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**Monthly Meeting at Jersey Coast Shark Anglers, 385 Herbertsville Road, Brick
"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"**

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, January 26th, 2016

Starting at 7:30 PM

At Jersey Coast Shark Anglers

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 11th, 2016

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>** ASMFC Winter Meeting

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** Atlantic City Boat Show

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

**March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** Saltwater Fishing Expo in Somerset

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

## **2016 High Roller Raffle**

The JCAA High Roller Raffle for 2016 is now ready! Below is a list of this year's 8 prizes. We have special prices on the tickets this year. The price options for tickets are:

- \$2.00 Each
- 3 for \$5.00
- 7 for \$10.00

The tickets will be available at our booths at the following shows:

- Jan, 7th - 10th Garden State Outdoor Sports Show
- February 3rd-7th Atlantic City Boat Show
- March 18th - 20 Saltwater Expo

You can also call the office and we will mail you tickets. Drawing Date - **May 31st**, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the JCAA office located at 1594 Lakewood Rd., Ste. 13, Toms River, NJ 08755.

- **You do not have to be present to win**
- **8 chances to win a great package**

## Support JCAA - Only \$2.00 a Ticket

1. 7'6" Century I-SS 905 spinning rod/Canyon DJR 3500 reel **\$590** *Donated by Century Rods and Canyon Reels*
2. \$500 Gift Certificate from Fisherman's Headquarters **\$500** *Donated by Fisherman's Headquarters*
3. Tony Maja Wire Line Rod/ Canyon Signature Series trolling reel **\$499** *Donated by Tony Maja and Canyon Reels*
4. 7' Seeker BCSW 708-7S spinning rod/Canyon Salt 5000 reel **\$394** *Donated by Grumpys Tackle and Canyon Reels*
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6. 12' Tica UEHA936502S surf rod/Tica Abyss & TL5000R spinning reel **\$310** *Donated by Tica*
7. 5'6" Profile Tuna Stopper TS 520L conventional rod & Shimano Triton TLD 25 **\$280** *Donated by Profile and Shimano*
8. 7' Tica WISA70H1 conventional rod/Tica Caiman GT200 reel **\$225** *Donated by Tica*

**Total Value: \$3157**

## Show Time 2016

*By Mark Taylor*

### Jersey Coast Anglers Association will be at the following shows in 2016:

- Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar on February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Atlantic City Boat Show February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>
- The Saltwater Fishing Expo in Somerset on March 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>

We are in the show season of 2016. It's time to start thinking of things we need to do before the start of the 2016 season. Some of us may be winterizing the boat, going through all the rods, reels and tackle boxes by inspecting everything and making a list to see what needs to be replaced or repaired. Once you have that list together then you start thinking which show am I going to get the best bargains at. By going to the shows you have the best chances of getting what you need from the best manufactures and vendors that attend these shows. So mark the dates in your calendar of each of the shows so you don't miss them. While you are at the

shows stop by and say hello to the volunteers at the JCAA Booth. Don't forget to pick up your High Roller Raffle tickets for a chance on some very nice prizes. If your club is a member of JCAA or you just want to get involved with JCAA here is how. To become a volunteer at one of the shows with JCAA, please contact me at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com). I will answer every email that is sent to me. I am looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the shows. Here is something about each of the shows:

**Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series 2016:** in the Atlantic City Area on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Linwood Country Club, 500 Shore Road, Linwood, New Jersey 08221. Go to [this link](#) to see the details about this George Poveromo seminar or read the article elsewhere in the newspaper.

**Atlantic City Boat Show:** February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Go to [this link](#) to see more about the boat show. There will be a lot of great boats on display to tour. At the show they have seminars and a lot of vendors. So if you are in a mood to buy a new boat this is the place to be. This show will take you a whole day to see everything. Hope to see you there.

**The Saltwater Fishing Expo:** in Somerset on March 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.sportshows.com](http://www.sportshows.com) to see much more about this show. Over the past eleven years this show has grown to become the fishing destination that kicks off the New Jersey and Tri-State coastline's saltwater fishing season. It's where avid anglers congregate to plot out their season and buy the gear they've been dreaming about all winter. With many of the major tackle manufacturers here to answer all your questions and local tackle retailers available to fill your orders, this is truly one stop shopping. Meet face to face with guides and charters, compare and buy saltwater fishing boats and kayaks, and learn the latest techniques from local experts. Whether your saltwater fishing passion is surf casting, inshore or offshore all are well represented through large and small manufacturers based up and down the east coast. Mark your calendars now and don't miss the 11th Annual Saltwater Fishing Expo in Somerset, NJ.

**SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR  
DINNER**

## President's Report

By John Toth

### Happy New Year and Good Fishing throughout 2016!

As the new President of the JCAA, the very first thing I want to do is to **THANK** Paul Haertel for his continued efforts in supporting the goals of the JCAA during his two-year stewardship. I also want to thank his wife **Linda** for helping Paul throughout his presidency!

The president of the JCAA is responsible, along with its board members to protect and enhance the fishing rights of everybody who fishes in New Jersey. We face many challenges such as the upcoming fluke regulations for 2016 and their impact on the entire fishing community, both recreational and commercial. The commercial industry has been reaching out to us since they too will be impacted by the 29% reduction in the fluke quota during 2016. While there are certainly differences between our two groups, we do have common interests and we should work with this group and other organizations that can help the JCAA in improving fishing opportunities in our state.

For those of you who may know nothing or little about me, I am also the current President of the Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County. I am also a member of the Manasquan Fishing Club and a Trustee of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA). I am very involved with NJOA activities and that includes developing the agendas for NJOA meetings and chairing these meetings. (I am like crabgrass, I am everywhere)! I tell you all of this because I am very busy with all of my fishing activities and I need your help in supporting the JCAA and its goals. I, like other presidents, cannot do everything by myself. I need you all to do a number of things that is important for the future of the JCAA. First and foremost these include but are not limited to: attending JCAA monthly meetings (and bring another club member with you) so that your club is aware of and involved in current fishing issues, paying your club membership dues in a timely fashion, supporting the annual JCAA fluke tournaments, volunteering to work at shows that the JCAA attends to sell our raffle tickets and to attend

our annual Sportsperson of the Year dinner. In future newsletters I will ask for help in addressing important issues as they come front and center.

I give you my promise to be actively involved in any and every project or issue that enhances and protects the rights of **ALL** anglers who fish in New Jersey. Together, we can all make JCAA to always be a proud and respected advocacy organization for NJ's anglers throughout the fishing community!

