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Tuesday, November 27th, 2018

Starting at 7:30 PM

385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick

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Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

*JCAA December General Meeting to be decided*

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

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

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series NJ

**February 27<sup>th</sup>–March 3<sup>rd</sup>** Atlantic City Boat Show

**March 15<sup>th</sup>–March 17<sup>th</sup>** Saltwater Expo

## **President's Report**

*By Mark Taylor*

The December JCAA General Meeting will be cancelled due to it falling on December 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Everyone enjoy the Christmas Season and be safe throughout the holiday season.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> JCAA held its Annual Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. There were just under 150 people in attendance. Congratulations to the 2018 Sportsperson of the Year, Arnie Ulrich, for receiving this prestigious award. He is a very active member of the Hudson River Fisherman's Association and his fishing community. The JCAA Youth Education Award was also presented to two well-deserving individuals, Mike and Debbie Bennett of Boating Education and Rescue (B.E.A.R.). Congratulations to them and continue to do the great work they do. I would like to thank Co-Chairs Dan Miller and Paul Turi for coordinating this event. As I said many times before, there is just not one person that can run a great event. There was a group of amazing individuals that work very hard behind the scenes. If I miss someone I am apologizing in advance. The group was Dan Miller, Heather Miller, Paul Turi, Paul Haertel, Linda Haertel, Don Marantz, Al Marantz, Tom Fote, Bill Browne, and Frank Richetti.

# Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

## Putting Fisheries Management in Perspective

In light of a good deal of misinformation that is being provided to fishing clubs and anglers in general, I feel that it is important to share some suggestions to clubs that want to get involved in decision making. We need to make fisheries management decisions based on informed science. We need to seek out a variety of opinions and accurate information before we take a public stand. We need to question the motivation and inherent biases of people who come to us claiming to be experts. It is also important to ask who pays someone and what specific agenda they bring to the table. JCAA has always looked to the science and to experts who are not being paid to support specific ideas. We also feel it is important for us to represent the concerns of all anglers. There are many varied groups and opinions within the recreational community, from anglers who only catch and release to anglers who feed their families with their catch. Our job is to make sure the stocks are sustainable for all anglers. We need to respect everyone's perspective. All fishing results in the death of fish, whether it is through hook and release mortality or taking a fish home for dinner. JCAA's job is to help manage fisheries for all anglers and to make sure our decision makers understand the value of all types of recreational fishing. When we add together all the various types of anglers, we have statistics that convince our politicians that recreational fishing has huge economic value for New Jersey. As we learned from Mike Pentony, Administrator for the Greater Atlantic Region for NOAA at the JCAA dinner, New Jersey is third in the nation in salt water fishing trips and third in the number of anglers. A majority of those anglers harvest fish for personal consumption. Again, the responsibility to make sure that we have a sustainable fishery that supports all members of the recreational community lies with all of us; JCAA and its member clubs, individual anglers, and fisheries managers at the state and federal level.

I hope ever member in each of the clubs and individual fishermen are getting more involved and staying aware of all the things that are going on which affects the recreational community.

At the JCAA September 25th meeting, we discussed and voted on a letter in strongly recommending Dr. Patrick Donnelly for the open NJ Marine Fisheries Council position. If your rep was at the meeting he received copies to bring back to his club. Each club should write a letter of support and recommending Dr. Patrick Donnelly too. The letters should be sent to Governor Phil Murphy's office.

The JCAA Annual Super 50/50 Raffle is in full swing. Chairman Don Marantz will be handling the tickets this year so contact him for tickets or pick them up at JCAA Meetings. His contact information is 908-347-1434 or the JCAA Office 732-506-6565 and leave a message.

It's not too early to think about helping JCAA at the upcoming shows. We will have a booth at upcoming shows and we will be looking for volunteers. Contact me at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com) and in the subject area put "Show Volunteer". Our presence at the shows is important to inform the general public that is part of the recreational community that has no idea what is going on. Listed below are the Shows JCAA will be a part of, so mark your calendars. These shows are a must not to miss. See you there!!

- February 9<sup>th</sup> is George Poveromo's Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Atlantic City Boat Show
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> is The Saltwater Fishing Expo

If you would like me to speak at your club, please send an email to [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com) and in the subject put "Speak at Club".

