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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:
Tuesday, December 30th, 2008
Starting at 7:30 PM
At The JCAA OFFICE
NEXT JCAA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Thursday, January 15th, 2009
Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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**December 30th JCAA General Meeting at
the JCAA Office**

**Brick is doing construction at its community
center and until its finish we will be holding the
JCAA General meetings at JCAA Office**

JCAA office building is located at 1201 Route 37 East in Toms River. The meeting room is on the lower level of this building. The JCAA office can be easily found by looking for a Saturn dealership on your right side while driving on Route 37 East. Make the right turn right after this dealership and the JCAA office is immediately on your left side. There are many ways to get to the JCAA office, but an easy way is to take the Garden State Parkway to the # 82 exit and drive east on Route 37 for about 2 to 3 miles.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 30th JCAA General Meeting

January 8-11 Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

January 8th NJ Marine Fisheries Council Meeting

**January 10 Salt Water Sportsman National
Seminar Series**

January 13th Fish & Game Council Meeting

January 15th JCAA Board Meeting

February 2nd -5th ASMFC Meeting

February 4-8 AC Boat Show

March 20-22 Somerset Saltwater Expo .

**Salt Water Sportsman National
Seminar Series Returns To
Atlantic City! January 10th 09**

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The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will kick off its 2009 Tour in Atlantic City on Saturday, January 10. Trump Marina Hotel & Casino will host the 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. presentation inside their Grand

Cayman Ballroom. **George Poveromo** – Host of George Poveromo’s World of Saltwater Fishing on ESPN2, and Editor-At-Large for Salt Water Sportsman, will headline the program, along with **Gary Caputi** – Field Editor for Salt Water Sportsman.

Joining Poveromo and Caputi in Atlantic City will be **Capt. Tim Smith** - Noted skipper of the Bodacious who produced the 110-pound New Jersey state record black drum. Smith excels at catching trophy stripers, fluke, drum and tuna; **Capt. Trey Rhyne** - Noted expert at fishing the canyons off the mid Atlantic and Northeast, and owner of the Over Under Charters operation; **Captain Lou Grazioso** – Trophy striped bass authority and a specialist at catching jumbo fluke and weakfish. Grazioso also fishes in South Jersey for tuna; **Dan Sheeler** - Noted offshore trolling and chunking pro who specializes in catching dolphin, tuna, sharks, and marlin; **Captain John Grzymko** – Noted authority on catching fluke, back bay stripers, weakfish, blackfish, sea bass and tuna; **Harry Vernon III** - Nationally-recognized authority on offshore trolling, live-baiting and jigging, and catching swordfish during the day. Vernon owns Capt. Harry’s Fishing Supply in Miami; and **Captain Dave Showell** – Distinguished authority on fishing the back bays as well as catching trophy fluke and weakfish!

Courses for the January 10 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; 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!

A ticket to the Seminar Series costs \$ 55.00, and includes: a New for 2009 comprehensive Textbook, a One-Year subscription or extension to Salt Water Sportsman Magazine, One Roffer’s Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis (offshore tuna, dolphin and marlin only), a 16-ounce bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, One spool of Sufix fishing line, and a \$ 20.00 discount card to

Capt. Harry’s Fishing supply (based on a purchase of \$ 150.00 or more).

The names of all attendees of the Atlantic City seminar will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing to win an incredible bonefishing excursion to the Bimini Sands Resort and Marina. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the seminar that day, and one lucky person will win the trip for two! In addition, the names of all attendees from the 2009 Seminar Series Tour will be entered into the drawing for the Super Grand Prize - a brand new Mako 18LTS Light Tackle Skiff! The drawing for the boat will take place one week after the completion of the final seminar on the tour, and one lucky winner will take home the boat!

To order tickets by phone with a major credit card, call 1-800-448-7360. For more information – visit: www.nationalseminarseries.com

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

By John Toth

Where did the year go? Time just seems to be moving faster!

New Operations Manager on board! - One of the big stories for 2008 is that the JCAA has hired a full-time Operations Manager to provide us with a better focus on what we need to do. The JCAA has mailings that need to get out, bills to pay, newsletters that have to be printed, a Fluke Tournament that has to be organized, press releases that have to get done and a wide variety of other duties. All of this work is hard to accomplish with mostly a volunteer staff.

A lot of work went into the selection process for this new position. We first developed the job responsibilities (which was no easy task), and placed ads for this position in The Fisherman, the Asbury Park Press, the Star Ledger and the NY Times. We received about 50 responses to these ads and after reviewing all of them, we determined that 12 resumes met our job criteria, and after further review, we decided to interview seven leading candidates. I detail this lengthy process to let you know that we wanted to get the **best** person to help lead the JCAA in performing its needed tasks and, more importantly, develop new programs and strategies to make it a stronger organization.

