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#### JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, September 27th, 2016 Starting at 7:30 PM

**At Jersey Coast Shark Anglers** 

#### NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 18th, 2016 Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

(No JCAA General Meeting in July and August)

August 6<sup>th</sup> JCAA Fluke Tournament August 11<sup>th</sup> Fluke Tournament Awards Ceremony August 18<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting September 27 JCAA General Meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner

## JCAA 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament

By Paul Turi, Tournament Director

# TIME IS RUNNING OUT! GET YOUR APPLICATION IN NOW! TAKE A SHOT AT WINNING \$50,000!

The JCAA 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament will soon take place on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and the Awards Presentations will take place on Thursday evening, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel on Rt. 37 east in Toms River, NJ. Registrations start at 3:00PM and the presentations will start at 7:00pm.

There is an application to enter the tournament in this newspaper or you can go to jcaa.org and either download an entry form and fax it to the office or you can sign up on line using our link to Eventbrite. If you use Eventbrite you may sign up as late as 9:00PM on August 5<sup>th</sup>, the night before the tournament. Or if you wish, you can call the office and I will take your application over the phone.

If you entered the tournament and you didn't sign up for the \$50,000 Doormat Fluke Category or any of the calcuttas, you can still do so. Just call the office and give me your credit card over the phone and I will add it to your entry and process a new affidavit.

However, you will have to return your original affidavit before I can reissue a new affidavit.

In addition to the \$50,000 Doormat Fluke Category prize, there will be a 1<sup>st</sup> place prize for each port of \$1200. Also for each port for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place will be merchandise prizes yet to be determined.

Last year we paid out over \$60,000 in cash and prizes! The overall tournament winner won \$11,000 in addition to a free \$500 mount of his fish!

The **Grand Prize** Drawing at the Awards Presentations this year will again be a 14' G3 boat, 20hp Yamaha engine and a trailer.

The boat is being donated to JCAA by G3 Boats and three G3 dealers: Spring Garden Marine, Mercer Marine Supply and Mayberry Sales and Service. Yamaha is again donating the engine.

You do not have to weigh in a fish to be eligible to win the boat, motor and trailer! However, you must be present at the Awards Presentations at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River on August 11<sup>th</sup> for the drawing.

Our Major Sponsors this year are:

- Yamaha Outboards
- G3 Boats
- Tica Fishing Tackle
- Canyon Reels
- The Fisherman
- Interlux Paints
- Costa Sunglasses

We have three 1<sup>st</sup> Place Port Sponsors for this year. Please support our sponsors! They are:

- Hoffman's Marina
- South Harbor Marine
- Fisherman's Headquarters

This tournament is JCAA's largest fundraiser. Our sponsors spend a lot of money helping to make this tournament a success and make JCAA successful. It takes a lot of money to run JCAA and without their support there would be no JCAA. I can't emphasize enough how important they are to the success of not only the tournament but JCAA as an organization. They deserve your support.

We will be having **FREE** food and drink at the Awards Presentations on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel. We will have hamburger sliders, hot dogs, soft drinks, etc. Yes, **FREE**! So bring the family and crew and have some fun and let's load up the banquet hall and make a nice impression for our tournament sponsors!

### **President's Report**

By John Toth

Summer is a good time to go fishing and that is why the JCAA does not have regular general membership meetings in July and August since our members are out fishing (as they should be). However, there are several issues that I would like to draw your attention to:

#### **JCAA 22nd Annual Fluke Tournament**

August 6th is not too far away and we need our clubs to support this event since it is a fundraiser for us. The revenues derived from it help to offset our expenses running this association. As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, there is a \$50,000 prize for the angler who catches the biggest fish over 12 lbs! That is certainly doable for a lot of anglers belonging to the JCAA who are fluke sharpies! In addition to that \$50,000, there are other prizes including that Grand Prize of a 14' G3 Boat & 20 hp Yamaha Outboard Engine & Trailer! The entry fee is \$160 and divided up by 6 anglers, the maximum number of anglers who can fish on a boat, it comes to about \$27 per angler to be in this tournament. That \$27 can be a very good investment toward \$50,000 prize money! No bank or even the stock market can give you that type of return for a \$27 investment! So support the JCAA to support you against the continuing challenges to our fisheries. You have to be in it to win it!

#### JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner

There are many anglers and citizens who have volunteered their time, energy and even money to safeguard and enhance fishing opportunities for all of us who enjoy fishing. The main purpose of this dinner is to recognize that someone who has distinguished him or herself in this manner. While many of us are focused on summer fishing trips, please take the time to think about who you would want to nominate from your club to receive this prestigious award. All too often, people are not recognized for all of the good work that they do. So, now is your opportunity to give that person the recognition that he or she deserves. Nominations are now being accepted and at our September 27th meeting, nominations can be accepted

from the floor and a final vote will be taken on who should receive it. Paul Turi, Co-Chairman of this dinner, covers the details of this dinner and the Sportsperson award criteria in his column that also appears in this newsletter.

#### **Sand Mining Issue**

Sandy did so much damage to our beaches and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers is taking sand from the ocean to do beach replenishment. While this effort has good intentions to bring the beaches back to pre-Sandy, the Corps of Engineers is taking sand from very historic and productive fishing areas to do this replenishment. They are doing this since the sand from these areas often match the sand granules found on the beaches that are scheduled for replenishment. The sand from the productive Harvey Cedar ridge was recently removed and we do not want to see other areas suffer the same fate, such as the Manasquan ridge.

JCAAA's First Vice President, Ken Warchal, has spent a lot of his time and effort in trying to preserve the Manasquan ridge along with other organizations and individuals. This important issue has not fallen off our radar screen and we will keep you updated as this issue unfolds.

# Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Thomas Fote

The first two weeks in August I will be attending the ASMFC Summer Meeting Week and Joint ASMFC/Mid-Atlantic **Fisheries** the Management Council Meeting on summer flounder, black sea bass and scup. The report on those meetings will be in the next newspaper. You can get all the meeting materials and listen on the webinar for both meetings. Just go to the websites to discover how to access all the materials and join the webinars. We did have a conference call from ASMFC because NMFS wanted a mid-season change on the black sea bass regulations. The cooler heads at ASMFC did nothing. We realized the big overage was due to a two-month period and based on only 11 intercepts in New York. Those 11 intercepts resulted in an unbelievable statistic about the catch figures for New York. Just another example of how the new recreational data collection is no better than the previous system.

At the ASMFC Meeting, we will be discussing tautog management and regionalization. It will be interesting to hear the studies from Long Island Sound about the tautog migration. Regionalization, as we found out with summer flounder, could have a huge impact on New Jersey. If we are going to consider regionalization, we need to create regions that make sense based on the fisheries being regulated, not on allocations. There will also be an update on the status of the striped bass stocks. The South Atlantic Board will be making some interesting decisions on the management of cobia. This is a stock that is mainly harvested in state waters (82%) yet is managed by NMFS. This species should be solely managed by ASMFC and the only reason that states are not clamoring for this change is because the states lack the funds to do the necessary research. The solution would be to have the research done at the federal level and the decisions made by ASMFC. There has been some discussion on complimentary management plans between ASMFC and the South Atlantic. In the past, that type of plan has been a disaster, particularly with the winter flounder plan between ASMFC and the New England Council. And we have seen how poorly the joint plan between ASMFC and MAFMC has worked for black sea bass and summer flounder. Write your commissioners and insist ASMFC is the sole manager for cobia.

There are two great articles below covering sand mining. I have written many articles about the consequences of good intentions, the underlying problems these decisions can create and the disasters that follow. The intention is to keep the ocean from encroaching on homes and businesses. When sand mining, without attention to the environmental consequences and the impact on the fishing industry around the world, is seen as the solution, many negative consequences follow. We have already destroyed some of the historical fishing grounds off New Jersey such as Sea Isle City Lump and Harey Cedars Lump. These are never coming back and the fishing opportunities that they provided are gone forever. As fishermen we have never been opposed to protecting the shore and creating opportunities for beach replenishment if implemented in an appropriate manner. This reminds me of the way the Army Corp of Engineers attempted to solve the problem of dioxin contaminated dredge spoils in Newark Bay. Army Corp of Engineers was looking for the quickest, most cost effective way to get rid of the dredge spoils without any regard for the consequences of putting that material in the ocean. The battle to end this practice took years of work by JCAA, Clean Ocean Action and others. We are now facing the same protracted battle with the Army Corp of Engineers to end sand mining.