***Remember the December JCAA General Meeting is cancelled so it is important you attend the November meeting.***

The January 29th JCAA meeting is at  
385 Herbertsville Road,  
Brick NJ, 08724

Remember, JCAA is always here for you, but we need more people to get involved.

## Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass and Scup

Read NOAA's release below. As it stands now, we will have a slight increase in summer flounder harvest, black sea bass and scup will remain the same for 2019. There will be much more work done on black sea bass and summer flounder when the stock assessment is available and the recreational data is synthesized. We should have that information by early spring.

### A Little Bit of History

Last month's newspaper had a history lesson on from 1995 on what JCAA did to keep the EEZ closed for striped bass fishing. I have been cleaning my office and found a DVD that had the video of the signing of the striped bass game fish bill at the JCAA meeting in 1991. I will make copies available to all the clubs.

I also found two articles from 1995 that were important to New Jersey's environment concerns. One deals with winning the battle against EPA, the Port Authority and the Army Corp of Engineers on dumping Agent Orange contaminated material in the ocean. The other article discusses the beginning of the Barnegat Bay Partnership, EPA's estuary program to protect Barnegat Bay.

## NOAA Fisheries Seeks Comments on Proposed Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Specs

NOAA Press Release, November 15, 2018

NOAA Fisheries proposes 2019 catch limits for the summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries and maintains the 2019 scup specifications that were established in 2017.

The proposed summer flounder specifications would result in a 16-percent increase in the recreational harvest limit. Due to commercial overages that occurred in 2017, an accountability measure will be applied to the commercial quota that would result in a commercial quota that is similar to that in place for 2018.

For black sea bass, we propose to implement the same specifications that were in place for 2018. We also propose reopening the February black sea bass recreational fishery.

The scup specifications for 2019 are identical to those in place for 2018. We are also proposing an increase in the incidental possession limit for scup moratorium permit holders using small mesh from April 15-June 15.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission may make mid-year adjustments to these specifications once updated assessment information is available.

Read the proposed rule as published in the Federal Register, and submit your comments through the online portal. You may also submit comments through regular mail to:

Michael Pentony,  
Regional Administrator, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office,  
55 Great Republic Drive,  
Gloucester, MA 019

## Score One for the Ocean

By Tom Fote

*(reprinted from December 1995)*

On November 11, 1995, District Court Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise ruled that the original permit issued by the Army Corp. of Engineers on May 23, 1993 with the consent of the EPA region 2 to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was issued in violation of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act and is therefore unlawful and invalid.

What does this mean? The permit that was issued that allowed millions of cubic yards of contaminated dredge spoil in the ocean should never have been issued according to current regulations. It is too late to get this contaminated material out of the ocean. But this ruling should have an effect on future requests and keeps this permit from being extended to cover additional dumping. The lawyers representing the Corp., EPA, Port Authority and the government all contended that it was not possible to extend this permit and no ruling was necessary. Our lawyers pointed out that companion regulations would have allowed the Corp. to grant an extension by request. This was another example of the Corp. selectively quoting regulations to suit their own purposes. Because of the earlier Appellate Court ruling requiring Judge Debevoise to review his decision and because of the

continued misleading statements by the Corp., the Port Authority and EPA, our attorneys were able to make a successful case for overrule.

Does this victory guarantee that no further dumping of contaminated material in the ocean will take place? **NO!** The battle now moves into the regulatory process. The ruling only guaranteed that the Corp. and the Port must work within EPA's existing regulations. There is already pressure on the EPA by the Corp. and the Port to amend the regulations to allow new permits to dump contaminated material in the ocean. The material doesn't change, but if the regulations do, we will be told its safe and permits will be issued. This will affect permits for dredging throughout the United States. Clean Ocean Action and the Coastal Alliance will keep us informed about potential changes. We need to be ready to act immediately when necessary.

I must thank Clean Ocean Action for leading this battle and putting this lawsuit together. When other groups dropped out because they felt this suit was not a winner, JCAA stuck with Clean Ocean Action and supported their efforts. In particular I would like to thank Cindy Zipf. Cindy took a lot of heat about her determination to continue this lawsuit. It would have been much easier to accept the original ruling, sit on the sidelines and complain. That's not Cindy's style and that's why she has won the respect of the fishermen and all of us who support protecting the environment. I would also like to thank Gordon Litwin and his firm for all their pro bono work and Susan Kennedy, the attorney for Clean Ocean Action and the Littoral Society. How great that Susan's first case was a winner. If ever there was a David and Goliath situation it was the scene I saw when I walked into Judge Debevoise's Newark courtroom. There must have been twenty attorneys representing the Corp., the Port, the EPA and the unions. The environmental community was represented by two, one a recent law school graduate. Money was beaten by hard work, talent and being right. This should confirm our belief that it is worth the effort to take on big money and big government. We can't win every time but we will never win unless we are willing to take a risk and put in the effort. This has been a difficult year for those of us who care about the environment. Our current federal and state legislatures are not demonstrating a commitment to the environment. This victory is the best Christmas present.