The JCAA Selection Committee decided that Ms. Sharon McKenna will be our new Operations Manager and she will start her job with the JCAA in January 2009. We picked Sharon because of her excellent communication skills, her extensive

background in fishing-related issues and her experience in the political arenas of Trenton and Washington which will come in handy when we want to argue for legislation that helps recreational anglers. We have asked Sharon to prepare an article for the JCAA's next newsletter that gives more information about her and what she wants to accomplish for the JCAA. So please welcome Sharon McKenna to the JCAA!

JCAA Dinner Dance – This was a really nice and elegant event with Governor Corzine as our main speaker. I have to say that Governor Corzine really enjoyed our event and walked around the room shaking hands and meeting anglers. It also gave us opportunities to mix business and pleasure by getting the Governor's ear on the issues that are important to us. Dr. Pat Donnelly was presented with our JCAA Sportsman of the Year award and brought many members of his family and friends to see him get the award. Approximately 175 people attended the dinner that featured very good food, music and a huge amount of prizes to be won. Our 50/50 prize swelled to \$1,000! Incredibly, one of Dr. Pat Donnelly's sons won this nice prize and walked away with \$1,000. Not bad for a night out with dad!

When will Recreational Anglers Get a Bailout! – Every day the newspapers have stories about companies, banks and Wall Street getting a financial bailout. The recreational fishing industry, and that includes party and charter boats, the boating industry, and of course tackle shops and tackle manufactures, are all suffering during this economic downturn. What the recreational industry needs is a bailout that is not financial in nature, but one that is a bailout from the onerous and arbitrary regulations that are imposed on it from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that are ruining the recreational fishing industry. A minimum fluke size of 18 inches caused many anglers to stop fishing for them since they can't catch enough of them for even a nice meal, so what is the sense of going fishing? Our winter flounder season has been severely cut back. The sea bass quota has been cut back by 45% with little to no evidence to justify it. Tony Bogan and I attended a hearing in Philadelphia this summer when this cutback was announced and we protested the lack of survey information to justify this severe reduction in sea bass. It did not even get a response from these so-called fishery managers. Willie Egerter, Captain of the Dauntless, made a plea to the

same people about doing something about the dogfish problem and that fell on deaf ears. It is estimated that the dogfish consume 25% of the fluke stock. I don't need to go on, but all of this mismanagement and their lousy survey methods are wreaking havoc on the recreational fishing industry and it is dying a slow and painful death. **We need a bailout from NMFS to place the recreational industry on a path of recovery!**

Upcoming Winter Shows - The following winter shows are coming up and we need volunteers to staff them. You do not have to stay the entire day and you can also catch a break to walk around and see the show. Volunteers also get free admission.

January 8-11 - Garden State Outdoor Sportsman Show

January 10th – Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar

February 4-8 – AC Boat Show

March 20 – 22nd – Somerset Saltwater Expo
JCAA's Mark Taylor coordinates these shows and he can be reached at (732) 929-2591. His email address is MTSPORT64@aol.com

Elections – The President and First Vice President positions are still open and we need to fill them ASAP. I know that many members are busy with their families and other responsibilities. However, please consider volunteering to serve in one of these positions. You can make a difference! If you have any questions, you can call me at (732) 656-0139 or email me at tothjohn@verizon.net

I also wish you and your families **Happy Holidays** and a very prosperous and healthy **New Year!**

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT & LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Thomas Fote

December Joint Meeting of ASMFC & MAFMC

John Toth from the Raritan Bay Anglers Club and I traveled together to Montauk for this joint meeting to set the recreation specifications for summer flounder, black seabass and scup. Montauk is not an easy place to get to from anywhere and the place we stayed at was expensive as usual. I complained when I was a commissioner over 10

years ago that this was not the place to hold a meeting in December but the MAFMC does not seem to care about the public since they are getting paid to attend the meetings and the lodging and meals are picked up by the taxpayers. They do not care how inconvenient the spot is for the public and what it costs to get there but what else is new. They also had the meeting before wave 5 numbers were in which made no sense since they had to use previous years' numbers which do not reflect the 2008 fishing year. They set the specs on their best guess.

I testified that they needed to stay with state by state conservation equivalency as that is the only fair option at this time. The ASMFC & MAFMC did the only thing they really could under the current low quotas and stock assessment and allowed for state by state conservation equivalency. Some states complained about using the year 1998 for setting the quota. I was part of that long debate and 1998 was the only compromise agreeable to everyone. By picking 1998, instead of any other year or combination of years, New Jersey got the smallest amount of quota. However, I understand the pain in other states. I testified as a commissioner and as a member of the public that there needs to be a retrospective analysis that considers what is happening with the MRFS numbers in New York and other states. Summer flounder stock assessment and management make no sense. This entire plan was designed originally so we would increase the spawning stock biomass to increase recruitment. What came out of the Stock Assessment Workshop this year on summer flounder is that there is no correlation between spawning stock biomass and recruitment. Remember, we have had larger recruitment with 20% of the spawning stock biomass than we have now. In other stocks where this is prevalent we are allowed to fish at higher quotas. But the NMFS scientists and managers at the Northeast Center seem totally unable to admit a mistake and insist on repeating their errors by demanding smaller and smaller quotas for summer flounder. I will go in more depth on this in the February JCAA Newspaper.