In the battle to end the dumping of dioxin we needed to prove there were alternative ways to deal with this problem. We are no longer dumping dioxin because we forced the Army Corp to find solutions that had fewer negative consequences for the ocean. The Army Corp of Engineers needs to find ways to replenish the beaches without destroying historic fishing grounds and the fishing habitat that provides those fishing opportunities. In addition, we need to insist that they find ways to remediate the damage they have already caused. It occurs to me that one possible remediation would be to use all the rock that will be created when the new subway tunnels into New York are eventually constructed to mitigate the loss of the historic lumps. Again, this is not a perfect solution. Rock is not sand but it could be better than doing nothing.

#### **ASMFC Summer Meeting Week**

#### **Tuesday August 2nd**

8:00-10:00am - Executive Committee 10:15-11:45am - South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board 12:15-1:45pm - Tautog Management Board 2:00-3:30pm - Horseshoe Crab Management Board 4:45-5:30pm - Atlantic Sturgeon Management Board

#### Wednesday, August 3, 2016

8:00-11:00am - Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

11:15 am-12:15pm - Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee 11:15 am-12:15pm - Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board 12:30-1:30pm - Legislative and Governors' Appointee Commissioner Luncheon 1:30-3:30pm - Interstate Fisheries Management Program (ISFMP) Policy Board 3:45-5:15 pm - ACCSP Coordinating Council

#### Thursday, August 4, 2016

8:00-9:30am - American Eel Management Board 9:45-10:30am - Business Session 10:45am-4:00pm - American Lobster Management Board

#### NJ Fishermen Fear Loss of Huge Underwater Sand Hill

by Dan Radel, Asbury Park Press, 7/22/2016

Fishermen have fished the Manasquan Ridge for generations but now they fear it could be vacuumed up to build dunes on the beach.

The appearance of the 123-foot offshore supply vessel Scarlett Isabella on the Manasquan Ridge is a bad omen to Capt. Jim Lovgren, a Point Pleasant Beach commercial fisherman.

The Scarlett was in the hire of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which is looking for potential sand on the outer continental shelf that could be pumped up onto the Jersey beach. Tampering with these sand beds, which are long-established fishing areas, could reshape the fishing communities at the Shore, fishermen say.

The ridge, which starts to rise off the ocean floor 5 ½ miles southeast of Manasquan Inlet, is one of those potential resources of sand.

"Last year word was that Manasquan Ridge was a last resort for beach replenishment use. The fact that they are paying a survey vessel to crisscross it clearly says something different," said Lovgren, who sits on the Executive Board of the Garden State Seafood Association.

Fishermen have been weary of a conflict with the Army Corps of Engineers over the ridge, and others nearby, which they depend on to hold fish.

They are still bitter about Army Corps' use of nearly half of the 683-acre Harvey Cedars Lump for the Long Beach Island to Little Egg Inlet beach replenishment project.

"It's always a bad idea to destroy a ridge. You know, the government is worried about overfishing but they have no problem destroying a fishing habitat," said Capt. Dale Steinart, a long-time party boat captain.

The Manasquan Ridge is 1,700 acres - about 1,500 football fields - of underwater sand hills that rise about 20 feet off the bottom. There are a few scattered shipwrecks and rock ledges on it.

Baitfish called sand eels survive in its eelgrass, which in turn attract the state's most commercially valuable finfish: summer flounder. Commercial fishermen like Lovgren tow their nets east to west, north to south to gather up the fish.

In 2014 commercial landings of summer flounder statewide netted fishermen \$4.8 million on

the wholesale market, according to the latest figures from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Flotillas of party boats have historically drifted the ridge for bluefish and mackerel.

