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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, January 30th, 2018

Starting at 7:30 PM

385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 8th, 2018

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Beefsteak Dinner

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series

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

**February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>** Atlantic City Boat Show

**March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** Saltwater Expo at New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison

## **JCAA Beefsteak Dinner and Fishing Seminar 2/10/2018**

*By Paul Haertel*

On **Saturday February 10**, the JCAA will be holding an all you can eat Beefsteak Dinner along with a fishing seminar. The event will be held at the Forked River Tuna Club located at 18 Bay Av, Forked River, NJ. Doors will open at 4 PM with the fishing seminars to be held from 5-7 PM. The event will kick-off with an update on our fisheries regulations particularly as they pertain to fluke and sea bass. That will be followed by a seminar by Chris Lido, former editor of the Fisherman Magazine, who will be discussing ten tips to catch more fish in 2018. Up next will be Capt. Chris Dossantos, of the charter boat Barb Gail IV, who will discuss the advantages of using bucktails for fluke. Then at 7 PM, an all you can eat beefsteak dinner will be served by **Nightingale Catering**. Salad, French fries, beefsteak and desert will be served along with soft drinks, coffee and tea. A cash bar will also be available. There will also be a silent auction for a few nice items before the affair concludes with a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are just \$50 per person. To reserve your tickets, call Paul Haertel at 973-943-8201 or email him at anglerpmh@aol.com.

# President's Report

*By John Toth*

My two-year term as JCAA's president is coming to a close and it was a very busy two-year term for me! JCAA's By-Laws limits the president's term to only two years – what a good By-Law! But seriously, the JCAA is involved in so many issues and I was glad to be a part of them and will continue to be involved in JCAA's future.

At this time, I want to **THANK** all of JCAA's Board members for supporting me through my presidency! Without dedicated board members, this organization would not be able to function effectively. The work they do is noticed and sometimes not noticed, but they contribute to the success of our organization in so many ways. Let me give you some examples and these are only quick snapshots of what they do.

**Bill Browne** – stuffs hundreds of mailers in our office and newsletters for distribution to members. Bill also volunteers his time to work at the many shows we are involved in like the upcoming Atlantic City Boat show, our Fluke Tournament Awards ceremony and other functions.

**Don Marantz** – like Bill Browne, he volunteers his time to do our newsletter mailings, work at our shows and manage our 50/50 fundraiser. Don also is very involved in getting more youths involved in fishing and also introducing paralyzed veterans to fishing.

**Greg Kucharewski** – Greg has been in the forefront of bringing youths to the joy of fishing for many years! He is also involved in helping disabled veterans to enjoy fishing.

**Ken Warchal** – Ken was our Recording Secretary and did a great job in recording the minutes of our meetings. Ken is also very involved in sand mining issues, especially in protecting the Manasquan Reef, a prime fishing location.

**Paul Turi** – Paul is our Office Manager and he keeps tabs on all of our JCAA business functions and is crucial to keeping our annual fluke tournament on track, is the editor of our monthly newspaper and runs the Sportsperson-of-the-Year dinner every year.

**Paul Haertel** – Paul goes to many management-type meetings and provides testimony on various issues – like the recent meeting on sea bass that was held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Paul is also heavily involved in our fluke tournament and is chairing a beef dinner for the JCAA on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please try to attend it – info in our newsletter.

**Kyren Dooley** – Membership Secretary – Kyren keeps track of our club memberships. (I held this position in the JCAA at one time and it is a detailed task and one that is time-consuming.

**Paul Eidman** – Paul is our eyes on environmental issues and he is heavily involved in saving bunker stocks and others like squid.

**Mark Taylor** – Incoming president and Mark handles our involvement with a number of shows that we do like the upcoming Salt Water Expo in March. Mark also is our Master of Ceremonies at our various functions, such as our recent JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner.

**Tom Fote** – is our Legislative Chairman and does a lot of travelling to attend many fishing management-type meetings in Trenton, Washington, Virginia, Maryland and other locations where a JCAA presence is required. This demands a lot of his personal time and energy to attend many meetings that focus on a number of important issues that affect us anglers.

**Frank Richetti** – Frank is a big help in running our annual fluke tournament with organizing the status of the catches of all anglers at our various fishing ports.

**Doug Tegeder** – Doug does a tremendous job as our treasurer and keeps track of our bills and getting them paid, no easy task!

There are a number of people here that are not listed like **Linda Haertel** who works at our Awards Dinner by selling 50/50 tickets and helping us with our Christmas party.

I also want to **THANK** all of you for your support of the JCAA over many years with your kind words, contributions and inputs on the continuing fishing challenges we will face during this year and beyond.

Finally, I want you all to support our incoming president, **Mark Taylor**, who I know will do an outstanding job for the JCAA during his presidency!

## **2018 Show Season for JCAA**

*By Mark Taylor*

2018 Atlantic City Boat Show is being held February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup> at Atlantic City Convention Center. This is the show you need to be at if you are looking to invest in a new boat. Pick up the show guide book as you enter the show. This will make it easier to navigate through the show. Check out the JCAA ad in this guide. There are a lot of different manufactures present at this show and you may find the boat of your dreams. After you check out the boats and are walking the rest of the show, stop by the Jersey Coast Anglers Booth #460 and talk to the volunteers at the booth. Pick up the latest free newsletter which will have important information about the latest on issues dealing with recreational fishing. While you're there support JCAA by taking a few chances on our High Roller Raffle. By you taking a few chances in turn this helps JCAA support you in Trenton fighting for New Jersey Anglers.

2018 Saltwater Fishing Expo is being held on March 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> at the New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center in Edison, NJ. This is a new location which is larger, so NMMA can bring you even more great information from manufactures, vendors and originations. By doing this NMMA is giving you more access to the people you need to talk to. JCAA has booth #136 so stop by and see what we have to offer you as a recreational angler.

As always, I am looking for volunteers to man the JCAA booths so if you have time and are willing, please contact me at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com).