## The Future of Barnegat Bay

By Marie De Saules

*(reprinted from December 1995)*

Barnegat Bay is an estuary located in Ocean County stretching from the Point Pleasant canal to Little Egg Harbor inlet. An estuary is a coastal area where fresh water from rivers and streams mixes with salt water from the ocean. Over 400,000 people live along the shores of Barnegat Bay, this population doubles in the summer. It is also home to many plants, animals, fish, crustaceans and shell fish. The bay provides spawning grounds, nurseries and an abundant food source to support its habitants and with its natural filtering system protects it's marine life and the quality of the water. The bay also provides a natural barrier to protect the estuaries and land areas from severe impact due to coastal storms and flooding. The economy of the Barnegat Bay area is based upon its natural beauty, recreational activities and the bountiful marine life that it produces.

In July 1995, Barnegat Bay was designated by the Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the National Estuary Program, which was established by an act of Congress to protect and restore our coastal estuaries. The main goals of the program are to protect and improve water quality and enhance its natural living resources.

On December 2, 1995 a kick-off workshop was held in Toms River N.J. An open invitation was extended to all the residents of Ocean County to join in an ambitious effort to help develop a comprehensive conservation and management plan (CCMP) for the bay. New Jersey Departmental of Environmental Protection Commissioner Robert Shinn and Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Jeanne M. Fox welcomed about 100 people to the workshop. Also in attendance were Congressman James Saxton, Ocean County Freeholder Director Jack Kelly, other officials from county and local governments and concerned citizens representing many user groups of Barnegat Bay.

This workshop was held to set up a list of suggestions and projects to help develop a sound management program for the bay. \$1,500,000 of E.P.A. funds will be used over the next 3 years for science, education and environmental problems along the 50 mile stretch of Barnegat Bay.

Robert Tudor of the Department of Environmental Protection advised taking local control of matters now handled by state and federal agencies. He and others stressed that the process of management must be completely open to the public.

Theresa Fowler, a State D.E.P. planner, said the estuary program is soliciting people to join its citizen advisory committee, local government committee, and science and technical committee.

**Those interested in participating please contact:**

Theresa Fowler  
N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Office of Environmental Planning  
CN 418  
Trenton NJ, 08625-0418

**Report illegal dumping to:**

Ocean County Prosecutors Office  
1-800-535-DUMP

**Other participating groups and persons are:**

- Barnegat Bay Watershed Association, 908-505-3671
- Jersey Coast Anglers Association, 908-506-6565
- Alliance for a Living Ocean, 609-492-0222
- Scott Tyrrell NJDEP Water Supply, 609-292-2957
- Joe Mattle NJDEP Sewage, 609-777-0172
- Elizabeth Rosenblatt, NJDEP nonpoint Source pollution, 609-633-1349

**Officers Bust 3 for Poaching Striped Bass on Manasquan River**

By Dan Radel, Asbury Park Press, 11/16/2018

Three Pennsylvania fishermen were caught in the act of poaching 87 striped bass on the Manasquan River, including 46 undersized bass.

One of the men had a prior conviction for poaching striped bass and has had his fishing privileges revoked, according to state Department of Environmental Protection spokesperson Larry Hajna.

The New Jersey Conservation Officer Association posted the incident to its Facebook this week, however, the three men were apprehended this summer and plead guilty to the charges in Brielle Municipal Court in September.

Conservation Police Officer James Woerner, and Conservation Police Detective Christopher

Moscatiello were alerted that fishermen were harvesting striped bass illegally by the New Jersey Transit railroad tracks, which span the river.

Woerner and Moscatiello then conducted an overnight patrol on Aug. 28, along the river in Brielle and observed three fishermen suspected of harvesting large numbers of undersized striped bass.

The officers stopped two of the fishermen as they were on their way back to their vehicle and inspected their catch.