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, we pulled the winning tickets for the Super 50/50. The winners were the following: 1<sup>st</sup> ticket pulled and winner of \$1,552.50 was Don Marantz, 2<sup>nd</sup> ticket pulled and winner of \$931.50 was Russ Kissam, 3<sup>rd</sup> ticket pulled and winner of \$621 was Lucille Celmer. Congratulations to all the winners!

### Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series Returns to Linwood

February 20<sup>th</sup>

The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will bring its 2016 New Jersey presentation to the Linwood Country Club (500 Shore Road, Linwood) on Saturday, February 20. The host of the 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. presentation will be **George Poveromo** – of George Poveromo's World of Saltwater Fishing on the NBC Sports Network, and Contributing Editor for Salt Water Sportsman, with **Nick Honachefsky** serving in the co-host position, a noted writer, author, TV personality and New Jersey fishing authority. The Tour is being presented by Bass Pro Shops.

Joining **Poveromo** and **Honachefsky** in Linwood will be: **Crazy Alberto Knie** - Innovative authority on fishing the Northeast who excels at catching trophy striped bass, fluke and tautog; **Captain Steve Purul** – Noted Barnegat-based striped bass, fluke, and wreck fishing authority with *Reel Fantasea Fishing Charters*; **Captain Corey Solomon** – Margate-based authority on fishing southern Jersey's back bays and noted offshore pro; **Gina Lawrenson** – Renowned bottom fishing authority with the fabled Barnegat Light drift boat *Carolyn Ann III*; **Captain Mike McConlogue** – Premier authority on fishing the canyons off New Jersey with *Tuna-Tic Sportfishing*; **Captain Al Crudele III** – Veteran south Jersey wreck and offshore fishing authority with *Bayhound Charters*; **Captain Darren Dorris** – Noted offshore and canyon pro who specializes in sharks, wahoo,

bluefin and big eye tunas with *Salty Lady Sportfishing*; **Captain David Wicker** - King mackerel tournament pro who also excels at near shore bottom fishing and marine electronics, and **Captain Jimmy Price** - Legendary Southport, North Carolina-based authority on catching trophy flounder!

Courses for the February 20 presentation will focus on: Trophy stripers on ultra-light tackle; Live-lining for trophy stripers; Top trolling tactics for stripers; Chunking for bluefish; Bluefish on surface lures; Inshore wire-line techniques; Jetty tactics; How to catch more and bigger fluke; Targeting trophy fluke; Top southern tactics for jumbo fluke; Secrets of fishing the Cape May Rips; Trophy drum in Delaware Bay; Secrets of fishing Delaware Bay; Top tactics for big blackfish; Catching blackfish by the score; Jigging for blackfish; No-nonsense weakfish tactics; How and where to locate weakfish; Variety fishing in and around inlets; How to locate and fish productive bottom (blackfish, sea bass, spot and fluke); Back-bay stripers; Can't-miss tuna-trolling patterns; Chunking for tunas; Live-baiting for tunas; Advanced methods for bluefin and yellowfin tuna; Cutting edge lure-trolling tactics; Subsurface offshore trolling; Cutting edge spreader bar and dredge tactics; Secrets for catching more inshore tuna; Reading water temperature charts; Targeting trophy Makos; Basic and advanced sharking techniques; Offshore kite fishing for sharks and tuna; Specialized tactics that take more big-eye tuna; How to troll up more wahoo and white marlin!

**Such a deal!** - The Seminar Series kicks off at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude by 3:00 p.m. Long considered the best bargain in sportfishing, a Seminar Series ticket is only \$ 55.00.

The ticket price covers five hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a course textbook, a one-year subscription or extension to Salt Water Sportsman, one Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis, bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, bottle of Star tron fuel treatment, bottle of Star brite Xtreme Clean, bottle of Corrosion Block, a \$ 10.00 Bass Pro Shops discount card (off any purchase of \$ 75.00 or more), and chances to win thousands of dollars' worth of door prizes! The Grand Prize at the conclusion of the Jersey seminar is a Florida Keys fishing trip! The Super Grand Prize, to be awarded two weeks after the conclusion of the 2016 series, is a new Mako Pro Skiff 17 cc!

**A rocking good time!** - As an added bonus, attendees of the New Jersey seminar are entitled to attend the After Seminar Party at the Bass Pro Shops in Atlantic City. A special area will be set aside for the 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. party. Seminar attendees must show their Seminar Series name badge to gain entry, and are entitled to bring one additional guest regardless if they attended the seminar. Complimentary food, refreshments and live music will be provided. George Poveromo and several other faculty members will be present at the party.

**How to register** - Get your tickets now, as the New Jersey seminar sold out last year. To pay with Visa, MasterCard and American Express, call **(800) 448-7360**, or register on-line, visit: **www.nationalseminarseries.com**

## Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Thomas Fote

### History and Update on the JCAA Newspaper

Paul Turi and I put together the newspaper today. I thought about next month's newspaper and then thought how the JCAA newspaper started. I started the newsletter about 28 years ago. When I became JCAA Vice President we were sending postcards and thought we needed more. I wanted JCAA to have its own voice to get out the facts about recreational fisheries and environmental issues. We were starting to pay expenses to send people to meetings to gather the facts first hand. I also thought if we supplied reporters and the clubs with articles that they could trust that they would use it as resource and sometimes just reprint our articles and what happened. My wife, Lynda, helped me put my thoughts down on paper in proper English and has continued to do this all these years. It transformed into a newspaper in a short time.

Paul Smith did the editing back then and also wrote columns for the newspaper. Sometime in the early nineties Paul Smith worked on a new format and created the format that we still use today. Greg Kucharewski started writing the Youth Education Report and John Koegler the HMS report. Over the years professional writers like Al Ristori and Gary Caputi volunteered articles. The current president was

responsible for writing the president's column. When JCAA got a web page we started archiving the newspapers on line. You can go to the web page and pull up all the newspapers starting in 1994. We also spent a lot of money over the years on equipment that allowed us to print the newspaper ourselves so the information was hot off the press like a daily newspaper and we still do this today. The newspaper is posted every month on the web. You can get to the newspaper and all JCAA Alerts by going to the JCAA Web Page and signing up for alerts. To get it mailed to you, become an associate member. We also distribute free copies at shows, events and tackle stores. When the newspaper is posted on the web page we send out email alerts. We also are planning to send the whole newspaper in a PDF file so you can get it as fast as possible. In order to receive this please send me an email and in the subject put subscribe to PDF Newspaper.