## **Fisheries Management & Legislative Report**

*By Tom Fote*

### **Proposal to Open Atlantic to Drilling**

Why is it that every new President, Democrat or Republican, they talk about opening the Atlantic Ocean for drilling? This is a bi-partisan issue. President Obama and now President Trump have

both proposed opening the Atlantic coast to drilling. But President Trump's proposal would also open several sanctuary areas on the West coast as well. If you read the JCAA Newspapers past articles on offshore drilling, you will see that we have been unanimous in our opposition. What I have included in this edition is information about the upcoming hearing on February 14 and three letters; one bi-partisan letter from all of NJ's Congressional delegation, one from Governor Christie and then Governor-elect Murphy and Senators Menendez and Booker, and finally a letter from 37 Senators all agreeing in their opposition. Again, this is bi-partisan. We need for all of you to show up at the hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there.

### **New Leadership at GARFO**

Mr. Michael Pentony is the new Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office. I have worked with Mike for the last eight years. He has listened to our concerns and appears to understand our issues. It took John Bullard a long time to understand recreational fishing. At the last Commission meeting he had some important votes for the recreational sector. Mike has been there through this transition. Along with all the members of JCAA, I look forward to working with him. His bio is included in the press release below. I will be attending NOAA's Recreational Summit in March in Arlington, VA and I am looking forward to Mike's participation and meeting the new director of NMFS.

### **ASMFC Winter Meeting Week**

Here is a partial agenda. To get the full agenda and how to get on webinar go to the ASMFC Webpage. There are many important topics coming up at this meeting. You should get on the webinar for any species of interest and learn about the process. You will not hear my voice at this meeting because I had a prior commitment, but Russ Allen will be my proxy. I will be listening on the webinar with many of you. All the background material for the meeting will be posted the week before. But some other materials may be shown on that day. If you listen to the webinar and have any comments, please email me and let me know how you feel. You should also email the Commission Chairman and the Executive Director.

## Tuesday, February 6

2:15 - 4:15pm: Winter Flounder Management Board

## Wednesday, February 7

11:30am - 12:15pm: Weakfish Management Board

3:00-4:30pm: Atlantic Striped Bass Management Bd.

- Review and Consider Maryland Conservation Equivalency Proposal
- Update on Process and Timeline Regarding Board Guidance on Benchmark Stock Assessment

## Thursday, February 8

10:15am - 1:15pm: Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board

- Consider the Commonwealth of Virginia's Atlantic Menhaden Amendment 3 Appeal
- Consider Approval of Climate Change and Fisheries Management Policy
- Review Shad Benchmark Stock Assessment Timeline and Consider Terms of Reference
- Habitat Committee Report
- NOAA Fisheries Overview of Right Whale Issue

1:15 - 1:30pm: Business Session

1:45 - 2:45pm: Atlantic Menhaden Management Bd.

- Consider ISFMP Policy Board Recommendation Regarding the Commonwealth of Virginia's Atlantic Menhaden Amendment 3 Appeal (if necessary)

3:00 - 5:00pm: Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board

- Consider Black Sea Bass Addendum XXX for Final Approval
- Finalize Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures

## NOAA Names Michael Pentony to Lead Greater Atlantic Region

NOAA Fisheries, 1/11/2018

NOAA Fisheries announced that Mr. Michael Pentony is the new Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office in Gloucester, Massachusetts. He will assume his new duties on January 22, 2018. Mr. Pentony has been with the agency since 2002, serving in a series

of positions including as the Assistant Regional Administrator for the Sustainable Fisheries Division since 2014. He succeeds retiring Regional Administrator John Bullard who had been in the position since 2012.

"I am extremely pleased to announce this appointment," said NOAA Fisheries' director Chris Oliver. "Michael's deep experience in every aspect of sustainable fisheries management, both commercial and recreational, positions him perfectly for this job. He is going to hit the ground running."

In his new role, Mr. Pentony will head the agency's regional office, which has responsibility for managing approximately 100,000 square miles of the Northwest Atlantic, the large marine ecosystem from Maine to Cape Hatteras and the Great Lakes. To do that, the office works closely with two fishery management councils, the states, the fishing industry, and other stakeholders to manage federal commercial and recreational fisheries, marine mammals, habitat, and much more. As Administrator, he will also oversee critical aspects of international fisheries conservation and management in the region.

Mr. Pentony has extensive experience leading the development and implementation of the fishery management plans and regulations established by the Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. In his role as the region's lead for sustainable fisheries management, he oversaw all aspects of 14 management plans targeting 42 species valued at nearly \$1.6 billion annually. Prior to taking the Assistant Regional Administrator position in 2014, Mr. Pentony served for 12 years as a team supervisor in the sustainable fisheries division.

"Under Michael's leadership, the region's sustainable fisheries team worked hard to meet the needs of fishermen and fishing communities from Maine to North Carolina. In doing so, they have implemented successful, innovative approaches to protecting and restoring stocks, habitat, and marine mammals. They also paved the way for an expansion of the aquaculture industry in the region by working hard to break through barriers to that industry," said Oliver.

Before joining NOAA Fisheries in 2002, Mr. Pentony worked for five years as a policy analyst for the New England Fishery Management Council, primarily on issues related to habitat, marine protected areas, and the deep-sea red crab fishery.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Duke University in North Carolina, and a Master's of Environmental Management from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. Between college and graduate school, Mr. Pentony served for six years as an officer in the United States Air Force as an engineering project manager on a variety of military satellite and launch vehicle programs.

Michael grew up in the town of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, where he spent his summers fishing for bluefish and fluke at the Manasquan Inlet. He currently lives in New Hampshire with his family including his wife and daughter. In his free time he enjoys traveling with his family, cheering on his daughter at swim meets, cycling the back roads of New Hampshire, and trying to learn to play the bass guitar.

## Public Hearings in your State on Offshore Oil Drilling

The Trump Administration has offered up oil drilling sites as close as three miles offshore of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. Offshore oil drilling puts our coastal economy, environment, and way of life at risk.

The Administration is holding a series of public hearings, see details below. We need people to show up and tell the Administration, our elected officials, and the media that we don't want this!

You can attend the hearings any time from 3-7PM - it's more like an open house to express concerns about offshore oil drilling. In many states we will be holding rallies at these hearings, see Facebook events for details. Learn more about the proposed drilling program [here](#).