The officers found the fishermen to be in possession of 31 undersized striped bass, according to the post. An officer then went out along the railroad tracks and scooped up a third fisherman, who was found to be in possession of 15 undersized striped bass.

The fishermen were issued court-mandatory summonses for possession of undersized and over-limit striped bass. The three men appeared in court September 25. They are:

- Domingo Rodriguez, 51, of Bethlehem, PA pleaded guilty to one charge of possession of 15 undersized striped bass and one charge of possession of 13 striped bass over the daily limit. A combined penalty of \$2,512 was assessed, plus court costs.
- Luis A. Rivera Feliciano, 37, of Allentown, PA pleaded guilty to one charge of possession of 14 undersized striped bass, and one charge of possession of 12 striped bass over the daily limit. A combined penalty of \$2,012 was assessed, plus court costs.
- Victor M. Rivas, 52, of Bethlehem, PA pleaded guilty to one charge of possession of 17 undersized striped bass and one charge of possession of 16 striped bass over the daily limit. A combined penalty of \$3,012 was assessed, plus court costs.

Rivas had a prior conviction in 2015 for striped bass violations. Rivas' hunting and freshwater fishing license privileges are now suspended for two years in New Jersey.

New Jersey has no saltwater fishing license and so there is nothing to preclude Rivas from continuing to saltwater fish.

The suspension has been reported to the 46 other member states of the Interstate Wildlife Violator's Compact, which may impose license suspensions as well.

New Jersey regulations permit fishermen to harvest one striped bass between 28 and 43 inches, and one striped bass over 43 inches.

# Summary of Presentations on Windmills for Recreational Anglers

*By John Toth*

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, I and about 40 other recreational anglers attended a meeting at the Langosta Lounge in Asbury Park to hear presentations on windmills by Zach Cockrun, Director of Conservation Partnerships for the National Federation of Wildlife, and Captain Dave Monti, a Rhode Island charter captain who is very familiar with the operation of the five windmills currently in place at Block Island. These presentations, unlike the two others I attended on July 9<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, were geared just for recreational anglers so that we could better understand this huge windmill project that will be in New Jersey's waters in the near future.

I took notes of this meeting and after a few days, I sent an email to Zach Cockrun asking him questions as follow up to it. Below are the questions and answers exactly as written by me and as answered by him. Nothing was edited for publication.

**Question** - On one of the boards, there was a statement that anglers have guaranteed access to the windmills. Who is the guarantor for this access? Does it cover all of the windmills since there are a number of developers for different windmill locations? Will we see a signed document to this effect?

**Answer** - Every developer we have spoken to has said they will not restrict access. As far as I know most are on public record, but it is a good reason to show up to hearings to get them to say it on record. BOEM and the Coast Guard have also said they don't have plans to enforce access restrictions outside of construction.

We're trying to find the best mechanism for getting it in writing, but would also be happy to look into meeting with NJ officials to express access concerns.

**Question** - "Nothing has been set in stone" is the phrase we have been hearing, but is the scallop/clammer sites still set to have windmills on

them? If this happens, not only will the commercial fishermen be put out of business, but we will be also destroying prime areas that produce this food source we consume. The ocean is vast and can these windmills be moved to alternate locations? Given the talk about compensation to commercial anglers, it seems to me that the decision to put windmills on these sites has already been determined. Is that true?

**Answer** - Siting the windmills is dependent on a variety of factors – bottom type, navigation, wildlife impacts, and avoiding, when possible, fishing grounds. Conflicts with scallopers is definitely still a possibility despite efforts to minimize those conflicts. In the case of the Vineyard Wind project in MA, the developer worked with scallopers to change the layout of the wind farm to improve their ability to operate in the area. They are reducing the number of turbines, and changing the direction of the arrangement as well as adding a 4 mile transit zone through the middle. Finally, they are likely to increase the distance to 1 mile between each turbine to help gear move through the wind farm area.

Even all of that said, mitigation will likely be necessary as there will still be impacts. However, I think it is very unlikely that even numerous wind farms lead to the end of this industry.

**Question** - These questions are more for confirmation purposes – there will be about 400 windmills deployed, they will be about 460 feet in height, and once they are all deployed, how many homes are they expected to illuminate? Also, will the energy produced by them be solely used by New Jersey residents or will the energy be sent to other states? Also, what will be the length/width of one blade?