Great News! In the last couple of years my column has gotten smaller since we now have a great crew of volunteer reporters who are very knowledgeable about their subjects. This has made my job easier and sometimes gives different perspective on issues. Here are a couple of the volunteer reporters that keep the JCAA newspaper going every month and keep you informed on subjects that impact recreational fishing and the environmental issues: Greg Kucharewski (Youth Education), Paul Turi (JCAA Fluke Tournament & JCAA Dinner), Paul Haertel (fisheries management issues), John Toth (number of issues and this year the president's column), Ken Warchal (Sandmining, artificial reefs and other issues) Mark Taylor, (shows and other issues). We also have guest writers who write articles that cover public access and many other important timely issues impacting recreational fishing and environment.

We are always looking for volunteers that can write articles for the JCAA Newspaper. Since John Koegler passed away earlier last year we have been looking for someone to keep the JCAA membership informed on Highly Migratory Species. So if you are interested, please send me an email at [tfote@jcaa.org](mailto:tfote@jcaa.org).

If you get a printed a copy of the newspaper you see that there are many clubs and others who take out ads in the newspaper. This helps defray the cost of printing the newspaper and the free copies we distribute. If you would like to place an ad reach out

to Paul Turi at the JCAA Office (732-506-6565) or email him at [pturi6@comcast.net](mailto:pturi6@comcast.net).

## ASMFC Meeting Week

February 2-4

The preliminary agenda for the upcoming ASMFC meeting is posted at the [web page](#) and below. There will be many interesting topics for discussion during the three days of meetings. I am often asked how you can become more involved. Usually the week before the meeting many of the materials for the meeting will be posted on the ASMFC webpage, with supplemental materials posted on the Thursday before. You can download the same documents that I receive as a commissioner. I know some of the documents are more than 100 pages but you can read the summaries. Once you have the meeting materials and the agenda, you can listen on the internet from your home or office. This does not allow you to ask questions but you can certainly be informed. If you have a particular interest in a species, just read the full document and listen to the discussion. The board meetings are archived if you are not available in real time to listen to the board meeting by webinar. I meet a lot of anglers in my travels and many of them know I am a commissioner. They start giving me their opinions on how fish should be managed. The first question I always ask them is, "Have you looked at the science?" The second question is, "Did you attend the public hearings and make comments?" And third, "Have you listened to the discussion from the Board meeting?" Your comments carry greater weight and have more credibility even if you disagree when you can answer yes to these three questions. Some of the chronic complainers can't answer yes to even one.

### **Tuesday, February 2, 2016**

9:00am-Noon - American Lobster Management Board  
1:00-2:30pm - Atlantic Herring Section  
2:45-4:15pm - Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board  
2:45-4:15pm - Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee  
4:30-6:00pm - ACCSP Coordinating Council

### **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

8:00-10:00am - Executive Committee  
10:15-11:00am - Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

11:15-11:45am - Atlantic Sturgeon Management Board  
Noon-12:30pm - Spiny Dogfish Management Board  
1:30-2:15pm - Coastal Sharks Management Board  
2:30-3:30pm - Horseshoe Crab Management Board  
3:45-4:30pm - South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board  
4:45-5:45pm - Tautog Management Board

#### **Thursday, February 4, 2016**

8:00-9:00am - Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board  
9:15-10:15am - Winter Flounder Management Board  
10:30am-Noon - American Eel Management Board  
12:15-3:15pm - Interstate Fisheries Management Program (ISFMP) Policy Board  
3:15-3:45pm - Business Session

### **The Greatest Story Never Told**

By Mike Nussman  
November, 20, 2015 ([Link](#))

When one thinks of recreational fishing, images such as the opening of “The Andy Griffith Show” often come to mind – a father and son heading to their favorite fishing hole to spend quality time together in the outdoors. And there are many, many more images that include men and women and boys and girls of all ages. Indeed, such images capture the primary motivations that draw people to fishing: spending time with family and friends, to relax and enjoy the thrill of catching fish.

While these positive characteristics of recreational fishing have sustained the sport across generations as one of the most popular outdoor activities, the tremendous economic impacts generated by recreational fishing often go unrecognized. According to data from the U.S. Census, recreational fishing has a \$115 billion annual economic impact on the U.S. economy and supports close to a million domestic jobs.

However, rarely is recreational fishing thought of in these terms, even by our own government. A recent example of how recreational fishing is often dismissed came from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS is the agency responsible for managing fisheries in federal marine waters, which, in most parts of the country, extends from three to 200 miles offshore.

In a press release announcing NMFS’ latest annual report, the agency led with several paragraphs touting the economic value of commercial fishing. When the time came to highlight recreational fishing’s impact, the only figures provided were participation rates and numbers of fish caught and released. The message was clear: commercial fishing is about economic value, while recreational fishing is merely about fun.

However, according to NMFS’ own data on finfish harvest, which the agency elected not to include in its press release, saltwater recreational fishing supports roughly the same number of U.S. jobs as commercial fishing, despite being responsible for just two percent of the overall harvest. Commercial fishing comprises the remaining 98 percent. Rather than giving equitable treatment to the two sectors, given their economic parity, the agency has seemingly focused its resources and attention in a way more commensurate with the two sectors’ harvest levels.

Unfortunately this mentality that focuses first and foremost on commercial fishing has been a longstanding source of frustration among saltwater recreational fishermen and has led to management outcomes that have not allowed our fisheries resources to provide their greatest and best use to the nation. While NMFS has made progress in recent years, including its first-ever National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy, it is clear much more needs to be done.

In no fishery is this more evident than in the Gulf of Mexico red snapper. Due in large part to changes in the shrimp trawl fishery that previously decimated juvenile red snapper, the red snapper population is rebuilding faster than anyone expected and is no longer considered to be overfished.

The results for the American public who want to take home a couple of the red snapper that are seemingly impossible not to catch nowadays? A recreational season that was 180 days in 2007 was reduced to just 10 days this year. Meanwhile, the commercial fishing industry can fish 365 days a year under a controversial “catch share” system in which the U.S. government gives away this public resource - with no compensation to the American public - to private entities to buy, sell and trade their share of the quota as they see fit.