**New Jersey** - February 14 in Trenton  
Hilton Garden Inn: 800 US Highway 130, Hamilton,  
NJ 08690

[Facebook Link](#)

**New York** - February 15 in Albany  
Hilton Albany: 40 Lodge Street, 12207

[Facebook Link](#)

**Washington DC** - February 22  
Hilton Garden Inn: 1225 First Street NE, 20002

[Facebook Link](#)

## NJ Congressional Delegation Letter on Off-Shore Drilling

Congress of United States  
January 11, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary United States Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke;

In light of the recent release of the 2019-2014 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program, we write to extend an invitation to you to personally visit New Jersey and meet with some of the people who would be most impacted by the plan. Given your recent meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott, after which you decided to exclude Florida's coasts from any offshore drilling, we believe that New Jersey also deserves the courtesy of a Secretarial visit. We also request that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management consider holding a public hearing in New Jersey, in addition to the public meeting scheduled in Trenton, and that you consider doing so in a coastal community.

New Jersey's coastal economy is one of the primary drivers of job creation and economic growth in our State. In 2016, New Jersey's tourism industry generated over \$44 billion, directly supported over 321,000 jobs, and indirectly supported more than 517,000 jobs—a total of nearly 10% of the state's workforce. Beyond our workforce, the homes and businesses that make up New Jersey's shore communities are valued at nearly \$800 billion.

Also critical to the state's economic health is a thriving fishing industry. In 2015, New Jersey's commercial seafood industry supported over 31,000 jobs. We are also home to one of the largest saltwater recreational fishing industries in the nation, which supports over 16,000 jobs and generates nearly \$1.5 billion in statewide economic impacts.

Drilling off the coast of New Jersey puts each of these critical economic drivers at risk, and for that reason, we strongly oppose the recently-issued Draft Proposed Plan. Our concerns are shared by generations of New Jersey families who have lived and vacationed

along our pristine shores; by fishers whose livelihoods depend on clean coastal waters; and by the small businesses that rely on tourism to earn a family wage and to create jobs.

We invite you to personally visit New Jersey prior to the issuance of the Proposed Program, to learn firsthand about how offshore drilling would harm our communities and our economy. We would be happy to facilitate such a visit and connect you with the individuals who have the most to lose in the event of an oil spill. Many of these individuals are still working to rebuild after the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, and cannot afford the risk of another disaster in the form of an oil spill.

Robert Menendez United States Senator, Corey A. Booker United States Senator, Congressman Frank Pallone, Congressman Christopher Smith, Congressman Albio Sires, Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Congressman Donald Payne, Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr, Congressman Leonard Lance, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Congressman David Norcross, Congressman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, Congressman Tom MacArthur

## **NJ Senators, Governor, & Governor-Elect Letter on Off-Shore Drilling**

January 14, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary United States Department of Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in regard to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program, which as you know is currently working under the approved 2017-2022 Five-Year Program. Following Executive Order 13795 and Secretarial Order 3350, BOEM initiated a new proposed Five-Year Program from 2019-2024 that proposes oil and gas lease sales in 25 of the 26 OCS planning areas and calls for nine lease sales in the Atlantic Ocean, including two in the North Atlantic. We write in

strong opposition to any proposal that includes oil and gas drilling off the coast of New Jersey, which puts at risk the strength of New Jersey's economy and the health of the state's unique marine ecosystem.

The Jersey shore is our pride and joy, and as such has long enjoyed protection from oil and gas development by residents, stakeholders, and elected officials – Republicans and Democrats alike – for decades. The Obama Administration's proposal to include the Mid-Atlantic for oil and gas lease sales when developing the current Five-Year Program was met with strong bipartisan opposition simply because of the Mid-Atlantic's proximity to New Jersey. This new proposed program now directly opens all offshore waters along New Jersey's 130 miles of coastline through its proposal to pursue two lease sales in the North Atlantic. Oil spills do not respect state borders which means drilling anywhere off the Atlantic Coast puts New Jersey's shore in danger.

Each year our state's coastal economy generates millions of dollars in revenue, and provides hundreds of thousands of jobs in industries that depend on protecting New Jersey's picturesque beaches and coastal environment. As you have already heard from New Jersey stakeholders and elected officials since the announcement of the proposed plan last week, New Jersey's boating, commercial, and recreational fishing industries are critical components of the state's economy. In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, our seafood industry cannot afford the possibility of another disaster like an oil spill that would threaten their livelihoods.

Earlier this week, you determined that because Florida's coasts rely heavily on tourism as an economic driver, Florida's offshore waters would be removed from consideration under the new proposed program. We agree with your assessment that drilling for oil and gas offshore could negatively impact a coastal state's tourism industry, and New Jersey is no exception to that rule. The New Jersey tourism industry accounts for one out of 10 jobs in the state's workforce, and this industry has continued to grow year after year. Iconic shore destinations from Asbury Park to Cape May attract visitors from the across world and deserve to be protected.

You have said that your responsibility to evaluate our nation's offshore oil and gas leasing plan will emphasize the consideration of local and state voices. We write to demonstrate that when it comes to protecting New Jersey's coast, New Jersey speaks with

one voice, united in opposition to allowing drilling off our shores. It is for these reasons that we urge you to immediately withdraw consideration of the Atlantic from the Five-Year Program, and echo the calls from our colleagues in New Jersey and across the country for you to visit coastal communities for a firsthand account of how devastating the impacts of expanded offshore drilling would be to coastal states' economies.

Sincerely,

Senator Robert Menendez  
Senator Cory Booker  
Governor Chris Christie  
Governor-Elect Phil Murphy

## Letter from 37 Senators on Offshore Drilling

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary United States Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in strong opposition to your agency's misuse of taxpayer funds and agency resources to issue a draft 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the middle of the current 2017-2022 Five-year Plan. This draft proposal is an ill-advised effort to circumvent public and scientific input, and we object to sacrificing public trust, community safety, and economic security for the interests of the oil industry. We urge you to abandon this effort and maintain the protections outlined in the current 2017-2022 plan.