The Army Corps has it in its sights now for sand to maintain a \$5.1 million coastal dune project from Manasquan Inlet to Island Beach State Park. It said the ridge has 38.6 million cubic yards of suitable beach fill material.

"We're not going to use it at the project start. But we are looking at it for the long term. It's a 50-year planning project," said Ed Voigt, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District.

The Army Corps identifies the Manasquan Ridge as "Borrow Area F2." After initial construction of the on-shore berms, it wants to replenish the beach every four years with 961,000 cubic yards of sand. That would total about 12 million cubic yards, or a third of the ridge, over the 50-year span of work. Giant Stadium, for example, can hold 64 million cubic yards from top to bottom.

It said there are no economically viable land sources of sand for the large quantities needed for these projects. The ridge's sand is also the right grain texture, the corps said.

The Army Corps would need the Bureau of Ocean Energy's permission to vacuum it up because that agency has jurisdiction over sand in federal waters, typically 3 to 200 nautical miles from the shoreline.

To this point they haven't asked for permission, said Marjorie Weisskohl, BOEM spokesperson.

The project — long bogged down on land as the state Department of Environmental Protection collected easements from seaside property owners — could go out to bid in September and begin as early as next spring season, Voigt said.

It still faces holdouts in the towns of Point Pleasant Beach, Bay Head, part of Mantoloking and Berkeley. Those areas will not get fill at the start of the project, said Voigt.

The DEP remains adamant about getting this coastal project completed after the devastation caused by Sandy almost four years ago.

"What's at stake is protection of lives, homes, businesses and infrastructure, as well as many thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in tourism revenues," said Larry Hajna, a DEP spokesperson.

Fishermen, however, say that removing the sand could have unintended consequences.

"To take away some of this is going to change the ecosystem of the area that's there," said Capt. William Egerter Jr. skipper of the party boat Dauntless.

#### The World's Disappearing Sand

By Vince Beiser, New York Times, 6/23/2016 (*Link to Article*)

MOST Westerners facing criminal charges in Cambodia would be thanking their lucky stars at finding themselves safe in another country. But Alejandro Gonzalez-Davidson, who is half British and half Spanish, is pleading with the Phnom Penh government to allow him back to stand trial along with three Cambodian colleagues. They've been charged, essentially, with interfering with the harvesting of one of the 21st century's most valuable resources: sand.

Believe it or not, we use more of this natural resource than any other except water and air. Sand is the thing modern cities are made of. Pretty much every apartment block, office tower and shopping mall from Beijing to Lagos, Nigeria, is made at least partly with concrete, which is basically just sand and gravel stuck together with cement. Every yard of asphalt road that connects all those buildings is also made with sand. So is every window in every one of those buildings.

Sand is the essential ingredient that makes modern life possible. And we are starting to run out.

That's mainly because the number and size of cities is exploding, especially in the developing world. Every year there are more people on the planet, and every year more of them move to cities. Since 1950, the world's urban population has ballooned to over 3.9 billion from 746 million.

According to the United Nations Environment Program, in 2012 alone the world used enough concrete to build a wall 89 feet high and 89 feet wide around the Equator. From 2011 to 2013, China used more cement than the United States used in the entire 20th century. To build those cities, people are pulling untold amounts of sand out of the ground. Usable sand is a finite resource. Desert sand, shaped more by wind than by water, generally doesn't work for construction. To get the sand we need, we are stripping riverbeds, floodplains and beaches.

Extracting the stuff is an estimated \$70 billion industry. It runs the gamut from multinational companies' deploying enormous dredges to villagers toting shovels and buckets. In places where onshore sources have been exhausted, sand miners are turning to the seas.

This often inflicts terrible costs on the environment. In India, river sand mining is disrupting ecosystems, killing countless fish and birds. In Indonesia, some two dozen small islands are believed to have disappeared since 2005 because of sand mining. In Vietnam, miners have torn up hundreds of acres of forest to get at the sandy soil underneath.

Sand miners have damaged coral reefs in Kenya and undermined bridges in Liberia and Nigeria. Environmentalists tie sand dredging in San Francisco Bay to the erosion of nearby beaches.