**Answer** - A 3,500 mw commitment is between about 350 and 580 turbines, depending on technology. Current offshore wind turbines are 6MW each and would need more. I think it is more likely by the time the first wind farm in NJ gets developed that turbines will be 8-10MW and require fewer.

They are approximately 300 feet to the turbine hub. A blade is Approximately 225 feet long. So a blade at the peak will make the entire structure 525 feet tall.

3,500 mws of offshore wind power will power at least 1.1 million homes. This is a conservative estimate. The power is being purchased by New Jersey to meet its renewable energy goals.

**Question** - The windmills are expected to supply 3,500 megawatts by 2030. Is this four times the future energy needs of our state as I have written in my notes?

**Answer** - The total potential generation of offshore wind from Maine to North Carolina could meet 4 times the country's energy demand. It is not realistic that we would build this much offshore windmills, but we say it to point out how big the potential for energy generation is. Only a fraction of that can meet the needs of coastal states in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

**Question** - What is the total area of the ocean that these windmills will cover including the spaces between them? In regard to this spacing, will it be enough for commercial boats to navigate through them?

**Answer** - The development farthest along will be between .8 and 1 nm apart – more than enough for commercial traffic. They also are including a transit lane 4 miles wide for ships moving through the wind farm.

By that standard, a 100 turbine farm, which would be an approximately 800mw project powering 250,000 homes would likely be around 100 square miles (not including transit zone).

**Question** - Captain Monti indicated that the 5 windmills by Block Island are not disrupting fish migrations etc. But his chart also indicated that the effects of multiple windmills (400) are not known. This is an issue of concern since anchoring this number of windmills will produce noise, the rotating blades will make noise, the cables will give off electro-magnetic effects, and the installation of the cables disrupting the ocean bottom will all have a negative effect on whales and other fishery migration patterns and also their habitats. Placing cables on the ocean floor for so many windmills will really tear it up and most certainly have a negative effect on a multitude of fisheries. Migrating birds, with this number of windmills, can also have the potential of being killed by them. Is there an environmental impact study in progress or planned in the near future to address these issues?

**Answer** - Yes. Each project will have to undergo an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Once produced, we can comment on the EIS to recommend other areas of study if things were

missed. One of the key elements of an EIS is it includes what are known as “cumulative impacts” – the idea is to assess impacts of the entire industry. So the first project will assess impacts of the planned 100 turbines. The second project will assess impacts of that project PLUS any existing projects. The idea is that as we slowly build these out over the next few years, we will learn more in ways that could inform how, when and where we build specific projects.

**Question** - We all know the corrosive nature of salt on everything and windmills will be exposed to salt 24/7. These windmills are supposed to have a lifetime of 25 years and the corrosive nature of salt can significantly reduce this lifetime. I remember you saying the developers must be bonded so that they can absorb financial losses due to this type of problem. Will this bond not only cover losses for unexpected maintenance issues, refurbishments of blades or even a total loss due to destruction by a storm like Sandy?

**Answer** - The engineering behind these turbines is incredible. They are built to withstand direct hits from category 3 hurricanes - much bigger than Sandy. The 25 year lifetime is a reasonable estimate. We just witnessed the first decommissioning of a wind farm that was built in 2001 in the UK. The firm decommissioned them because the units were not big enough to justify ongoing maintenance costs. That makes sense because they were first generation technology.

The bond wouldn't cover maintenance issues, but these firms know how to run wind farms. Orsted, one of the lease holders in NJ operates more than 1000 turbines across the world and knows what the maintenance costs will be for these farms.

**FYI** - At another windmill meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Long Branch, BOEM representatives seemed to be receptive to having developers in the process of installing windmills to remove phantom cables lying on the ocean floor that have broken off commercial boats and are a big nuisance to all ocean vessels. You may want to consider this task as part of the Scope of Work for future developers.

**Answer** - We' certainly be willing to look into this!

In regard to meeting with New Jersey officials as Zach indicated in his answer to me about guaranteed access, I plan to contact individuals in our recreational community who can assist us in trying to have this access guaranteed.