During your confirmation hearings, you pledged to incorporate local input into the management of our nation's public lands. Our constituents, scientific bodies, businesses, and local elected officials have already decidedly rejected efforts to expand offshore drilling that could compromise ecosystems, tourism and recreation, public safety, and marine industries. The governors of New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, Oregon,

Washington, and the Attorney General of Rhode Island all are formally opposed to new leasing off their respective shores. Additionally, more than 150 municipalities on the East Coast, West Coast, and Gulf of Mexico have passed resolutions opposing offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration. The New England, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the Department of Defense, Air Force, and NASA have all weighed in expressing serious concerns or opposition to offshore exploration and drilling. More than 41,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families have also expressed opposition to drilling in their communities.

The current 2017-2022 plan already allows leasing for more than 45 billion barrels of oil, and guarantees protections for vital resources in the Arctic, Pacific, and Atlantic. The nation's coasts are already bearing the consequences of climate change through rising sea levels, coastal erosion, and increased storm surges and flooding. We should not open all previously closed outer continental shelf areas to fossil fuel extraction and further endanger our climate, coastlines, communities, and economies. Especially in the harsh and fragile Arctic, where your agency has predicted a 75 percent chance of a major oil spill, proposing 19 new leases is the height of irresponsibility.

We are deeply troubled by your decision to open more than 90% of the outer continental shelf to fossil fuel development and needlessly put our coastal residents, businesses, oceans, and climate at grave risk. Offering 47 leases by expanding drilling into the Arctic, Pacific, Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico waters would lock us into decades of carbon pollution, and endanger future generations and livelihood simply for short-term gain of major oil companies.

We strongly object to this draft proposal, and urge you to maintain protection for the Arctic, Pacific, Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico and for our communities.

Sincerely,

Signed by 37 US Senators

Jeffrey Merkley, Robert Menendez, Bill Nelson, Cory Booker, Edward Markey, Seldon Whitehouse, Brian Schatz, Chris Van Hollen, Kirsten Gillibrand, Patty Murray, Dianne Feinstein, Ron Wyden, Richard Blumenthal, Mazie Hirono, Jack Reed, Patrick Leahy, Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth, Sherrod Brown, Thomas Carper, Chris Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Charles Schumer, Elizabeth Warren, Benjamin Cardin,

Kamala Harris, Catherine Cortez Masto, Maria Cantwell, Bernard Sanders, Christopher Murphy, Tammy Baldwin, Tina Smith, Jeanne Shaheen, Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters, Tm Kaine, Robert Casey

## **Military Turns to Oyster Reefs to Protect Against Storms**

By Wayne Parry, Associated Press, 12/26/2017

MIDDLETOWN — Earle Naval Weapons Station, where the Navy loads some of America's most sophisticated weapons onto warships, suffered \$50 million worth of damage in Superstorm Sandy. Now the naval pier is fortifying itself with some decidedly low-tech protection: oysters.

The facility has allowed an environmental group to plant nearly a mile of oyster reefs about a quarter-mile off its shoreline to serve as a natural buffer to storm-driven wave damage.

Other military bases are enlisting the help of oysters, too. In June, environmental groups and airmen established a reef in the waters of Elgin Air Force Base Reservation in Florida, and more are planned nearby. Oysters also help protect Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia.

Three oyster reefs protect the USS Laffey museum in South Carolina. And military installations in Alabama and North Carolina have dispatched their enlisted personnel to help build oyster reefs in off-base coastal sites

They are among hundreds of places around the U.S. and the world where oyster reefs are being planted primarily as storm-protection measures. And a bill just introduced in Congress would give coastal communities \$100 million over the next five years to create "living shorelines" that include oyster reefs.

"Having a hardened structure like that oyster reef will absorb some of that wave energy," said Earle spokesman Bill Addison. "All the pipes and cables that are on the pier now, all of that was washed away and had to be rebuilt. And there was a lot of flooding that came into the base. Will this protect us against all of that? No, but it will do a significant amount of good to protect the base and the complex and our surrounding communities."

The NY/NJ Baykeeper group has been experimenting with oysters at the Navy pier since 2011, originally as a way to see if the shellfish, through their natural filtering ability, might help

improve water quality in the murky Raritan Bay. (They did somewhat.)

In summer 2016, the group planted the oyster reef primarily as a storm protection measure — a trend that has taken hold around the world within the past decade or so, according to Bryan DeAngelis, a program coordinator for The Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island. Every coastal state in America is using oyster reefs as either a storm-protection or a water improvement project, or both.

"They are nice speed bumps," said Meredith Comi, an official with the Baykeeper group.

Environmentalists say "living shorelines" including oyster colonies are far preferable to, and cheaper than, armoring the coast with steel sea walls or wooden bulkheads that invariably accelerate erosion of the sand in front of such manmade structures.

"Waves are affected by the roughness of the bottom," said Boze Hancock, a marine restoration scientist with The Nature Conservancy who has studied and participated in oyster projects around the world. "Picture a wave trying to roll over a huge sponge, compared to one rolling over an asphalt parking lot. The 'sponge,' or rough, uneven oyster reef, sucks the energy out of the wave as it rolls toward the shore."

U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., a Democrat from Monmouth County, recently introduced The Living Shorelines Act, which would make coastal communities eligible for \$100 million over five years in federal grants for oyster reefs and wetlands plants. Its prospects remain uncertain in the Republican-controlled Congress.

In most spots, the oysters are designed not to be harvested and eaten. But in other places, including New Jersey, the oysters have been planted in polluted waterways where shellfish harvesting is prohibited, leading to concerns about poachers stealing them and sickening customers.

Such a dispute forced Baykeeper to rip out an oyster reef it planted a few miles from the Navy pier and relocate the shellfish to waters near the pier that are patrolled by gun-toting boats.

# **Take a Kid Fishing in 2018**

## Mid-Atlantic Council to Offer Training Workshops on Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting for the For-Hire Community

NOAA Fisheries, 1/16/2018

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold two workshops in February to help for-hire vessel operators prepare for upcoming electronic reporting requirements. Beginning March 12, 2018, all vessels with Federal charter or party permits for species managed by the Mid-Atlantic Council will be required to submit electronic vessel trip reports (eVTRs) while on trips carrying passengers for hire. eVTRs must be submitted through a NOAA-approved software application within 48 hours following the completion of a fishing trip.