Scup was the same old story and this is where the institutional memory is so important. I pointed out to the MAFMC, ASMFC and NMFS scientists that when we designed this plan in 1993 we stated that the recreational catch has no impact on the stock. Discards in the directed fishery and the bycatch in other fisheries that are discarded exceed

the entire recreational catch. In 2008, after 14 years of managing scup, the discard is still greater than the recreational catch and almost exceeds the recreational and commercial catch combined. We know that restrictions on the recreational catch will not impact on the stocks. However, the managers are still going to needlessly restrict the catch of scup even further.

I realize when I write these articles on scup, seabass and summer flounder, they sound just like the articles I have written for the last 10 years. We know the system is broken and NMFS has done little to fix it. In truth the budget cuts at NOAA have made it even worse. They are taking money away from NMFS fisheries to fund their own research. Bruce Freeman and I will be writing more in depth articles for the next JCAA Newspaper. The arrogance of the NMFS and the regional director is reflected in the discussion about whether we should have a 30 or 50 fish bag limit on scup. Their own statistics from MRFS show there is no impact on the scup stocks once the size limit is set at 12 inches for a 30 or 50 fish bag limit. It makes no difference since it is rare for anyone to catch that many scup at 12 inches and it is statistically insignificant. The party and charter boats would have been helped by advertising the larger bag limit but no one at NMFS, the MAFMC or ASMFC would support this move. Again, it just shows they are totally indifferent to the needs of the recreational industry and could care less.

Lisa Jackson Nominated to Head EPA

Last month we were talking about Lisa Jackson leaving the DEP to become Governor Corzine's Chief of Staff. I think Lisa has set a new record for the shortest term as Chief of Staff. You all know that President-Elect Obama has nominated Lisa as the head of EPA. If anyone needed proof that President-Elect Obama was truly committed to the environment, his nomination of Lisa is all the proof we ever needed.

Her tenure in DEP showed that she is able to balance the competing interests that surround every environmental issue. The perfect example was the never-ending subway car/artificial reef issue. She looked at the issue, evaluated all the information and made the decision based on the merits, not the politics. That has been true of her decision-making process on many issues. I have also known Lisa as a fellow Policy Board Member on the Barnegat Bay

Estuary Program. Under her guidance, DEP's commitment has grown in a very positive manner. New Jersey has 3 National Estuary Programs that Lisa worked on as head of DEP. She will now have all of the national estuary programs as part of her responsibility.

We couldn't ask for a better person at the helm. Lisa is always strongly aware of another issue important to JCAA, the dangers posed by endocrine disruptors in our drinking water and in the environment. We know she will keep this important issue front and center.

Governor Corzine has our sympathy. Replacing Lisa will be a difficult task. But I am sure he also understands how important it is to have someone of her caliber and with her credentials on the national level. New Jersey's loss is certainly the nation's gain.

On a personal note, one of my fishing buddies and good friends is headed to Washington, DC. She goes with my best wishes for her and her family and my absolute confidence that she will do New Jersey proud. I've already told her I expect her to be our guest speaker at next year's JCAA dinner since her commitment to the transition team was the only acceptable excuse to miss this year's.

Federal Registry and Saltwater Fishing License

We are still waiting for the final rules on the saltwater registry. It makes no sense to rewrite last month's article since nothing has changed. The article is posted on the JCAA webpage at jcaa.org. Look it up in the archives under the December Newspaper. JCAA is still committed to holding a meeting as soon as the rules are published. We are still waiting for volunteers to serve on a committee to review the rules, look at all the options and make recommendations to the full JCAA membership. If you care about this topic, please notify your club so you can be their representative for these discussions. If you have any questions, email me.

Legislative and Fisheries Management Agenda

The New Jersey Legislature has been back in session since the election. We are still waiting for action on several bills. The Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs bill was passed by the Assembly. We still need the Senate Appropriation's Committee to hear this bill before it can be posted for vote by the full Senate. We have been told by Senator Sweeney and Senator Buono that they will post this bill as soon as

their committee completes its work on the economic stimulus package.

The Pots Off the Reef Bill has made no progress in the Assembly. It passed the Senate and the Assembly remains the roadblock as it was during the last session. We must keep reminding Assembly Speaker Roberts that this bill is of great importance to the recreational fishing industry and the recreational anglers of New Jersey. Working with Assembly Speaker Roberts is a task that should be a priority for the New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus.

Ken Jennings Appointment Held Up

Ken Jennings, Governor Corzine's nominee for the at-large seat on the NJ Marine Fisheries Council, is still awaiting confirmation by the NJ Senate. His name was posted for a vote by the Senate Judiciary Committee but was pulled by Senate President Cody after he received some erroneous information. We expect Senate President Cody to remedy this situation immediately. It is not true that adding Ken Jennings to the Council would upset the recreational/commercial balance. Presently, the commercial industry has 5 seats to the recreational 4.