## **Offshore Wind Power - Fisherman's Update**

*Capt. Paul Eidman, Board member &  
Forage Fish Committee Chairman*

Oct 18, 2018, 35 recreational fishermen attended an informational meeting held by Anglers for Offshore Wind Power at the Langosta Restaurant in Asbury Park, NJ. Fishermen listened to a summary of wind-farm development plans scheduled for New Jersey, and Rhode Island charter captain Dave Monti presented to share his experiences with the Block Island Wind Farm through planning, construction and operation. While Europe has had offshore wind farms for over 25 years, the five-turbine wind farm powering 17,000 homes and businesses since 2016 on Block Island is the ONLY offshore wind farm in the USA. This unique project currently offers an opportunity for learning about offshore wind and how anglers can engage in the development process and make sure that future projects are designed and sited correctly.

I recently signed on with Anglers for Offshore Wind Power, (a project of the National Wildlife Federation), as the NJ recreational fisheries advocate. They sponsored the meeting and the group's mission is to provide anglers with the information and resources needed to play a part in ensuring ocean wind farms are responsibly developed. Please check out the website and [sign on](#) to the group's principles if you agree and would like to participate in the upcoming wind farm decision-making process.

Capt. Monti spoke about the new habitat created and abundance of fish being caught in the Block Island Wind Farm Area, i.e., porgy (scup), black sea bass, summer flounder, cod, bluefish and striped bass. Turbine foundations there have acted as artificial reef structure creating new fish habitat. Video footage of the bases shows mussel growth with scup and black sea bass feeding and larger fish such as striped bass and bluefish circling the bases interested in feeding on the smaller fish. Fishermen at the meeting said they question where the New Jersey turbines would be sited with concerns about them being in high-traffic areas as well as in areas where scallops and ocean clams are presently

harvested commercially. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has been collecting information about new areas where wind energy development could occur. Both New York and New Jersey have expressed concerns about proposed sites, while both states still push for ambitious wind development goals.

Later on in October I was lucky enough to see for myself and check out what the fishing was like up at the wind farm. I packed my rod up, hopped on the Amtrak to avoid the traffic and took the 4-hour journey up to Point Judith. We went out on the Seven B's party boat and late October seas and winds were nasty and I was very happy to be out on a big boat instead of my 20 ft center console back home. We used clam baits on double hook rigs with 8 to 10 ounces of lead in 90 feet of water. My braided line rod & reel setup really paid off as the currents were very strong and the extra sensitivity was key. The black sea bass and porgies were stacked up around the platforms and we had a great time catching some really nice ones, along with several double headers.

Rec anglers should know that the state of New Jersey plans to generate 3,500 megawatts of clean energy through wind power over the next 12 years (this is enough energy to power approximately 1.5 million homes). This is the largest offshore wind energy commitment of any state to date. Anglers for Offshore Wind Power's mission is to make sure our concerns for safety and those to safeguard the fish and habitat are addressed as ocean wind farms develop. Pollution from fossil fuels is harming our fishing in multiple ways, and offshore wind is a clean energy source that can benefit fishing. But it must be done right.

There are several projects on the table right now that Jersey folks need to be aware of, ranging from Sandy Hook all the way down to the Delaware Bay. These projects are going to happen a lot sooner than most people think, so please get ready to move quickly and attend the meetings as they come up. We are talking about "steel in the water" as quickly as 2020! Basically, wherever you live in New Jersey you are going to be able to get on a boat and fish these platforms in the very near future.

Project names represent what they refer to as "lease areas" and are set for exploration by developers. They are drawn out very large now but will shrink as actual sites are selected. All are in federal waters in the EEZ. From North to South the areas are identified as Equinor and Hudson North. Think of a big triangle in the NY/NJ Bight off 17+ miles. Hudson South think of



another triangle from Barnegat to Margate, then a smaller rectangle called US Wind and Ocean Wind but these are closer to shore, about 10 miles off, and the lease area is roughly from Harvey Cedars down to Hereford Inlet.

Note that important information about these projects and public comment submission can be found here as it comes up. See the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's website: [www.boem.gov](http://www.boem.gov).

Note that the "Fisherman's Energy project" which is now called the "Nautilus project" right off of Atlantic City is still under consideration at this time. This would be the only wind farm to be in state waters, located 2.8 miles off Atlantic City and would be a small wind farm.

Capt. Paul is on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Please Find, follow and share posts:

Look for: Menhaden Defenders, River Herring Rescue, Reel Therapy Fishing Charters, Anglers Conservation Network Anglers for Offshore Wind Power and @paulyfish

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## **Sportsperson of the Year Dinner**

*By Paul Turi, Co-Chairman*

On Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we held the JCAA Sportsperson-of-the-Year dinner to honor this year's Sportsperson-of-the-Year, Arnie Ulrich. Also being honored at the dinner were Mike and Debbie Bennett of Boating Education and Rescue (B.E.A.R.), for the JCAA Youth Education Award.