While all software options for electronic reporting will be briefly discussed, the workshops will primarily focus on training for the SAFIS eTrips/mobile and eTrips Online systems developed by the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP). Participants will receive hands-on assistance with navigating the eTrips application, setting up favorites, and creating and editing trip reports. Instruction will be led by Rick Bellavance, Owner/Operator of Priority Fishing Charters in Point Judith, Rhode Island, and ACCSP staff.

More information about for-hire electronic reporting requirements and software options [click here](#).

### Workshop Dates and Locations

Saturday, February 10, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
DoubleTree by Hilton Boston North Shore, 50 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers, MA, 978-777-2500

Saturday, February 24, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 815 Route 37 West, Toms River, NJ, 732-341-6101

Instruction for SAFIS eTrips/mobile (for use on tablets) will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Instruction for eTrips Online (for use on desktop or laptop computers) will begin at 1:00 and conclude by 4:30. Each session will be preceded by a discussion of all options for reporting. In the event that demand for eTrips Online instruction is low, a second eTrips/mobile session may be added in the afternoon.

Our staff and ACCSP staff will be available for questions during both workshops.

[Register](#) for one of the workshops, or email the workshop coordinator at [aloftus@andrewloftus.com](mailto:aloftus@andrewloftus.com). There are a limited number of spaces available. Participants are strongly encouraged to register early so that workshop personnel can work with each individual prior to the workshop to establish needed accounts for reporting systems.

Participants should bring an electronic tablet or laptop capable of connecting to the internet via W-Fi. For the mobile-based version, participants will need either a Google account (for Android systems) or an iTunes account (for Apple systems) to download the eTrips/mobile app. This will allow you to work along with the instructors and be set up and ready to begin electronic reporting once you leave the workshop.

Please direct any questions to workshop coordinator Andrew Loftus, [aloftus@andrewloftus.com](mailto:aloftus@andrewloftus.com), (410) 295-5997.

## Proposal to Sell Farm-Raised Striped Bass in New Jersey

*By John Toth*

Farm-raised fish is big business around the world as pressure on fish stocks increases due to more people turning to eat fish as a healthier food. A company, Pacifico Aquaculture, is interested in having farm-raised striped bass sold coming from New Jersey's waters. Scot Mackey, representing Garden State Seafood Assoc., arranged for representatives from Pacifico Aquaculture to make presentations on raising and selling striped bass to New Jersey's Marine Fisheries Council and to our state's DEP. A presentation was given by Pacifico Aquaculture for the selling of striped bass to JCAA staff on September 6th at the JCAA's office in Toms River. The following is a brief summary of this meeting and its key points.

Representatives Rex Ito and his son Matt indicated to JCAA's members (Tom Fote, Paul Haertel, Ken Warchal, Don Marantz and John Toth) that Pacifico Aquaculture farm raises striped bass eight miles off the coast of Ensenada, in Northern Baja California, Mexico. Striped bass fry are grown in their company-owned hatcheries and then moved to pens in the ocean to grow up to market size which typically

takes 18-24 months. Mr. Ito, a biologist with an extensive background in the fishing business, explained that these fish are stocked with plenty of room to swim and grow so that they do not crowd together and develop diseases, a big concern with farm-raised fish. He also indicated that the eggs they use are not from hybrid striped bass, but from 6 or 7 strains of striped bass to produce healthy brood stock, including Hudson River striped bass. These fish are sold when they reach 28 inches (about 3 lbs.) and sold in Mexico and in the USA on the west coast. They are gutted and tagged so that their origin can be traced. The feed for these fish comes from Vancouver/Alaska that is basically from fish trimmings like pollock and other fish, and not chicken and less desirable feed scraps, also a big concern with farm-raised fish.

We explained to Mr. Ito and his son that the JCAA was in the forefront of making striped bass a game fish status so that it could not be sold commercially to stop its precipitous decline in stocks. While it is good to have striped bass in stores and on the menu of restaurants, our **big concern** is that illegally caught striped bass would be sold as farm-raised under the Pacifico brand even though these fish are tagged. Paul Haertel asked "what happens to the tags when they come to a fish purveyor or restaurant - these used tags can be sold or given to anglers to catch illegal striped bass?" Mr. Ito did not have an immediate resolution to that issue, but he and Scot Mackey felt confident that this tagging problem can be successfully resolved.

It was also explained to Mr. Ito that New Jersey's legislature would have to be involved in changing its regulations concerning the sale of striped bass, not an overnight process. He responded that he is aware of this challenge and that many other agencies would have to sign off for approvals. (The JCAA was most likely targeted to hear this presentation since it was involved in the game fish status for striped bass). We also told him that many anglers in New Jersey would strongly oppose the sale of striped bass so that we do not go back to the bad old days of their decline. He replied that he encountered the same type of problems in selling striped bass on the west coast, but his perseverance paid off in the long run to make it happen. He is well aware that this commercial venture, if it happens, will take a long time to reach fruition.

As our guests, we graciously thanked Mr. Ito, his son and Scot Mackey for taking the time to visit

us. We did **NOT** give any approval to this sale of striped bass. At our upcoming JCAA General Membership meeting, this issue will be on our agenda.

*Note: John Toth wrote this article in October JCAA Newspaper about a Meeting with Pacifico Aquaculture asking about selling Mexican farmed raised striped bass in New Jersey. They asked JCAA couple of weeks ago to print a letter asking for comments and questions from NJ Anglers on their request. They also made a presentation to the NJ Marine Fisheries Council JCAA decided to reprint John's article and their letter. This does not mean that JCAA approves the sale of farmed striped bass in New Jersey and JCAA still have not finalized a position on this. This would have to be done by legislation that is why they came to JCAA. So please let us also know your thoughts through your clubs.*

-Tom Fote

## Allowing the Sale of Farmed True Striped Bass (*Morone saxatilis*) in New Jersey



Who we are:

Prime Time Seafood and Pacifico Aquaculture partnered to produce delicious, fresh striped bass with year round availability. Our team consists of biologists and seafood industry veterans that set out to farm striped bass in the *Pacific Ocean* in order to provide a fine product while reducing commercial fishing pressure on the wild stock. Our stripers are ocean raised - true, not hybrid - striped bass and have the highest aquaculture sustainability certification available, 4 Star BAP. Further, our rearing practices have no extractive impact on the East Coast striper population. This unique product offers New Jersians access to a sustainable source of a culturally and culinarily important species that is currently prohibited from being offered at restaurants and retailers within New Jersey.

