mr. Don Marantz for the 2014 JCAA Youth Education Award. Mr. Marantz is an active member of the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club for forty years. During this time Don has worked tirelessly to promote youth fishing and the protection of our aquatic resources for recreational fishing families. Through his volunteer efforts he has worked to make sure that children and their families are introduced to fishing and community environmental activities.

His volunteer activity has inspired others to get involved. Don and the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club have given countless volunteer hours so children will have opportunities to enjoy fishing and teach others about conservation. His list of accomplishments is extensive but we will only mention the following: The annual indoor educational seminar for children involving boy scouts and girl scouts - Spring fishing derby for children - Fall fishing derby for people with disabilities – He represents the club at outdoor shows and the Pequest trout hatchery open house giving advice to young anglers.

As past president of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association and current board of directors member, Don donates countless hours to support the betterment of a stable angling future for youngsters to enjoy. Don has also established a solid relationship with legislators and state officials to promote more HOFNOD programs in New Jersey. When Don sees something he feels will be a good fit for both young anglers and the fishing community, he takes a hold of the idea, runs with it and puts it into action. This was the case when Don testified with others at the State House in Trenton before the NJ Senate Environmental Committee in favor of HOFNOD Bill 638. The bill appropriates \$200,000 from the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection to fund the cost of implementing the expanded NJ HOFNOD program.

Throughout his volunteer years, Don has over-extended himself to raise funds for the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club and the Jersey Coast Anglers Association. This allows these two

organizations to contribute towards the purchase of HOFNOD materials and fishing opportunities for children in urban areas.

Don's dedication to youth fishing programs, environmental awareness, and getting the job done is the reason the Shore Surf Club would like to nominate Mr. Don Marantz for the 2014 JCAA Youth Education Award. We appreciate his efforts for all the years of tireless service he has given towards youth education and the promotion of NJ HOFNOD.

FRED BOGUE

The Berkeley Striper Club nominates Fred Bogue for the JCAA Sportsman-of-the Year Award and JCAA Youth Education Award. (See Fred Bogue's bio elsewhere in this paper.)

JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION STATION

The JCAA Youth Education station at the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament and Armed Forces Day Open House was a great success. We thank Lois Price for assisting at our casting event and passing out information about NJ HOFNOD. Children received small patriotic prizes for casting a line of support for our veterans.

BERKLEY HIGH SCHOOL FISHING

Now is the time to register your high school fishing team for the 2015 Berkley High Fishing Club Challenge. If you participated last year you know the fun we had with the monthly challenges and all the great prizes available throughout the season. The opportunity to win first, second, or third place in the challenge can add hundreds or even thousands of dollars to your clubs arsenal of fishing supplies. If you are new to the Berkley High Challenge, don't miss this great opportunity to team with the most notable brand in the fishing tackle industry – BERKLEY.

The Berkley High Challenge promotes the joy of fishing while learning techniques to develop the skills to create lifelong anglers. Your club can be big or small, skilled or novice, freshwater or saltwater, or can fish for any species. It's not about the biggest or the most fish, it's about the joy of the sport.

We don't focus on tournaments but we are launching the NEW YEAR now, in JUNE, so that we can follow and reward your team's summer time fishing activities. But all that will come later. Now is the time to sign-up. Go to the Berkley [website](#)

home page and click on the trophy photo to get started now.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

BRICK HIGH SCHOOL FISHING CLUB

Students at Brick High School were busy during National Fishing and Boating Week. Club members fished twice and have a third fishing trip scheduled for July 9th on a party boat.

BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Fish Hawks Saltwater Angler's Club will kick off their 1st Annual Bay Fishing Tournament on August 1, 2014. It will end on August 31, 2014. The tournament will have two divisions, adults and children (up to & including 17 years of age.) Entrance fee is very reasonable, \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youngsters. All proceeds go to the Fish Hawks Youth Education & Training programs.

I suggest you get some fishing practice in before the 1st Annual Bay Fishing Tournament and learn as much as you can about Kingfish and Blowfish. The tournament is geared towards family fun fishing in the bay. Results will be posted weekly on the Fish Hawks [website](#).

CAPE MAY YOUTH FISHING CAMP

The JCAA Youth Education Committee will assist Dr. Eleanor Bochenek, Director, Fisheries Cooperative Center, Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University at New Jersey Audubon, Nature Center of Cape May with their summer fishing camp August 18-22, 2014.

NJBBA ANNUAL YOUTH SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Don't miss it. The next NJBBA 21st Annual Surf Youth Fishing Tournament will be held on September 6, 2014. NJBBA members do a great job of making children and their families have a fun day fishing the surf at Island Beach State Park. There is always lots of prizes, goodie bags, learning stations, and plenty of how-to information about surf fishing. For Information about the event contact Chairman Tom Coopey: phone 908-415-3805, or email tomnjen126@msn.com.

NJ OUTDOOR EXPO

The NJDEP's fifth annual NJ WILD Outdoor Expo will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 13-14, at the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area in Jackson Township, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

each day, rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. Most activities are free (a few require a modest fee). For more information, visit [this link](#). This fun-filled family event is designed for visitors to discover new ways to appreciate and enjoy New Jersey's great outdoors. Participants have an opportunity to try a broad spectrum of outdoor activities such as fishing, kayaking, hiking, shooting sports, rock climbing, camping skills, geocaching and wildlife watching. Demonstrations of sporting and tracking dogs, historical re-enactments, SCUBA dives, turkey calling, nature photography and much more await.

JCAA 20TH ANNUAL FLUKE TOURNAMENT AUGUST 2ND, 2014

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2014, HOLIDAY INN, RTE. 72, MANAHAWKIN, NJ