To begin to address the longstanding issues within federal fisheries management, the recreational fishing community rallied behind a 2014 report, “A Vision for Managing America’s Saltwater

Recreational Fisheries,” which was spearheaded by Bass Pro Shops Founder and CEO Johnny Morris and Maverick Boats President Scott Deal. Morris and Deal co-chaired a commission, composed of respected biologists, economists, conservationists, fisheries managers and policy makers, who developed specific management recommendations for improving saltwater recreational fisheries management. The recreational fishing community is hopeful that the key policy changes identified in the report will be addressed whenever Congress takes to reauthorizing the nation’s primary law governing federal saltwater fisheries management – the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Given the increasing demands on our natural resources and the modern distractions that pull people away from enjoying the outdoors, if we want to ensure that Andy and Opie would still have opportunities to go fishing in this day and age - whether in the neighborhood pond or in the Gulf of Mexico - it’s time to shift how we think about our nation’s fisheries and finally start giving recreational fishing the recognition it deserves.

Nussman is the president and CEO of the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). ASA is the trade association that represents the nation’s recreational fishing industry and the broader sportfishing community.

## **Be Careful which Fish you Choose to Eat**

By Samantha Adams,  
Asbury Park Press, 12/22/2015

There is a lot to consider when making the decision to purchase wild caught or farm-raised fish. While historically I’ve opted for the wild caught varieties because I thought they were a healthier choice, I’ve realized that environmental issues, food safety, sustainability, and cost are all important matters that should be carefully thought about when deciding. Choosing between wild-caught and farm-raised fish depends on what kind of fish you are buying, as well as where and how it is fished.

So what should you buy? Incorporate Alaskan wild caught salmon into your diet. With careful management of water quality and sustainability measures, these fish pack in a ton of

heart healthy omega-3 fatty acids. But make sure to avoid farm-raised salmon altogether. Farmed salmon are raised in tightly packed, open-net pens often rampant with parasites and diseases that threaten wild salmon. Farmed salmon are fed a diet of fishmeal, given antibiotics to combat diseases and have high levels of PCBs.

What’s even more concerning to some, Aqua Bounty, a Massachusetts-based biotech firm, has created a genetically engineered salmon, designed to grow twice as fast as its conventional, farm-raised counterpart. This salmon received FDA approval late last month. Since genetically modified foods don’t require labeling in the United States, consumers won’t know whether the salmon they’ve chosen is GM or not, unless of course it’s wild caught.

Not a fan of salmon? Enjoy wild-caught albacore tuna from the United States. Low in mercury and contaminants and high in omega 3 fatty acids, albacore tuna is a yummy addition to salads, sandwiches or eaten alone.

Incorporate nutritious trout farmed in the United States in freshwater ponds into your diet. Protected from contaminants and sustainably raised, this is a fish the whole family can enjoy.

One of the greatest superfoods of all times? Wild caught sardines from the U.S. and Canada. Not only do they offer more omega-3 than just about any other food, sardines are one of the few foods that naturally contain Vitamin D.

When thinking about what fish not to purchase, a good rule of thumb is to avoid any fish farmed internationally. Many of the chemicals banned in the U.S. are still used in international fish farms for disease and parasite control. All seafood sold in the United States is required to have country of origin labeling right on the package, so when buying farmed fish, skip the imported options due to lax overseas controls.

It’s also important to limit Chilean sea bass, monkfish, swordfish and grouper due to overfishing concerns and mercury content.

While tilapia is one of America’s most popular fish, it should be avoided. According to the National Fisheries Institute, this freshwater fish has become the fourth most eaten seafood in the U.S.

It turns out tilapia is always farm-raised, and often imported from China. Farmed tilapia has a high inflammatory potential, which could lead to heart disease, asthma and joint problems. In fact, researchers from Wake Forest University have found that tilapia

has higher inflammatory potential than that of a hamburger or pork bacon.

Eating the right fish offers an array of benefits to any diet. Enjoy responsibly!

*Samantha Adams lives in Jackson with her husband, Greg, and her two sons, Gavin and Jackson. She works full-time in medical sales and is working passionately to help educate our community as it relates to health and wellness. Visit her on Facebook on "If You Seek Nutrition."*

## **Pollution Causing Feminization of Males Across Multiple Species**

By Geoffrey Lean, Independent,  
Dec. 2008 ([Link](#))

Evolution is being distorted by pollution, which damages genitals and the ability to father offspring, says new study.

The male gender is in danger, with incalculable consequences for both humans and wildlife, startling scientific research from around the world reveals.

The research – to be detailed tomorrow in the most comprehensive report yet published – shows that a host of common chemicals is feminising males of every class of vertebrate animals, from fish to mammals, including people.

Backed by some of the world's leading scientists, who say that it "waves a red flag" for humanity and shows that evolution itself is being disrupted, the report comes out at a particularly sensitive time for ministers. On Wednesday, Britain will lead opposition to proposed new European controls on pesticides, many of which have been found to have "gender-bending" effects.

It also follows hard on the heels of new American research which shows that baby boys born to women exposed to widespread chemicals in pregnancy are born with smaller penises and feminised genitals.

"This research shows that the basic male tool kit is under threat," says Gwynne Lyons, a former government adviser on the health effects of chemicals, who wrote the report.

Wildlife and people have been exposed to more than 100,000 new chemicals in recent years, and the European Commission has admitted that 99 per cent of them are not adequately regulated. There is not even proper safety information on 85 per cent of them.

Many have been identified as "endocrine disrupters" – or gender-benders – because they interfere with hormones. These include phthalates, used in food wrapping, cosmetics and baby powders among other applications; flame retardants in furniture and electrical goods; PCBs, a now banned group of substances still widespread in food and the environment; and many pesticides.

The report – published by the charity CHEMTrust and drawing on more than 250 scientific studies from around the world – concentrates mainly on wildlife, identifying effects in species ranging from the polar bears of the Arctic to the eland of the South African plains, and from whales in the depths of the oceans to high-flying falcons and eagles.

It concludes: "Males of species from each of the main classes of vertebrate animals (including bony fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals) have been affected by chemicals in the environment.

"Feminisation of the males of numerous vertebrate species is now a widespread occurrence. All vertebrates have similar sex hormone receptors, which have been conserved in evolution. Therefore, observations in one species may serve to highlight pollution issues of concern for other vertebrates, including humans."

Fish, it says, are particularly affected by pollutants as they are immersed in them when they swim in contaminated water, taking them in not just in their food but through their gills and skin. They were among the first to show widespread gender-bending effects.

Half the male fish in British lowland rivers have been found to be developing eggs in their testes; in some stretches all male roaches have been found to be changing sex in this way. Female hormones – largely from the contraceptive pills which pass unaltered through sewage treatment – are partly responsible, while more than three-quarters of sewage works have been found also to be discharging demasculinising man-made chemicals. Feminising effects have now been discovered in a host of freshwater fish species as far away as Japan and Benin, in Africa, and in sea fish in the North Sea, the Mediterranean, Osaka Bay in Japan and Puget Sound on the US west coast.