To be clear, *we are not* proposing to farm stripers anywhere along the Eastern Seaboard.

### **Selling our Fish in New Jersey**

We would like to be able to sell our farmed stripers in New Jersey, but to do so requires that NJ Statute 23:5-45.3 be amended. This statute prohibits the sale of true striped bass (even our farmed stripers), but specifically allows for the sale of farmed hybrid striped bass. We believe our product conforms to the intent of the statute, which is the preservation of the Atlantic stock of striped bass.

We recognize that recreational anglers are committed to conservation. Our team's efforts to provide a sustainable alternative to the commercial fishery aligns with the JCAA's desire to preserve striped bass for generations of anglers to come. Given this shared aim, we hope you are willing to consider that the law be amended such that striped bass *farmed in the Pacific* be allowed to be sold in New Jersey.

### **100% Egg to Plate Traceability**

During processing, each fish is individually tagged with a perforated tag that specifies our fish as being farm raised in Baja California. The perforation allows the tag to split in two and each side of the tag can then be associated with the corresponding fillets. Serial numbers on each side of the tag can also be used to retrace the fish's entire life; all the way back to spawning. Fish are transported in clearly labeled boxes with accompanying paperwork. For NJ DEP enforcement officers, the fact that we are the only farm in the world capable of producing true striped bass in ocean pens means that verifying a striper came from our farm is as simple as reaching out to Prime Time Seafood via phone or email.

### **Potential Benefits to allowing farmed (true) striped bass to be sold in NJ**

1. *Cultural benefit:* Offers access to a sustainable source of a prized fish that is currently not available
2. *Economic benefit:* Offers NJ wholesalers, restaurants and retailers access to a sought after item
3. *Environmental benefit:* Reduces commercial fishing pressure on the Atlantic wild stock

4. *Nutritional benefit:* Healthy, lean protein for consumers
5. *Supply chain benefit:* Egg to plate traceability (one supplier in the world = transparent traceability)
6. *Academic benefit:* Scientific advancements

### **We'd appreciate hearing from you**

Prime Time Seafood would appreciate the chance to address any questions or concerns you may have as quickly as able. Please submit your questions to the JCAA for consolidation.

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## **Sea Bass Update**

*By Paul Haertel*

I wish I had better news to report on the sea bass situation but I don't. At this point we would be fortunate to stay at status quo regulations but it seems more likely that we will be facing more stringent regulations this year. We won't know more until after the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) meets from 2/6 – 2/8 and the Mid-Atlantic Marine Fisheries Council has their meeting from 2/13-2/15. Sea bass are on the agenda for the ASMFC meeting at 3 PM on 2/8 while the agenda for the MAFMC meeting is not yet available.

At New Jersey Marine Council (NJMFC) meeting on 1/4, the council unanimously voted not to open the sea bass season in February. To do that, we most likely would have had to give up four days during the main part of our season when more people like to fish. Further, if we exceeded our target quota for February, that amount would have been deducted from our quota for 2019.

Immediately following the council meeting, a public hearing regarding Draft Addendum XXX for sea bass was held. I gave a brief synopsis of the more extensive written comments (below) that JCAA submitted prior to the meeting. Most people in attendance agreed with the JCAA position and when I asked for a show of hands everyone agreed that this species is being mismanaged.

The NJMFC would like to bridge the gap between when fluke season ends and sea bass season begins. The fluke season could very well begin on 5/25 and extend through 9/22 with a 3-fish bag limit at 18". Given the uncertainty of the sea bass situation we won't know exactly what will be done until later this winter. The NJMFC is expected to set regulations for both species on 3/15. Their meeting was pushed back a week to allow a little more time for them to review whatever is mandated by the ASMFC and the MAFMC.

## Letter from JCAA to ASMFC

1/4/2018

Caitlin Starks, FMP Coordinator  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
1050 North Highland St., Suite 200 A-N  
Arlington, Va. 22201

Dear Caitlin,

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association appreciates this opportunity to comment on Draft Addendum XXX pertaining to sea bass. Our comments below reflect our stance on the various options included in the addendum.

**Coast Wide versus Regional Options** – We support regional management as the fisheries in the various states/regions are quite different.

**Basis for Regional Allotment of the RHL** – We believe that regional allocations using both exploitable biomass and historical harvest should be used to set the RHL. Including the exploitable biomass approach in management would be a refreshing change in that it addresses changes in the resource's distribution and abundance.

**Regional Alignment** – We realize that if the basis for regional allotment includes exploitable biomass, option b of subsection 3.1.2.2 must be used. However, we support that option because New Jersey would become its own region. New Jersey is a transitional state in which its sea bass fishery doesn't really fit in with the states to its north or to its south. In fact, the fishery in southern New Jersey is quite different from that in northern New Jersey. This option would allow New Jersey to set regulations that would best suit its fishermen while allowing it to address spatial variation in size and abundance. We would also be fine with option c of subsection 3.1.2.2 except for the fact that this four-region approach does not allow exploitable biomass to be a factor in determining allocations.

**Timeframe Used for Allocation** – The timeframes of the two options in the addendum are of primary concern to us as both reduce New Jersey's historical share of the RHL. Option A of section 3.1.2 uses a ten-year timeframe from 2006-2015 while Option B uses only the five-year average from 2011-2015. The problem is that the years from 2011-2015 are the ones when New Jersey's share of the RHL was at all time historical lows. Yes, the biomass may have shifted further to the north as it expanded but the more stringent regulations that were forced upon us were also a primary reason why our historic share of the RHL was reduced. For that reason, we do not believe it is fair to include the years from 2011-2015 in determining allocations. In fact, this was pointed out at the joint ASMFC/MAFMC meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A motion to have a third option to use the five-year timeframe from 2006-2010 was made at this meeting. That option would have better rounded out the other options and would have been more in line with New Jersey's and others states' historical share of the RHL. Unfortunately, though, the motion failed.