Mr. Jennings would be the only representative from North of Manasquan, the only representative from an urban area and the first African American member of the council. I am concerned that commercial fishermen feel that being a recreational angler somehow disqualifies Mr. Jennings for an at-large seat. When I first got involved with the NJ Marine Fisheries Council and eventually became a member, Axel Carlson, until his death, sat in the at-large seat. As we all know, Axel made his living as a commercial fisherman for most of his life. When Axel asked JCAA to support his reappointment to the at-large seat, he received that support with enthusiasm because his expertise, not his previous jobs, was important to us.

We hope the Senate President lets this appointment be posted ASAP. I have included article from the Peter Grimblis that gives you more information about Mr. Jennings.

Vote NO on S.1921

JCAA testified against bill S.1921 sponsored by Senators Ciesla and Van Drew. This bill would restrict fishing and public access under the guise of national security. This bill passed the Assembly and

needs to be stopped in the Senate. We have been talking to Senator Smith, chairman of the Environmental Committee, and we hope he will not post this bill. We need to remain vigilant. I have included an article about the NJ Attorney General attempting to overturn a court decision that was unfavorable to public access. We are getting attacked on all fronts and are thankful that Governor Corzine and Attorney General Anne Milgram recognize the importance of public access.

Research Set-Asides: The Growing Problem

Bruce Freeman is working with others on a white paper on this issue. The more we learn, the more concerned we become. If Bruce's white paper is completed before the February Newspaper goes to press, we will post it on the JCAA webpage. As you know, I am returning as one of NJ's Commissioners to ASMFC. One of my first priorities will be this issue. Right now, we are giving up our quota to pay for research that NMFS should be doing under NOAA. We are essentially taxing commercial and recreational fishermen by reducing their quota to provide fish for sale by NMFS to fund their research. That makes no sense at all and totally corrupts the original intent of the program. I will not vote for research set asides until this is corrected. I am also calling on other council and commission members who represent commercial or recreation interests to refuse to vote on any set asides as well. I will keep you informed.

Going Back to Serve on the ASMFC

It was a good thing to have a break from serving on ASMFC representing New Jersey's interests. However, because of the seriousness of current decisions being made at ASMFC, I felt it was important to rethink my participation. In conversations with DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson and later in conversations with Governor Corzine, I offered to return to ASMFC as the Governor's Appointee if Governor Corzine wanted me to do so. I think the most important consideration for me is the loss of institutional memory at ASMFC. Of the 45 commissioners presently serving, only two (Senator Owen Johnson and Governor's Appointee Dr. Tim Targett) were commissioners when I first served as a commissioner in 1990. Some states have had 3 or more different state directors, legislative or Governor's appointees in that time period. I am grateful for the faith Governor Corzine has shown in my ability to serve as his appointee and am pleased

that New Jersey's Senators have returned me to this position. I would like to thank Senators Ciesla, Connors and Singer for their support.

It is my intention to be a strong voice for the citizens of New Jersey. As the Governor's Appointee, I represent him and all the citizens, not my own personal interests. As always, I intend to keep this process open to everyone and to push ASMFC to reopen their doors to debate and input from the public. I also think we need to look at the economic impact of regulations. That has been missing at the recent decision-making at ASMFC.

My other big concern is the work of the habitat committee and I intend to put in whatever time is required to make that committee important once again. You all know my concern about endocrine disruptors and the impact on stock rebuilding. My commitment to ASMFC (another volunteer job), will draw time from my other commitments. I am looking forward to the challenge and expect to hear from all of you, agree or disagree, as we move forward.

New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus

The New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus is a bipartisan assembly of political leaders and recreational outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen dedicated to advancing the state's conservation interests. I was not able to attend the inaugural meeting to establish this caucus. There are currently 26 Senators and Assembly members in the caucus. It was the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance that worked to create this caucus with Senator Sweeney and other legislators. This is similar to a federal model for issue specific caucuses. At the federal level, the Sportsman's Caucus is the largest caucus, reflecting the nation-wide support of hunting and fishing. The New Jersey Outdoor Alliance press release is included in this newspaper.

Fote is confirmed as ASMFC commissioner by Al Ristori/For The Star-Ledger Thursday December 18, 2008

Tom Fote of Toms River has been confirmed by the state Senate to once again be the governor's appointee to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).

Fote, who replaces Cape May commercial fishing representative Erling Berg, is legislative director of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association. He

served as governor's appointee, an unpaid position, from 1990-96, and again from 2002-05. Fote remained involved with the ASMFC in between his terms as the proxy for legislative appointees.

In his effort to close the New York budget gap, Gov. David Paterson has found the opening to foist a saltwater fishing license on his constituents and anyone else who might want to fish along the Empire State's coasts.