People are getting hurt, too. Sand mining has been blamed for accidental deaths in Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Gambia. In India and Indonesia, activists and government officials confronting blackmarket sand mining gangs have been killed.

Stronger regulations can prevent a lot of this damage, and do in most developed countries. But there's a downside. Sand is tremendously heavy, which makes it expensive to transport. If you forbid sand mining in your backyard — as many American communities are trying to do — then it has to be trucked in from somewhere else. That drives up the price. Concrete is relatively cheap; if the cost of making a new building or road were to double, it could hit the economy hard.

Not to mention the extra truck traffic and pollution. California state officials estimated that if the average hauling distance for sand and gravel increased to 50 miles from 25 miles, trucks would burn through nearly 50 million more gallons of diesel fuel every year.

We can make more sand, but crushing rock or pulverizing concrete is costly, and the resulting sand is ill suited for many applications. We can use alternative substances for some purposes, but what other substance can we possibly find 40 billion tons of, every year?

The fishing villages in the mangrove-rich estuaries of Cambodia's Koh Kong province might be the canaries in the global sand mine. For years, villagers have complained that rampant sand mining is wiping out the crabs and fish that provide their living. Locals told me on a recent visit that families

have had to send members to work in Phnom Penh garment factories, or have simply moved away. The dredging also threatens endangered native dolphins, turtles and otters.

Last year, members of Mother Nature, an environmental group led by Mr. Gonzalez-Davidson and others, began a campaign to rein in the mining, organizing villagers to blockade and board the dredging ships. The government, which had expelled Mr. Gonzalez-Davidson a few months earlier for blocking road access to government officials trying to reach a hydropower dam in the province, arrested three of the activists, charging them with threatening to damage dredging boats, an offense that could mean two years in prison (Mr. Gonzalez-Davidson was charged in absentia as their accomplice a few months later).

Mr. Gonzalez-Davidson, who lives in Barcelona, is petitioning to be allowed back to attend his own trial. Meanwhile, the three jailed Cambodians have been denied bail for the past 10 months. Their trial has finally been scheduled for the end of June. There's an urgent question of justice for them. For the rest of us, there's a profound lesson. Hardly anyone thinks about sand, where it comes from or what we do to get it. But a world of seven billion people, more and more of whom want apartments to live in and offices to work in and malls to shop in, can't afford that luxury anymore.

It once seemed as if the planet had such boundless supplies of oil, water, trees and land that we didn't need to worry about them. But of course, we're learning the hard way that none of those things are infinite, and the price we've paid so far for using them is going up fast. We're having to conserve, reuse, find alternatives for and generally get smarter about how we use those natural resources. That's how we need to start thinking about sand.

Vince Beiser, a journalist, is working on a book about the global black market in sand.

### **Sportsperson of the Year Dinner**

By Paul Turi, Co-Chairman

On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 we will be having our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. Again, the dinner will be held at the beautiful Crystal Point Yacht Club in Pt. Pleasant from 4:00-8:00PM. We are now accepting nominations for this year's sportsperson

of the year. We will vote at our September general membership meeting. If you want to nominate someone, please submit a bio of approximately 250 words. The nomination can be presented at any general membership meeting or can be emailed to the JCAA office or directly to me at <a href="mailto:pturi72@gmail.com">pturi72@gmail.com</a>. We will take nominations right up until the September General Membership Meeting.

### **Youth Education Report**

By Greg Kucharewski

#### 2016 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

The JCAA Youth Education Committee is accepting nominations for the 2016 Youth Education Award. It takes the support of many volunteers to bring success to the fishing community, but sometimes individuals and sport-fishing organizations go above and beyond to make the future of fishing better for our youngsters. There are a lot of talented volunteers doing good work with children in the sport-fishing community. Please take time to submit a nomination. Criteria: Promoting "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs (HOFNOD)," Certified HOFNOD instructors, number of fishing or aquatic education events, JCAA lending library usage, and creativity for promoting youth fishing events. Submit your nominations in writing (250-500 words) and email the JCAA Youth Education Committee, gkucharews@jcaa.org

## 2016 FLORIDA RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This month we are invited to speak at the Florida Recreation and Park Association's Annual Therapeutic Recreation Institute to be held at the Caribe Royal Resort, Orlando, Florida on August 27-28, 2016. We will be speaking about a veteran fishing program entitled "Playing Hooky from PTSD" sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12 and JCAA. The veteran fishing program is in its third year and veterans welcome the calming effects of recreational fishing in small groups. We have expanded the program to veterans and their families and encourage veteran participants to become active in a local fishing club, utilize federal and state park fishing

access, and become a NJ HOFNOD fishing family or certified instructor.