Research at the University of Florida earlier this year found that 40 per cent of the male cane toads – a species so indestructible that it has become a plague in Australia – had become hermaphrodites in a heavily farmed part of the state, with another 20 per cent undergoing lesser feminisation. A similar link between farming and sex changes in northern leopard frogs has

been revealed by Canadian research, adding to suspicions that pesticides may be to blame.

Male alligators exposed to pesticides in Florida have suffered from lower testosterone and higher estrogen levels, abnormal testes, smaller penises and reproductive failures. Male snapping turtles have been found with female characteristics in the same state and around the Great Lakes, where wildlife has been found to be contaminated with more than 400 different chemicals. Male herring gulls and peregrine falcons have produced the female protein used to make egg yolks, while bald eagles have had difficulty reproducing in areas highly contaminated with chemicals.

Scientists at Cardiff University have found that the brains of male starlings who ate worms contaminated by female hormones at a sewage works in south-west England were subtly changed so that they sang at greater length and with increased virtuosity.

**Even more ominously for humanity, mammals have also been found to be widely affected.**

Two-thirds of male Sitka black-tailed deer in Alaska have been found to have undescended testes and deformed antler growth, and roughly the same proportion of white-tailed deer in Montana were discovered to have genital abnormalities.

In South Africa, eland have been revealed to have damaged testicles while being contaminated by high levels of gender-bender chemicals, and striped mice from one polluted nature reserve were discovered to be producing no sperm at all.

At the other end of the world, hermaphrodite polar bears – with penises and vaginas – have been discovered and gender-benders have been found to reduce sperm counts and penis lengths in those that remained male. Many of the small, endangered populations of Florida panthers have been found to have abnormal sperm.

Other research has revealed otters from polluted areas with smaller testicles and mink exposed to PCBs with shorter penises. Beluga whales in Canada's St Lawrence estuary and killer whales off its north-west coast – two of the wildlife populations most contaminated by PCBs – are reproducing poorly, as are exposed porpoises, seals and dolphins.

Scientists warned yesterday that the mass of evidence added up to a grave warning for both wildlife and humans. Professor Charles Tyler, an expert on endocrine disrupters at the University of

Exeter, says that the evidence in the report "set off alarm bells". Whole wildlife populations could be at risk, he said, because their gene pool would be reduced, making them less able to withstand disease and putting them at risk from hazards such as global warming.

Dr Pete Myers, chief scientist at Environmental Health Sciences, one of the world's foremost authorities on gender-bender chemicals, added: "We have thrown 100, 000 chemicals against a finely balanced hormone system, so it's not surprising that we are seeing some serious results. It is leading to the most rapid pace of evolution in the history of the world.

Professor Lou Gillette of Florida University, one of the most respected academics in the field, warned that the report waved "a large red flag" at humanity. He said: "If we are seeing problems in wildlife, we can be concerned that something similar is happening to a proportion of human males"

Indeed, new research at the University of Rochester in New York state shows that boys born to mothers with raised levels of phthalates were more likely to have smaller penises and undescended testicles. They also had a shorter distance between their anus and genitalia, a classic sign of feminisation. And a study at Rotterdam's Erasmus University showed that boys whose mothers had been exposed to PCBs grew up wanting to play with dolls and tea sets rather than with traditionally male toys.

Communities heavily polluted with gender-benders in Canada, Russia and Italy have given birth to twice as many girls than boys, which may offer a clue to the reason for a mysterious shift in sex ratios worldwide. Normally 106 boys are born for every 100 girls, but the ratio is slipping. It is calculated that 250,000 babies who would have been boys have been born as girls instead in the US and Japan alone.

And sperm counts are dropping precipitously. Studies in more than 20 countries have shown that they have dropped from 150 million per milliliter of sperm fluid to 60 million over 50 years. (Hamsters produce nearly three times as much, at 160 million.) Professor Nil Basu of Michigan University says that this adds up to "pretty compelling evidence for effects in humans".

But Britain has long sought to water down EU attempts to control gender-bender chemicals and has been leading opposition to a new regulation that would ban pesticides shown to have endocrine-disrupting effects. Almost all the other European countries back

it, but ministers – backed by their counterparts from Ireland and Romania – are intent on continuing their resistance at a crucial meeting on Wednesday. They say the regulation would cause a collapse of agriculture in the UK, but environmentalists retort that this is nonsense because the regulation has get-out clauses that could be used by British farmers.

## **Polluted Waters could be Causing Male Fish to be Developing Eggs, says Scientists**

By Darryl Fears, 12/31/2015  
([Link](#))

*Scientists suspect pollution in streams and rivers are causing male fish to change sex.*

In the chemical-laced Chesapeake Bay watershed and in rivers up through New England, biological lines become blurred for smallmouth bass.

Based on the latest US Geological Survey on intersex fish, 85 per cent of male smallmouth bass in waters in and around national wildlife refuges in the northeast of the United States have developed "characteristics of the opposite sex". That's in addition to 90 per cent of the species in some West Virginia waters, and half to 100 per cent in the southern stretch of the Potomac River along the mid-Atlantic coast. All of the affected fish had eggs where their testes should be, according to previous studies.

Why this is happening remains a mystery, says the lead author of a new study, despite the problem being detected more than a decade ago. "It is not clear what the specific cause of intersex is in these fish," said Luke Iwanowicz, a USGS research biologist. "This study was designed to identify locations that may warrant further investigation."

The strongest suspicion focuses on what is poured down the drains of homes, businesses and farms every day. Scientists are worried that prescription drugs such as birth control and mood-control pharmaceuticals, flushed down toilets, and chemical pesticides such as atrazine, washed off farms by rain, have turned creeks, streams and rivers into chemical soups that disrupt the endocrines of marine life.

These substances throw off functions that regulate hormones and the reproductive system, said

USGS biologist Vicki Blazer, a co-author of the latest study and lead author of numerous earlier reports. At one polluted site Blazer examined in the Susquehanna River near Hershey, Pennsylvania, two years ago, 100 per cent of the male smallmouth bass sampled had eggs.

The surprising thing found in the most recent survey, Iwanowicz said, is that the bass are being sexually transformed in more pristine waters at national wildlife refuges managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The agency's 560 refuges – 71 in the Northeast - provide a sanctuary for 1,000 fish species, 700 bird species and about 200 species of mammals.