It won't be cheap, and there are no pretenses about better fishing opportunities or free boat ramps that anglers are going to get for their money. The fee for this new tax is set at \$19 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. Paterson is also proposing taxes on participant sports, which means there could be sales taxes imposed on party boat fares and charter fees in New York. All of that could take a big bite out of tourism to Montauk

Paterson further proposes to raise funds by placing a 5 percent luxury tax on various items, including boats selling for \$200,000 or more. When Congress applied a luxury tax on boats years ago, it proved to be an economic disaster resulting in layoffs at boat manufacturers that almost drove some out of business.

In addition to the 12-inch limit being placed on porgies in federal waters next year, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, at its recent meeting in Montauk, also reduced scup seasons to just Jan. 1 to Feb. 28 and Oct. 1 to 31 -- with a bag limit of 25.

They increased the sea bass minimum to 12½ inches, with the proviso that it can be lowered back to 12 inches at the next meeting if catch figures from Wave 5 of the Marine Recreational Fishing statistics survey doesn't indicate the overfishing that was projected.

I have included selections from the Asbury Park Press article on Lisa Jackson's nomination below:

Angler advocate Fote named to key fisheries commission
Asbury Park Press By Kirk Moore
December 17, 2008

TOMS RIVER — Longtime recreational fishing advocate, Thomas P. Fote, was confirmed this week as a New Jersey representative to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), the interstate panel that coordinates fisheries management and conservation policies among East Coast states.

The ASMFC is best known for its work on reviving the striped bass population, widely considered a major success story in a field that is as much about political arts as fisheries science. Fote was confirmed as the governor's appointee by the state Senate on Monday, a post he first served in from 1990 to 1996.

Between that term, another in 2002-2005, and serving as proxy for other New Jersey representatives, Fote figures he's spent 14 years making the case for New Jersey fishermen at commission meetings.

Fote said his first goal is "to make sure the process is as open as possible . . . the commission needs to be more accessible to fishermen." Economic impacts of management decisions loom even larger now with the recession, he added.

Federal regulators at the National Marine Fisheries Service "still refuse to use the economic data," Fote said. With restrictions on summer flounder, "we killed the party and charter boat business in New York, and we're killing it in New Jersey," he said. "The commission really needs to go its own way, and not always follow the lead of NMFS."

EPA pick praised for work in N.J.
Jackson had been top Corzine aide
By Todd B. Bates •December 16, 2008
Asbury Park Press

New Jersey environmental activists praised Monday's announcement of former state environmental commissioner Lisa P. Jackson to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, calling her a champion on climate protection issues.

Jackson, 46, of East Windsor, headed the state Department of Environmental Protection from early 2006 to Dec. 1, when she became Gov. Jon S. Corzine's chief of staff. President-elect Barack Obama selected her as part of his environmental and energy team on Monday.

"She has the talent and experience to continue this effort at the EPA," Obama said Monday in Washington as Jackson looked on. "Lisa also shares my commitment to restoring the EPA's robust role in protecting our air, our water and abundant natural resources so that our environment is cleaner and our communities are safer."

Jackson said it's a high calling to lead the EPA. "Now, more than ever, our country is in need of leadership on a host of urgent environmental

challenges," she said. "At the top of the list is climate change, which requires us to transform how we produce and use energy throughout the economy."

Jackson recognized that the DEP's hazardous waste cleanup process is "broken," said Hal Bozarth, executive director of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey, which has nearly 80 member companies. She committed to working on legislation that would eliminate the backlog of thousands of contaminated sites and streamline the process, he said.

On coastal issues, though, "I think she leaves an unfinished agenda on ocean and marine protection, which can be addressed through her leadership at the national level," said Cindy Zipf, executive director of Clean Ocean Action, a Sandy Hook-based coalition of 125 groups.

Zipf said she thinks Jackson's "greatest achievements are in raising the issue of climate change."

Tim Dillingham, executive director of the American Littoral Society, a Sandy Hook-based coastal conservation group, said "she had a good record" on coastal issues, including pushing for a moratorium on horseshoe crab harvesting to protect migratory birds and developing new public access rules.

Jackson, who joined the DEP in 2002, served as assistant commissioner for compliance and enforcement and later assistant commissioner for land use management before becoming commissioner in 2006, according to department spokeswoman Elaine Makatura.

Previously, she worked at the EPA's Region 2 office in New York City and had management jobs covering Superfund hazardous waste site cleanup work and enforcement, according to a biography on the state's Web site.

Jackson, a professional engineer and New Orleans native, received a master's degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University and a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Tulane University.

As DEP commissioner, Jackson "championed legislation to put New Jersey on the forefront of global warming solutions," according to a statement from Dena Mottola Jaborska, executive director of Environment New Jersey, a Trenton-based advocacy group.

The state Global Warming Response Act, signed by Corzine last year, commits New Jersey to returning global warming pollution to 1990 levels by

2020 and cutting it to 80 percent of 2006 levels by 2050, the statement says.

"Lisa is an environmentalist with the right combination of smarts, savvy, good government and pragmatism to advance strong science-based, environmental policy," said Amy Goldsmith, state director of the New Jersey Environmental Federation, in a statement.