On behalf of JCAA I'd like to thank all those who attended the dinner to honor Arnie Ulrich and Mike & Debbie Bennett. I'd also like to thank Dan Miller, co-chairman of the dinner, his wife Heather, Paul & Linda Haertel for the magnificent job they did with the tricky tray items, John Toth, Don & Al Marantz, Greg Kucharewski, Frank Richetti, Bill Browne and Tom Fote. I'd also like to thank Mark Taylor who did a great job as our Master of Ceremonies again this year.

I'd also like to thank our guest speakers, Mike Pentony, Administrator for the Greater Atlantic Region for NOAA and Congressman Frank Pallone. Congressman Pallone never seems to miss our dinner and greatly supports the work that JCAA does on

behalf of recreational fishermen. He supports recreational fishermen in NJ and is always there when we need him to advocate our position to the powers that be.

Again, the dinner was a huge success this year and on behalf of JCAA I'd like to thank and recognize our many sponsors who are listed below.

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## Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series in New Atlantic City Venue!

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The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series 2019 tour will again land in New Jersey, but at a new venue. The February 9 presentation will be held inside the Crown Ballroom of the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel (Two Convention Boulevard, Atlantic City). 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 Alan Lee** – Veteran canyon- and bottom fishing pro with over 40 years of experience at catching game fish off the Jersey coast, with *Mushin Sportfishing!*
- **Melissa Toro** – Authority on fishing South Jersey's back bays and a specialist at catching fluke and blackfish in and around the waters of Atlantic City!
- **Captain Dan Ponzio** – Atlantic City-based specialist at catching trophy striped bass and canyon fishing for tunas with *War Dance Charter Fishing!*
- **Captain Nick Stanczyk** – Noted Islamorada, Florida Keys-based offshore pro and a pioneer of catching day time swordfish aboard his charter boat "*Broad Minded*"!

- **Jason Szabo** – Distinguished specialist at fishing New Jersey's back bays/rivers, inshore and mid-range waters as well as deep-dropping and tuna fishing at the canyons!
- **Captain Tyler Fruits** – Noted offshore pro and a renowned authority on fishing South Jersey's back bays and oceanside waters for fluke, blackfish and striped bass!
- **Captain Rick Lamb** – Noted Barnegat Bay-based authority on catching trophy striped bass!
- **Captain Mike Goodwine** – Renowned Florida-based guide who specializes in catching trophy flounder and black drum with *Blackneck Adventures Fishing Charters!*
- **Captain David Wicker** – Noted authority on using marine electronics to locate and catch more fish!
- **Captain Alan Wenzel** – South Florida-based authority on offshore live-baiting and trolling as well as conventional- and deep-drop bottom-fishing!

Courses for the February 9th 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; Day swordfishing!

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

The ticket price covers five hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a course textbook, one-year subscription or extension to Salt Water Sportsman, one Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis, bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, bottle of Star tron fuel treatment, bottle of Star brite Xtreme Clean, bottle of Corrosion Block, a \$ 10.00 Bass Pro Shops discount card (off any purchase of \$ 75.00 or more), and chances to win thousands of dollars' worth of door prizes! The Grand Prize at the conclusion of the Jersey seminar is a Florida Keys fishing trip! The Super Grand Prize, to be awarded two weeks after the conclusion of the 2019 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 has sold out in advance the previous five years. To pay with Visa, MasterCard or American Express, call **800-448-7360**, or to register on-line visit: [www.nationalseminarseries.com](http://www.nationalseminarseries.com).

## Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

### 2018 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

This year Mike and Debbie Bennett of Boating Education and Rescue (B.E.A.R.) received the 2018 Youth Education Award at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. We appreciate all the hard work that Mike and Debbie do to teach our young people about NJ HOFNOD, conservation and protecting the environment. The couple organized fishing derbies, archery programs, and environmental activities at local parks for school age children and their families. Along with providing programs for special needs children, disabled veterans, and active duty military, they travel to

schools throughout New Jersey and teach youngsters about aquatic education programs.