Smallmouth bass are "like the canary in the coal mine," Iwanowicz said. "In the case of this specific study, we're getting a better handle on how widespread [the problem] is. We're seeing this signal at national wildlife refuges, evidence that in areas that are managed for animal health, stuff is going on behind the scenes."

Among the 20 refuges included in the study were Blackwater and Patuxent in Maryland, Mason Neck and Rappahannock River Valley in Virginia, Great Swamp in New Jersey, Cherry Valley in Pennsylvania and Moosehorn in Maine.

"These effects have been observed in other organisms, including mammals," said Don Tillitt, another co-author who is a research toxicologist at the USGS Columbia Environmental Research Center in Missouri. "The mechanism occurs in the epi-genome, around the genome. Not the genes, but how those genes are expressed."

A USGS study released in March found that male fish exposed to a synthetic hormone called 17α-ethinylestradiol, or EE2, produced offspring that struggled to fertilize eggs. And their grandchildren suffered a 30 percent decrease in their fertilization rate.

The problem extends well beyond the Chesapeake Bay region that includes the District, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, New York and Pennsylvania. The USGS, which found intersex bass in the Columbia, Colorado and Mississippi river basins in 2009, calls it a "global issue" given changes that have been identified in locations worldwide.

The previous study also determined that the chemical BPA, used widely in plastics, had a similar effect on the small Japanese medaka fish. Marine scientists track the medaka because it reproduces so quickly that researchers can see results of subsequent

generations faster than slow-reproducing species such as smallmouth bass.

Intersex changes in male fish have been recorded in 37 species so far, though scientists have yet to identify a single chemical responsible for the transformation.

## JCAA Comments on Fluke and Sea Bass Addendum

*By Paul Haertel*

On 1/7/16, I testified on behalf of JCAA at the public hearing regarding Draft Addendum XXVII to the Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Management Plan. The meeting was sponsored by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in conjunction with the New Jersey Bureau of Marine Fisheries. The meeting was well attended with roughly 50 people in the room. My testimony was similar to the letter below which was written to the ASMFC. As evidenced by a show of hands, the vast majority of those in attendance were in agreement with the JCAA positions on both fluke and sea bass. It was also refreshing to hear all the praise given to Tom Fote by one of the speakers for all the work he has done in trying to help the anglers in the southern part of our state in regard to the fluke regulations.

Though this public hearing has ended, comments will still be accepted until January 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Comments may now be submitted by mail, email, or fax. If you have any questions or would like to submit comments, please use the contact information below. Mail: Kirby Rootes-Murdy, FMP Coordinator Email: krootes-murdy@asmfc.org Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Subject: Draft Addendum XXVII) 1050 North Highland Street, Suite 200A-N Phone: (703) 842-0740 Arlington, VA 22201 Fax: (703) 842-0741.

You may familiarize yourselves with the addendum by going to the following [link](#).

1/16/16

Kirby Rootes-Murdy, FMP Coordinator  
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Kirby,

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association appreciates this opportunity to comment on Draft Addendum XXVII to the Summer Flounder, Scup, Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan. Regarding fluke, the Jersey Coast Anglers Association supports Option 2, Adaptive Regional Approach and more specifically, Regional Option 2B. This regional option would allow New Jersey to be its own region. We would still be required to have the same size and bag limits and same season length as the region to our north (New York and Connecticut). However, we would be allowed to have special regulations for Delaware Bay. In 2015, people in southern NJ were treated unfairly in that fishermen from New Jersey and Delaware were fishing essentially the same waters in Delaware Bay but had different size limits. Delaware had a 16" size limit while fishermen from NJ had an 18" size limit. This option would allow for a 17" size limit for NJ fishermen fishing in Delaware Bay and close the gap with those fishing from Delaware. While a 16" size limit for NJ anglers fishing in Delaware Bay would seem even more equitable, that would then create a two inch gap between Delaware Bay and the rest of NJ. A one inch gap is not as severe and is something most of us can live with. We also favor the option in that it would allow NJ to continue its shore based enhanced fishing opportunity to keep two fluke, 16" or greater at Island Beach State Park and possibly expand this program to other areas as well. Lastly, we prefer option 1, no extension under Section 3.1.1, Timeframe for Summer Flounder Measures.

The addendum is also proposing a 23% reduction in our harvest of sea bass for 2016. At the JCAA meeting on 12/29, the club representatives voted unanimously to oppose any addendum or any regulation that would further restrict us. **Enough is enough!**

Sea Bass are now considered by many to be the new nuisance fish. Again we can thank the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council for setting a ridiculously low quota. The sea bass population is increasing so fast and their range has been expanding so far that our "best science" cannot keep up with it. There are tons of them out there and during 2015, New Jersey was restricted from keeping any sea bass at all from 8/1-10/22. With the poor fluking we had during the summer, many fishermen went home fishless when sea bass could have bailed out their trips.

Sea Bass are now causing problems in southern New England where they are eating the baby lobsters and may be contributing to their decline. There have been many complaints from fluke fishermen who cannot even fish some of their favorite fluke wrecks because they are inundated with sea bass. Further, they are eating small fluke and competing for the same forage species with fluke. This is a replay of what happened not too many years ago when the council restored the population of spiny dogfish. Now we can even catch them while fishing for fluke in 75 degree water.

Worse still is that New Jersey continues to get shortchanged, as our traditional share of the harvest of sea bass has declined significantly. Regarding sea bass, NJ is in the northern region along with New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In 2004, NJ accounted for 72% of the sea bass (in pounds) harvested among those five states. From 2004-2008, NJ caught an average of approximately 56% of the harvest for those states. Then as sea bass expanded their abundance and range further to our north, those northern states began harvesting more fish. From 2008-2014, NJ was responsible for only about 25% of the harvest. When this new region was created in 2011, a quota was established for the entire region. However, each state was given a target quota and forced to establish regulations that would likely not result in exceeding their regional quota. The problem is that NJ established regulations that were so restrictive that they resulted in us harvesting only 18% of the region's quota. One would think that because we underfished our target that year we would be able to relax our regulations in 2012. That would have been the case in state-by-state quotas but it does not work that way in regional management. States to our north caused our region to overfish the quota and then all states had to establish more restrictive regulations than were in place for 2011. Each state is required to cut back by the same percentage whether they underfished or overfished their target quotas. This problem has snowballed with states to our north generally causing our region to overfish resulting in ever tightening regulations for New Jersey. New Jersey seems to have become the nursing grounds for sea bass. We are not allowed to catch them like we used to as the season and bag limits have been drastically reduced. Due in part to less fishing pressure they have become more abundant, grown larger and migrated to the north where those states

now harvest them rather than us. As an example, NJ traditionally harvested 750,000 to over 1,000,000 million pounds of sea bass while Massachusetts traditionally harvested approximately 200,000 pounds. In recent years, NJ has been restricted to about 600,000 lbs. while MA harvested over one million pounds in three of the last five years (2010-2014). A big part of the problem is that fisheries managers in states to our north have failed to set regulations that keep them under their targets. However, I would like to re-emphasize that the real problem is that the coastwide quota is far too low. When there is a shortage of a particular species, quotas often go unfilled. Therefore when the quota is overfished year after year, doesn't that show that the stock is robust? These unfair regulations are making pirates out of many fishermen who used to always obey the law and many believe it is time to rebel against this unfair treatment.