Three of Jackson's top accomplishments as DEP head were: passing the Global Warming Response Act; new rules that limit development in flood-prone areas; and being a strong environmental advocate within a state administration and before a Legislature that has not prioritized environmental protection and sometimes weakened efforts, according to Goldsmith.

Janet Tauro of Brick, a member of Grandmothers, Mothers and More for Energy Safety, has been fighting a proposed 20-year license renewal for the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Lacey.

"We have gotten very good cooperation from the DEP and Lisa Jackson," Tauro said.

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**State wants its top court to overturn
beach-access ruling**
The Press of Atlantic City By Brian Ianieri
Thursday, December 18, 2008

AVALON - The state Attorney General's Office wants New Jersey's highest court to overturn a beach-access ruling that said the Department of Environmental Protection overstepped its authority in a case involving Avalon.

On Nov. 19, a state appellate court ruled the DEP had no authority to order shore towns to allow 24-hour beach access or to tell them where to put beachfront bathrooms.

Lee Moore, spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, said Wednesday that his office will file a brief to the Supreme Court outlining its arguments for appeal.

He did not comment on what those arguments would be.

A DEP spokeswoman referred questions about the appeal to the Attorney General's Office, which is handling the legal case. Anne Milgram is the state Attorney General.

Avalon sued in 2007 after the DEP set beach-access rules and other requirements and threatened to

withhold state funding if shore towns did not comply.

The state aid agreement asked shore municipalities to approve rules on 24-hour beach and bay access, public parking and bathrooms.

The regulations were designed to make New Jersey beaches and waterways more accessible.

But Avalon officials argue the regulations were too vague and potentially dangerous to beachgoers, requiring the borough to ask the state's permission if it needed to close beaches for public safety reasons.

The appellate court agreed with Avalon.

"The Legislature did not authorize the DEP to pre-empt the basic municipal power to manage and control municipally owned beaches, including deciding when those areas should open to the public," the court said.

The appellate court said the DEP's regulations "infringe upon the statutory powers of municipal government."

Also, the ruling said, the DEP alone does not have the authority to withhold shore-protection funds if municipalities do not provide additional parking spaces or restrooms close to the beach.

Other shore towns, including Stone Harbor and Surf City, followed the case closely because the state was requiring municipalities to sign the agreement or risk losing millions in funding for beach projects.

Avalon also argued the new rules could have cost them millions of dollars if the borough needed to use eminent domain to buy property to build parking lots and bathrooms near the beach.

Are NJ's beach access efforts washing away?

By Wayne Parry Associated Press Writer
December 20, 2008 Avalon, N.J

Looking forward to walking along that special stretch of New Jersey beach next summer? Not so fast.

Shore towns worried about high costs and courts worried about overextended government power are pushing back hard against New Jersey's efforts to expand public beach access in a state where some oceanfront property owners still think the sand belongs only to them.

Aided by a handful of volunteer beach access advocates, the state has made some progress in recent years making sure that the shore does not remain the private sandbox of a privileged few, adopting

regulations calling for public access points and public restrooms.

It also used the threat of withholding funds for crucial beach replenishment projects as leverage for shore towns who might not be anxious to make beaches more open to the general public.

But those efforts have suffered a series of setbacks in recent weeks. An appeals court ruled last month that the state Department of Environmental Protection had no right to order towns to allow 24-hour access to their beaches, or to require bathrooms there.

Some lower-court rulings also went against the DEP in local beach access cases, including one that sought to force Long Beach Island property owners to sign easements allowing public access to part of their oceanfront property before beach replenishment would be allowed.

Those projects, which pump tons of sand from the ocean floor onto the shoreline, are vital to keeping up with New Jersey's erosion, as well as making sure the multi-billion-dollar tourism industry thrives at the shore.

And a proposed state law would place wide swaths of industrial or urban waterfront areas off-limits to the public, citing security and economic concerns.

It may add up to a confusing summer next year, with people unsure of which stretches of sand they're legally allowed to be on, and when they're allowed to be there.

"There is just a major assault on all the gains we've made in getting people to the water," said Tim Dillingham, executive director of the American Littoral Society, a coastal advocacy group. "People are trying to privatize the ocean, and make it something that belongs to a few instead of to all.

"The end result is more of the public is going to be excluded from beaches they're paying millions of dollars for," he said. "That's the insult added to injury."

Ralph Coscia, co-founder of Citizens Right to Access Beaches, or CRAB, said his group expected resistance to allowing greater public access to the shoreline.

"We knew there would be pushback on this, but if these decisions are allowed to stand, it could undo years of work in terms of trying to make sure the public can use public beaches," he said.

New Jersey's attorney general's office plans to ask the state Supreme Court to rule on the beach access case that was brought by Avalon, a Cape May County beach community that complained about having to spend millions of dollars to buy land for parking lots and bathrooms near the beach. The borough also cited

safety concerns in allowing people on the beach in the middle of the night.