We will give a detailed report about the conference presentation at the September JCAA membership meeting.

#### PROJECT HEALING WATERS

The Jersey Shore Chapter of Project Healing Waters is reaching out to veterans that would like to learn about fly casting. They will meet the first Sunday of every month – 10:00 - 1200 Noon at Lake Como, NJ. Everyone is asked to meet at the Gazebo on the Lake. We are assisting the Jersey Shore Chapter with getting the word out about this worthwhile program for veterans. Please let members in your club or organization know about Project Healing Waters. They offer free fly fishing instruction and trips to veterans that participate in the program. If anyone is interested in attending fly fishing instruction, ask them to phone Greg at 732-785-9278. For more information visit their website.

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES NJBBA 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

This is a fun youth fishing tournament for all so get the kids in the buggy and get them to Island Beach State Park for the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association's, Twenty-third Annual Surf Youth Fishing Tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, and registration is FREE for children age sixteen and under. Registration and education tables begin at 8:00 am till 10:00 am. Fishing begins at 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. Refreshments and lunch at 1:00 pm till 2:00 pm, Prize tables 2:00 pm till 3:00 pm Awards Ceremony will take place at 3:00 pm. Children also receive a youth tournament tee shirt and Free hot dog and soft drink lunch. NJBBA members do a great job of making children and their families have a fun day fishing the surf at Island Beach State Park. NJBBA will supply a limited supply of bait and tackle. There is always lots of prizes, goodie bags, learning stations, and plenty of how to information booths about surf fishing and water safety. For Information about the event contact Chairman: Ken Hollins, email: turkey.trot2@optimum.net, phone: 848-333-4707. If you are a local business owner and would like to support this worthwhile event, please contact the tournament chairman. For more information, visit the NJBBA website.

## NJ HOFNOD FISHING CHALLENGE & UPCOMING EVENTS

The New Jersey "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" Youth Fishing Challenge was a great success and there were over 1,100 youngsters fishing the statewide fishing program. The DEP NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife is making good use of the yearly funds that are dedicated to NJ HOFNOD from the state's drug enforcement and demand reduction fund.

New fishing trailers were recently purchased for NJ HOFNOD team leaders to use at fishing events and instruction workshops.



One of the new NJ HOFNOD instructor trailers

The next free fishing day in New Jersey will be Saturday, October 15, 2016. For more information please contact: Liz Jackson, NJ HOFNOD Coordinator will host instructor training sessions in August and September 2016. If you would like to volunteer time with a NJ HOFNOD program near you and become a certified NJ HOFNOD instructor, please contact:

Liz Jackson NJ DEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, Hooked on Fishing- Not on Drugs 605 Pequest Road, Oxford, NJ 07683 908-637-4125 x122.

Visit the NJ HOFNOD website to view their new public service announcement click <u>here</u>.

#### N.I WILD OUTDOOR EXPO

The NJDEP's sixth annual NJ WILD Outdoor Expo will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11, 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. All activities are free, with the exception of a \$3 fee to use the climbing wall. For more information, visit the website. 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.

#### **SUPER 50-50 RAFFLE**

By Don Marantz

Our Super 50-50 tickets are on sale. Tickets are \$10.00 each. This will be an all cash prize. There will be three winners. Tickets can be obtained by calling the office and tickets will be mailed to you or see your club rep. We will also be doing a mailing in September with tickets.

#### SAVE THESES DATES

JCAA FLUKE TOURNAMENT AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> 2016

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS THURSDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 2016

JCAA SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR DINNER NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2016