Sincerely,  
Paul Haertel  
JCAA Board Member, Past President

## **Sea Bass Measures have Anglers Calling for Mutiny**

By Dan Radel, Asbury Park Press, 1/15/2016

Harvest reductions proposed for sea bass based on what recreational fishing industry members said is questionable science to back it up, have some calling for a mutiny of regulatory measures.

"Based on a stock assessment that is five or six years old at what point does New Jersey refuse to continue to make reductions in our catches based on science that is old and inaccurate?" asked Nick Cicero, a tackle dealer, to a room full of fishermen and fishery managers at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission public hearing on Draft Addendum XXVII in Stafford last Thursday.

Cicero said it was a hypothetical question, but he wasn't the only one in the room asking it.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission said it will seek a 23-percent reduction in the recreational harvest of sea bass in 2016 based on data that indicates anglers exceeded the recreational harvest limit in 2015 by over a million pounds.

It could be more because the ASMFC still has to count up the Wave 6 harvest totals from November and December. Those recreational landings, which are

tallied by the universally recognized flawed Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) through dock intercepts and angler surveys, won't be available until April.

## **Anglers Throw Support Behind 17-inch Fluke Catch**

By Dan Radel, Asbury Park Press

"We just had the warmest December combined with a large number of trips going offshore targeting sea bass. Might we still see that number increase by the time we propose regulations?" asked Capt. Adam Nowalsky, who sits on the ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup and Sea Bass Management Board.

Toni Kerns, director of ASMFC's Interstate Fisheries Management Program, said it was a possibility.

"If the MRIP numbers come back and we find out that we actually harvested way more fish than we are predicting right now, NOAA can come back and say 'You have to achieve that bigger reduction,'" said Kerns.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has final oversight over the stock of sea bass that is fished on by anglers from North Carolina to Maine.

In 2015 recreational anglers had a coastwide Recreational Harvest Limit of 2.33 million pounds however, the ASMFC is reporting anglers caught 3.52 million pounds with just the data collected through October so far.

The recreational harvest limit is actually going up in 2016 to 2.82 million pounds, but anglers will still face a shorter sea bass season, smaller bag limits or a combination of both than in 2015 because fishery managers said if last year's regulations remained in place, anglers will again over harvest in 2016.

The addendum is only asking what management approach recreational fishermen want for sea bass in 2016. One option is to remain in the current two-region system of North Carolina through Delaware and New Jersey through Maine with variable size limits, season and bag limits between the states; the other is a uniform coastwide size limit, season and bag limit.

Whatever option is approved, the reductions in seasonal days or bag limits will then be decided either with a coastwide measure or regional measure.

Shawn Pershing of Seattle, Washington, fished on the Shawn Pershing of Seattle, Washington, fished on the 125-foot Jamaica where he landed this sea bass. (Photo: COURTESY OF CAPT. HOWARD BOGAN)

Paul Haertel past president and current board member of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association said the club representatives voted unanimously in December to oppose any addendum or any regulation that would further restrict anglers.

Haertel said there are more sea bass on the coast than what science has found.

He said anglers are being penalized because the stock is expanding, especially to states like Maine that never had a sea bass fishery before, and what is causing the overharvest is limits that are too small and don't match the mass of the stock.

"When the quota is overfished year after year, doesn't that show that the stock is robust?" Haertel proposed.

The last peer approved stock assessment of sea bass was completed in 2011 and it reported a total biomass of 24.6 million pounds.

"The sea bass population is increasing so fast and their range has been expanding so far that our "best science" cannot keep up with it. There are tons of them out there," said Haertel.

### **Summer Flounder**

The majority of recreational fishing industry members at the same Draft Addendum public hearing threw their support between a management option that would allow New Jersey to become its own region for the purpose of managing the summer flounder catch.

The ASMFC will decide in February to approve it or not.

The New Jersey/Delaware Bay region would allow the state to adopt a 17-inch size limit for summer flounder on the New Jersey side of the Delaware Bay.

Coastwide there will be a 30 percent cut in the harvest of summer flounder, from 23 million to 16 million pounds. The reductions — based more on less recruitment of young fish than over harvests — affects commercial and recreational fishermen.

The recreational sector will be allotted 5.42 million pounds.

However, anglers most likely will not face any season changes in 2016 because the recreational sector fished under its 2015 quota, said Nowalsky.

In other words, the same 2015 fishing regulations could be placed on the stock and not overfish a reduced 2016 quota.

New Jersey anglers will most likely see the same 18-inch size limit, five-fish bag limit and 128-day season as last year. The exceptions would be Island Beach State Park, where the state has instituted a 16-inch, two fish bag limit, and the Delaware Bay option.

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## NJ DEP Sued Over Public Access (Update)

By John Toth

Two environmental organizations, The Hackensack Riverkeeper and the NY/NJ Baykeeper recently brought a lawsuit to the NJ Appellate Court challenging the authority of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to control access to New Jersey's beaches and waterways. These groups brought this suit against the DEP over their growing frustration with the DEP's decisions concerning access. In their opinion, the DEP weakened access rules that were developed during the Corzine administration. The Appellate Court ruled on December 22, 2015 that the DEP had *no authority* to administer access regulations since there is no specific legislation on the books that grants it this authority! The DEP has for years made policy/regulations concerning our coastal environment and the DEP thought, like many others, that it had to the authority to do so. But the decision of the Appellate Court abruptly changed that position and by doing so "Upset the Apple Cart."

Removing the authority of the DEP created a void as to who can regulate public access! In this void, can coastal municipalities take advantage of this situation and create new laws that further restrict or deny access to the beaches? Who then has authority to manage beach replenishment or other coastal issues like setting up dune structures to prevent flooding like Sandy caused?