"People come down to the shore, decide to party, get tipsy, go for a swim at 2 in the morning, and if they drown, the first thing their family will do is sue the town because we allowed it," said Mayor Martin Pagliughi.

New rules adopted by New Jersey a year ago required public access points every quarter-mile and bathrooms every half-mile on any beach that has gotten public money. The access points requirement has not been affected by the court challenge.

The push for greater beach access in New Jersey came as the state helped pay for numerous beach replenishment projects. In 2006, the state sued Sea Bright and nine private beach clubs there seeking public access to beaches that were replenished with taxpayer money. The case is in mediation.

Under the Public Trust Doctrine, a legal concept adopted by New Jersey that dates back to the Roman Emperor Justinian, the public has the right to swim in coastal waterways and walk along their shores.

But a bill proposed by state Sen. Jeff Van Drew (D-Cape May Court House) would prohibit the DEP from requiring public access to transportation, military seaport, industrial, and energy facilities, and also would bar them from requiring the companies to pay for public waterfront facilities elsewhere to make up for the lack of access, which is currently done.

Van Drew said he originally had security concerns in mind when he sponsored the law. But he now cites the economic crash as another reason not to burden industry with expensive rules.

"I get the Public Trust Doctrine; I really believe in it," he said. "But enough is enough already. We already have enough regulations and fees in New Jersey. In the best of times, we can craft visionary legislation that will enable us to do all the things we want. Not now. Times are tough, businesses are closing, people are unemployed, and oh, by the way: here's more regulations and another fee."

Historic Day for NJ Outdoorsmen and Outdoorswomen.

December 15, 2008

Press Release

Conservation Caucus Formed

New Jersey's nearly 1,000,000 anglers, hunters and trappers are claiming a historic day. They are referring to the creation and first official meeting of the New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus (NJAHCC), a bipartisan assembly of political leaders and recreational

outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen dedicated to advancing the state's conservation interests.

The NJAHCC was initiated and organized by Senator Stephen M. Sweeney (Democratic Majority Leader) at the suggestion, and with the cooperation, of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance. The Caucus is comprised of a total of 26 senators and assemblypersons.

Senator Sweeney, whose Third Legislative District includes Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem counties said, "The Caucus will ensure maintenance of the State's critical natural resources, help augment the economic boost provided by the hunting and fishing industries and advance environmental concerns by promoting healthy habitats for wildlife. He added, "Sportsmen of New Jersey should have an outlet in the Legislature so they can explain their concerns in their own terms."

Anthony P. Mauro, Sr., Chairman, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance, an organization representing anglers, hunters, trappers, foresters and other conservation-minded groups said, "It is truly a historic day. The Caucus will provide opportunities for legislators, outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen to share information and to educate and inspire each other about the challenges and possibilities of New Jersey's forest, marine, fish and wildlife resources. We applaud the insight and initiative of Senator Sweeney and the member legislators."

It was noted during the meeting that anglers, hunters and trappers are a vital economic benefit for the state. Their purchase of outdoor-related equipment, licenses, tags and incidentals such as gas, tolls, food and lodging contribute 1 billion dollars to New Jersey's economy. These sales directly support sixteen thousand jobs and generate approximately \$109,000,000 in state and local taxes.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH KEN JENNINGS, JR.

By Captain Pete Grimbilas

Who is Ken Jennings, Jr.? Ken Jennings Jr. is a dedicated conservationist and a man with a conscience for doing the right thing when it comes to the environment. His history proves it. Ken is also

Governor Corzine's recent appointee to the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council; a position that awaits approval by the NJ State Senate. We are proud to note he is the first minority to be appointed to any NJ fish and/or wildlife council.

Ken grew up in Ramsey, New Jersey. His ethnicity is African American, Dutch and American Indian. He attended Ramapo College and majored in Environmental Studies with a concentration on natural resources and ecology. Hiking, canoeing, fishing and horticulture fill Ken's pastime when he is not busy improving Hudson County's environment. This environment includes the Passaic, Hackensack and Hudson Rivers, both Newark and New York Bays, thousands of acres of meadowlands, a wildlife management area, wetland preserves, miles of marshes and eight Hudson County Parks.

Ken has been employed for the past nineteen years as Assistant Division Chief of Hudson County Parks. He is responsible for the management and maintenance of 750 plus acres of intercity parks. He oversees and directs better than 100 employees. The primary focus is to make the county look esthetically pleasing, eco-friendly while environmentally safe and sound.

Ken's achievements include the 1991 development of a ten year Master Plan for the eight County Parks. The plan was completed ahead of schedule in 1997 and entailed over 15 million dollars of improvements. In 1992 Ken filed for a Green Acres Grant to build the first system of nature trails in Hudson County and in 1995 the trail project came to fruition and these trails are being utilized by thousands of hikers and nature-lovers yearly. In 2004 Ken developed the acquisition priority list for additional county park lands which today, continue to expand. He is now in the middle of the third Master Plan which will be completed in 2013. After hours he sits on the Open Space Steering Committee for the County of Hudson and in 2000 was instrumental in passing an Open Space tax that created \$4 million in revenue to preserve more open space land for Hudson County.