In 2011 draconian regulations were forced upon us which resulted in New Jersey harvesting their fewest sea bass during this entire century though most other states were negatively impacted as well. There was a liberalization of the regulations in 2012 at which time

New Jersey was placed in the northern region. Then for 2013, NJ was forced to establish harsh regulations that resulted in us harvesting only 61% of our target quota. At the same time, New York harvested 125% of its target and Connecticut harvested 150% of their target. NJ did its part but then the following year all states in the northern region had to cut back by the same percentage. In other words, CT and NY were rewarded for going over their target quotas while NJ was penalized for under fishing theirs. Those stringent regulations that NJ set in 2013 have hurt us just about every year since as they continue to be used as the basis for liberalizing or tightening our regulations based on each year's target quota.

Further, NJ's historical share of the harvest was 47.7 % for the period from 2001 to 2010 and probably even more than that previous to those years. Going back further, and for the 20-year period from 1991 to 2010, New Jersey harvested more sea bass than any other state except in 1998 when it harvested the third most and in 1999 and 2010 when it finished second. Yet, option B proposes to use only the years from 2011-2015 when NJ finished first only once and finished fourth (its all-time lowest) in 2012. We believe it would be very unfair to base quotas on those years when New Jersey's share of the harvest was at or near its lowest and certain other states were at or near their highest levels. We would prefer an option that went back further in time and did not include the years of 2011-2015 at all. However, considering the fact that there are only two options, **we support option A which uses the base years of 2006-2015.** That would be the fairest to all states as it not only includes a more historical average but also accounts for the northward shift in biomass during recent years.

**Process for Specification and Evaluation of Management Measures** – We believe that option B of subsection 3.1.3, adjusting measures to the ACL would be an improvement from the status quo method of annually evaluating the recreational fishery based only on harvest against the RHL. This option would result in better data and reduced mortality which would in turn create more fishing opportunities for our fishermen. Educational programs to reduce mortality such as the one New Jersey has for summer flounder could be developed that would not only enhance our fishing

opportunities but help maintain the sustainability of our stock.

**Timeframe for the Addendum Provisions** – Provided our recommendations are followed we support a 3-year management program, otherwise we would prefer just the two-year plan.

**Additional Comments** – We do not want to have even more stringent regulations forced upon us for 2018. We are urging you to leave the quota at 4.29 million pounds rather than lowering it to 3.66 million pounds. The spawning stock biomass is at 230% of the target and we need to create more fishing opportunities for these fish. Sea bass are not only competing for various forage species with other desirable species but have been devouring their young as well. Further, allowing us to harvest more sea bass would reduce the pressure we put on other species such as fluke. Also, please consider the fact that sea bass are protogynous hermaphrodites and with a 12 ½" size limit, we are harvesting almost all males while allowing the females to continue to breed.

Sincerely,

John Toth, JCAA President

## **Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series back in Linwood!**

February 24, 2018

The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will return to the Linwood Country Club (500 Shore Road, Linwood) on Saturday, February 24. 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*. **Nick Honachefsky**, a noted writer, author, TV personality and New Jersey fishing authority, will serve as co-host. The Tour is being presented by Bass Pro Shops.

Joining **Poveromo** and **Honachefsky** in Linwood will be:

- **Captain Chris Dos Santos** – Legendary authority on catching trophy blackfish, fluke and sea bass, aboard his Point Pleasant Beach-based charter boat, Barb Gail IV!
- **David Arbeitman** – Renowned deep-drop specialist who excels at catching trophy class Golden tilefish

and other benthic species off the Jersey coast; Arbeitman is also a noted trophy fluke authority!

- **Captain Tom Daffin** – Premier trophy striped bass, fluke, wreck and offshore fishing authority with Fishin' Fever Sportfishing!
- **Captain Joe Trainor** – Fabled South Jersey-based offshore and canyon pro with Over Under Sportfishing!
- **Captain Sean Reilly** – Noted South Jersey trophy fluke, blackfish, wreck- and bottom-fishing specialist who also excels at catching sharks and tuna!
- **Ava McMahon** – South Jersey coastal and back bay-fishing specialist for fluke, blackfish and striped bass!
- **Chris Lido** – Information and Education specialist at New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, and accomplished fluke and blackfish authority!
- **Captain Brian Williams** – Noted Ocean City-based shallow water and back bay fishing specialist with his Badfish Fishing Charters!
- **“Crazy” Alberto Knie** - Legendary trophy striped bass authority and innovative specialist at catching trophy class fluke and blackfish!
- **Captain David Wicker** – Noted marine electronics specialist and authority on reading the bottom and water column to locate fish!
- **Alan Wenzel** – South Florida-based offshore- and bottom-fishing specialist!

Courses for the February 24th 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 9am and will conclude by 3pm. Long considered the best bargain in sportfishing, a Seminar Series ticket is only \$55.

The ticket price covers 5 hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a course textbook, 1-year subscription/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 Bass Pro Shops discount card (off any purchase of \$75 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 2018 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 the previous four years. To pay with Visa, MasterCard and American Express, call (800) 448-7360, or register on-line, visit: [www.nationalseminarseries.com](http://www.nationalseminarseries.com).*

## JCAA Fluke Tournament Director Position Open

The JCAA is seeking a person who will manage its JCAA Fluke Tournament in 2018. This person in

this position will promote the tournament with press releases, interacting with tournament sponsors to obtain prizes and recognition in promotional materials, handle promotional mailings to anglers concerning the tournament, distribute promotional material to tackle shops and port locations, enter tournament applicants in the JCAA's data base and be responsible for the overall management of the tournament for its successful result. This position requires the following skills:

- Effective writing skills
- Computer expertise skills with Microsoft Office
- Good verbal skills
- Experience in dealing with the public
- Ability to be a self-starter to complete tasks.
- Organizational abilities to prioritize tasks
- Prior experience in managing an event is desirable

The JCAA Fluke tournament will take place in July of 2018. This position *requires* the applicant to work part time starting November 1st and attend board and general meetings. Starting in April the position becomes almost full time. It becomes full time throughout the month of June 2018 and part of July up to the Awards Ceremony at the Clarion Hotel in July. (Salary ranges from \$3,000 up to \$5,000 with possible bonuses dependent on the Tournament Director's ability to increase the number of anglers entering the tournament.)