Our legislators sensed this concern and the NJ Senate voted on January 12, 2016 to restore the authority of the DEP to manage public access and the NJ Assembly quickly voted for the same legislation. Governor Christie is expected to approve

this legislation during the week of January 18 - 22nd as of this writing. It is amazing how this legislation passed so quickly and that both political parties were behind it! To move this legislation along, no amendments were accepted to it. If only our legislators can work together like this on other legislation that is also important to us!

However, the two groups that brought the law suit *want* the DEP to be in charge of access, but they want the DEP to follow **improved guidelines** for it to follow in administering access. Besides these two groups, the American littoral Society has been working with Senator Smith on a bill (S-919) that would incorporate language that would provide better and definitive rules for the DEP to implement access. This will not be easy or done overnight. A lot of interests would not like to see this happen like the folks who are convinced that the beaches belong to them only. Building companies would also like us to fish somewhere else.

A number of us have been on several conference calls so that we all can be on the same page while working on language that could be in Senator Smith's (S-919) legislation that is designed to improve access. These groups include: the Hackensack Riverkeeper, NY/JY Baykeeper, the American Littoral Society, JCAA, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA), NJ Council of Diving Clubs, Surf riders, the NJ Beach Buggy Association and others. Both Pete Grimbilas representing the NJOA and I have been on these calls as either participants or acting as moderators to move the calls along and to develop the next steps. As this process continues, I will keep you informed of its progress.

## Membership Report

By Kyren Dooley

Club membership dues are due on January 1, 2016 and invoices were recently mailed to your club. Please complete all the information on the forms provided to you so that we can have accurate information about your club.

I am pleased to report that the first club to pay its dues is the NJ Council of Diving Clubs! Thank You and much appreciated!

Please note that our **JCAA address has changed!** The JCAA has moved to a new location and this new address follows:

**Jersey Coast Anglers Association**  
**1594 Lakewood Road**  
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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 (609) 713-7712 or at; dools702@comcast.net.

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

## **Youth Education Report**

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### **TEN TIPS FOR ATTENDING BOATING & OUTDOOR SPORT SHOWS**

This is the time to start looking for great fishing deals at upcoming boating and outdoor sport shows. Stop by the JCAA booth to learn what is new with the JCAA Fluke Tournament and ask about becoming a JCAA volunteer. Outdoor sport shows start in January and remember to support your local tackle dealer.

1. Arrive early - It's always best to beat the crowds, you'll be able to see everything before others and have plenty of time to go back to a vendor to make a deal.
2. Wear comfortable shoes - I can't stress this enough, since you're likely to be on your feet for a good part of the day. Concrete floors are tough to walk and stand on without proper footwear. After working all week, you don't want your dogs barking and ruining your day. If you are with your family make sure they are comfortable. Strollers for small children are a must and they also help carry your stuff.
3. Bring reusable shopping bags or a small cart - It's always good idea to have reusable bags that can rest on your shoulder. Most merchants at the shows have small bags so bring a portable means to carry your purchases through the show.
4. Don't be afraid to ask for a seller's best price - Talk to the seller and get as much information as you can about the item. This is all part of the buying dance. Most of the time you can make

your best deals at the end of the show. Make a reasonable offer and see if the seller will accept it.

5. And don't be afraid to walk away - If the price isn't right or a seller isn't being responsive, don't be afraid to walk away. Nine times out of 10, they'll say "I can do better!" And if they don't, move on and enjoy shopping for other stuff. Remember they are in business. When haggling, please be polite.
6. Pack a lunch - Eat healthy this will keep your energy up. Food courts and trucks usually offer fried food. If you're looking for an alternative to fried anything pack a lunch or look for healthy food choices at the show.
7. Most people forget to bring water - Stay hydrated and save another few dollars that can be spent on outdoor gear.
8. Stay in touch with vendors - If you find a vendor that carries a lot of items that you're interested in, grab their business card or contact information. If you ever regret walking away from that perfect find, you can reach out to them and it's likely that they'll be back at the show next year. Most vendors have websites but remember you will have shipping charges.
9. Ask dealers about their products - If you have no idea what you're buying, ask the vendor. Most of the time, vendors will be experts on what they're selling and can give you insight into their merchandise.
10. Learning Opportunities - Remember to stop at some of the organizations that can teach you about your sport. Many organization members have a lot of knowledge about boating, hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. Spend time talking at their booth, they will keep you well informed about your sport of choice and environmental issues.

### **NJ HOFNOD NEWS**

There will be a NJ HOFNOD Team Leader gathering Saturday, February 27 at the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area (Jackson/Upper Freehold Twp.) from 9:30 to about 2:30. The goal of the gathering is to share/problem-solve and brainstorm on: the programs progress & priorities, success/challenges, promotional activities, purchasing issues, trips & statewide events, needs/wants, fundraising, and the like. All NJ HOFNOD Team Leaders are encouraged to attend.

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NJ HOFNOD will host an Adventure Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey on February 12-13, 2016. NJ HOFNOD is offering fun trips for youth that participate in the program. If you are a NJ HOFNOD Group Leader and would like to attend, please contact Liz Jackson before January 15, 2016 for details. NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford, NJ 07683, 908-637-4125 x122. See [link](#) for more details.

### ROD AND REEL DONATION

We received a donation of assorted fishing items from Carolyn Fabian. Carolyn gave us an assortment of freshwater and saltwater fishing equipment to support youth fishing and veteran fishing programs. The equipment was distributed to NJBBA's most recent youth based fishing activity being chaired by Paul Harris for students attending Toms River High Schools.

War veterans that attend Vietnam of America Chapter 12 Fishing Programs will also utilize some of the used fishing equipment.

We thank Carolyn for her kind donation. It will come in handy for our youth and veteran programs.

### KEEP US INFORMED

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee is asking JCAA member clubs/organizations for a listing of scheduled youth and family events that are going to be held by your club or organization during 2016.

The purpose of this request is to alert other fishing clubs and organizations that would like to participate in your youth and family event. The JCAA Newspaper is a way to get the word out about what's happening in your club. Use this opportunity to inform others about events your fishing club/organization is doing to promote fishing.

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will support your event with "Hook On Fishing Not On Drugs" materials. Please contact Greg Kucharewski with your listing of youth and family events and don't forget the Sportsmen Shows and include your booth location, fishing club or organization that will attend. By providing this information you're fishing club or organization can improve membership and increase consumer participation.

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