*Congratulations to Mike and Debbie Bennett*

During the remainder of this year B.E.A.R. will assist Tim Brennan, Health and Physical Education teacher at Brick High Schools NJ HOFNOD programs that are in the curriculum at both Brick high schools.

The JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner was very well attended. We appreciate all the support from our sponsors and friends that joined us for an evening of celebration and fun.

### NJ HOFNOD

New Jersey DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife's NJ Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs (HOFNOD) training sessions will start again in 2019. Please check their website and stop by their booth at upcoming outdoor shows to learn how you can become a certified NJ HOFNOD instructor.

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association will provide training funds for upcoming NJ HOFNOD workshops. You must be a member of JCAA to receive training funds. To receive an application from the JCAA Youth Education Committee, email: [gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gkucharews@jcaa.org).



*NJ HOFNOD support at Kid's Wish 'n To Go Fish 'n Ponderosa Estates Farm, Millstone, NJ*

NJ HOFNOD is coordinated by Liz Jackson, HOFNOD Coordinator DEP Fish & Wildlife. Please contact Liz to learn more about the benefits of becoming a NJ HOFNOD instructor at 908-637-4125 x122 or e-mail at Liz.Jackson@dep.nj.gov.

Mark Gintert, Executive Director Future Fisherman Foundation, sent an announcement about something new from FFF HOFNOD. FFF signed an agreement with a company called Color-On's that provide a color-able Iron-on Design that students participating in HOFNOD programs as well as any other events can color and then directly iron on to their T-Shirts. This is great for educators with younger anglers.

Visit Color-On's. They have special pricing of these items and developed three standard items with smaller quantities at great price points. The Iron-On's will work great with any type of youth fishing events as the Students can work on these and then immediately have them pressed onto their own T-Shirts.

### **VETERAN'S VISIT BRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

On October 25th we were invited to Brick Memorial High School to participate in the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 12 School Program. Members gave an account of how they served their country and showed ROTC and Brick Fishing Club students a variety of items that was used during the war. David Drummond, Captain U.S. Air Force POW survivor discussed his experiences and what it was like to be a prisoner of war. Former Captain Drummond was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at Newark College of Engineering. He also brought several personal items that were on display and students had plenty of questions to ask us.

Students also participated in a skit of what it was like to be an army private during basic training. This is very funny. View how VVA Chapter 12, Drill Instructor Don Davison, Army First Sergeant Ret. shouts out a "command of execution" to students. This was all in fun and students enjoyed the program as well as veterans in attendance.

During December, Play HOOK-e veterans that are certified NJ HOFNOD instructors are scheduled to help students learn about fly tying and rod/reel maintenance.

### **JERSEY SHORE SURFCASTERS**

On Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> we presented a program at the Jersey Shore Surfcasters monthly meeting at the Knights of Columbus located in Brick, NJ. We explained to JSS club members how the veteran program Play HOOK-e from PTSD and NJ HOFNOD in Brick High School was expanding. We also explained how NJ Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs ties in with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 "Play HOOK-e from PTSD program for veterans. The two programs complement each other and veterans and students experience a new learning environment.

Veterans that complete NJ HOFNOD certified training work within their community to teach youngsters about fishing. Youngsters learn fishing skills and make veterans feel good about being part of the community.

We appreciate the continued support of the Jersey Shore Surfcasters and we look forward to working together during 2019. Don't forget to come out and support Surf Day on February 16, 2019 at Brookdale Community College, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, New Jersey 07738.

### **HIGH SCHOOL FISHING TEAMS**

New Jersey high school fishing teams are working on strategies for the 2019 Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. I know Toms River South HS Fishing Indians are guided by Paul Harris, NJBBA and their team is gearing up for the tournament. We expect the following schools to join the tournament: Manasquan HS Fishing Club, Toms River HS North, Delaware Valley Regional HS, Lacey Township HS Fishing Club, Brick HS Fishing Clubs, Gateway Regional HS, Manahawkin HS, and Howell HS.

NJBBA is hosting with Toms River South High School Fishing Club, 2019 Fishing Flea Market, Saturday - January 26, 2019, Toms River South HS, held in the Cafeteria Melrose Drive Entrance (Off Hooper Ave), Toms River, NJ 08753.

This year's Lacey Township High School Fishing Club Fisherman's Flea Market will be on Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9 AM to 2 PM. It will be held at the Lacey Township High School Gymnasium at 73 Haines Street in Lanoka Harbor.