The JCAA is now accepting resumes for this position. All resumes should be sent to JCAA President, John Toth, by November 1, 2017 at the following address or at his email:

24 Kings Mill Road  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net)

## Youth Education Report

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### NJ HOFNOD INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Visit the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, NJ HOFNOD website to learn more about becoming a volunteer with a NJ HOFNOD Team Leader. There are many counties throughout New Jersey that offer NJ HOFNOD programs that are already up and running. Think about becoming a fly tying

volunteer, aquatic educator, or just help where needed. Contact a NJ Team Leader today their contact information is listed on the website.

The next NJ HOFNOD Instructor Training will be held during April 2018. Please contact Liz Jackson to learn more about the benefits of becoming a NJ HOFNOD certified instructor. For more info call to 908-637-4125 x-122 or e-mail her at [liz.jackson@dep.nj.gov](mailto:liz.jackson@dep.nj.gov).

Gloucester NJ HOFNOD will hold its first annual Ray Curry Catfish tournament / flea market for kids on June 11, 2016 at River Winds in West Deptford, NJ. Robert Johnston is the HOFNOD Gloucester Township director. If you would like to enter or support this program, please contact Robert @ 856-491-5366, [hofnodgt.com](http://hofnodgt.com) or visit [this link](#).

Brick High Schools is gearing up to add NJ HOFNOD to the 2019 curriculum that will begin September 2018. The Brick Board of Education approved the NJ HOFNOD proposal and transportation funds. Tim Brennan, Physical Education Instructor is organizing educators within both high schools to participate and teach youngsters about conservation, fish biology, drug awareness, CPR, and safe boating. The JCAA Youth Education Committee will support the high schools with loaner equipment and aquatic education books.

### NEWARK BAIT & FLY CASTING CLUB YOUTH FISHING SEMINAR

Children and their families are welcome to come and enjoy a night of fun fishing activities and refreshments. Each year on the first Tuesday in March the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club hosts a Kid's Fishing Seminar at the Kenilworth VFW in Kenilworth, NJ. The seminar is free for participants and their chaperones. Children can learn to cast and try to catch one of the special backyard bass fish and learn about different types of fishing, baits, fly tying, etc. The seminar is scheduled for 7:30pm, Tuesday, March 6, 2018 and it's always a lot of fun for the youngsters.

### THE FISHERMAN TOOLBOX

How to Catch Fish is a comprehensive blog post that Ted Begnoche published. It is very easy to understand and novice anglers can learn a lot from its content. Visit [The Fisherman Toolbox](#) and learn about fishing.

## **FISHING FLEA MARKET TO HELP KIDS**

Sunshine Foundation Fishing Flea Market, February 3, 2018 9am-2pm, Admission \$3, Location Little Egg Harbor Community Center, 319 West Calabreeze Drive, LEH 08087 Contact: Frank Muinos Email: reelumin511@comcast.net Phone: 908-380-8491.

Additional information can be found at the Southern Ocean Chapter Facebook page. The tournament will be July 7, 2018.

## **PLAY HOOK-e TAKE A VETERAN FISHING**

On Sunday, April 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m. till 2pm the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 and Cardinale Enterprises will host the second annual Play HOOK-e Take a Disabled Veteran Fishing at the Ponderosa Estate Farm, Lake Julianna Millstone Township, NJ.

Disabled veterans and their guest are invited to fish at a private lake to catch and release big fish and then join Mr. Vito Cardinale, Cardinale Enterprises and his staff of volunteers that will provide soft drinks, hamburgers & hot dogs and all the fixin's. Veterans with mobility challenges will have the use of 4x4 transportation around the lake, along with fishing assistance if needed. A freshwater fishing license is not needed because this is a private lake.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Jersey Shore Chapter will provide fly fishing instruction and their members are also welcome to join in and catch some big fish on a fly rod. To register please contact Greg at 732-785-9278 or you can email him at [gakucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gakucharews@jcaa.org).

## **HOOKED ON THE HUDSON**

The Palisades Interstate Park New Jersey and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association will host the 32nd Annual Hooked on the Hudson. This is a great time for kids at Ross Dock on Saturday, April 28, 2018 9am-3pm and the fishing contest is FREE.

Just come down to the park, throw your line in the water and enjoy yourself. HRFA will supply all equipment and bait Free for your children to use! They continue the tradition of combining a fishing contest with exhibits provided by leading environmental conservation and sportsmen's organizations in our area. Food and Refreshments will be available. Fishing Contest hours are 9am-1pm. Fishing information and assistance will be

available. Exhibits start at 9am-3pm. Children Casting Contest 2pm-3pm with prizes awarded. Awards Ceremony @ 3pm for more information visit their [website](#) or contact Skip at [cow221@aol.com](mailto:cow221@aol.com) or 201-214-987.

Below is an impressive list of HRFA youth activities.

- January 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Booth at the Garden State Outdoor Sports Show
- January 26<sup>th</sup>: HOFNOD class
- February 13<sup>th</sup>: Regular meeting, guest speaker Captain Kenneth P. Krott
- March 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor show Rockland
- March 13<sup>th</sup>: Regular meeting guest speaker Bob Fanslaw
- March 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: The salt water show
- April: 14<sup>th</sup>: Billy Joes kids fishing
- April 15<sup>th</sup>: HRFA Dinner
- April 19<sup>th</sup>: Fishing w/ Hackensack middle school children
- April 28<sup>th</sup>: Hooked on the Hudson
- May: 2<sup>nd</sup>: Englewood special needs fishing (Wayne)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fishing with Hackensack middle school children
- May 5<sup>th</sup>: Ridgefield park earth day
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Liberty state marina
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Newburge w/ the wounded worrier project
- May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: Waterford NY kids fishing
- May 24<sup>th</sup>: Fishing w/ Hackensack middle school children
- June 6<sup>th</sup>: Englewood special needs fishing (Wayne)
- June 7<sup>th</sup>: Fishing with Hackensack middle school children
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: Englewood special needs fishing (Wayne)
- June 14<sup>th</sup>: Fishing w/ Hackensack middle school children
- July 21<sup>st</sup>: Catskill kids fishing
- August 18<sup>th</sup>: Catfish Chaos (big day for the HRFA)
- September 8<sup>th</sup>: Croton Yacht club fishing with kids

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