Why do I expound on Ken's background? Because Ken needs the approval of the State Senate to become a member of the Marine Fisheries Council. Unfortunately there are naysayers who don't know Ken's history or think he is qualified. I believe they should reconsider their position. Ken deals with an array of environmental issues such as wetland restorations, shoreline stabilization,

ecosystem enhancement, lake rehabilitation, reef building, canoe trails and landfill closures. Ken has received awards from the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper and the Hackensack Riverkeeper while being praised by Audubon. He runs urban fishing programs for kids and environmental workshops for teens every year. Ken is a needed voice from the northern part of New Jersey which is rarely considered by the current Council. Ken has the ability and conscience to research every aspect of a situation before making an educated decision and to foresee that his decision will be the correct path for the future. Ken is the first minority to be appointed to any NJ fish and/or wildlife council. When asked why he wanted to be on the Marine Fisheries Council, his response was; "I think I can make a difference and make things better for New Jersey fishermen."

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES

BY JOHN KOEGLER

Bluefin Tuna

The annual meeting farce that is called ICCAT resulted in what was their toughest meeting ever. As usual, the European fishing interests worked hard for a status quo. They mostly won again and did not reduce their quota to their own scientists' recommended harvest level of 15,000 MT. Recent landings, including the farmed bluefin, have been near 60,000 MT. Their final agreed quota was 22,000 MT. The Europeans have never wanted controls nor enforced regulations in this fishery. How long this tuna fishery can sustain the current level of over fishing is now a serious issue. Scientists estimate the Bluefin tuna stocks are approaching a population level where they may quickly become extinct!

Naturally, the US regulators reduced the US 2009 quota once again despite having made major cuts for the last several years. At the same time Europeans did not observe or impose a verified quota on their fishermen. When will this senseless pain end, when all anglers are finally forced out?

ICCAT did make some progress in controlling IUU tuna fishing. How will this tough talk and actions really work? For the past 34 years, Europeans have ignored all previous ICCAT quotas, mandates and regulations for all fish species that they regulate. Why should anyone expect them to

change! There are three times more boats in this fishery than the quota requires. All European Bluefin tuna boats are kept in business by national grants, funds and tax support. Most European nations have NO regulatory personnel in place to enforce ICCAT rules, nor is there a budget to fund such oversight. So how can ICCAT regulations be enforced? At the same time, Europeans ignore and do not count new fishery systems such as open water boat farmed tuna.

Good News

Striper fishing has been beyond expectations. The NJ ban on the reduction bunker harvest in state waters has been a super success. Stripers stay longer and have their favorite food available more months of the year. Several stripers I landed this year had eaten a strange bait fish. They were identified as "bigeye scad." I cannot remember seeing them before.

Sand eels were also abundant after several years of low numbers. This is a great sign for next year, assuming that spiny dogfish do not eat them all during the winter.

Offshore deep water head boat fishing has been great. Cod, an almost forgotten NJ fish species, have been caught in numbers with good size on many of these trips.

Migrating bluefin tuna have been sighted on many 20 mile offshore trips for seabass and porgies. These tuna have always been very tough to catch regardless of the technique tried. But it is a great event to see so many 100 pound plus fish in one place.

A new higher fluke quota has been approved for 2009. How much NJ will benefit is questionable when you consider NJ went 7% over their 2008 quota.

Monster bluefish were caught in great numbers during early November. Anglers continue to discard larger bluefish. But the great news is they were there in great numbers.

Bad News

Seabass is a key recreational fish species. Their quota has been cut again despite being cut last year and the year before. Keep a careful eye on NJ 2009 angler size limits and landing number limits. Major seabass reductions may just destroy what is left of the NJ head boat business.

NJ Fluke Anglers need some reduction in fluke keeper size or some other alternative such as a slot fish for smaller size fluke. Previous attempts

have been met with sharply reduced numbers such as one slot and one additional keeper per angler trip.

The latest shark research reports large shark numbers are at an all time low for all species. Sharks play a required function in ecosystem health that has been totally ignored. It has been fully documented and peer reviewed that no directed commercial large shark fishery can ever be sustainable. So what does NMFS do? They allow a large shark commercial fishery that can never ever be sustainable. So much for expecting common sense in NMFS fishery management!

The inshore Atlantic Ocean temperatures continue to increase. Many people believe this does not matter. Surprise, surprise, it is a huge major factor in fish migration. Giant Bluefin tuna, a major New England fishery, has almost disappeared. At the same time giant Bluefin tuna catches in Canada are at an all time record high. Can anyone prove this major fishery shift is not temperature related?

For the first time, school Bluefin tuna are now being caught above Cape Cod in quantity. In the past these smaller tuna could not stand the cold New England water temperatures.

This past summer Groupers have been caught in deep NJ offshore waters. Grouper fishing in Virginia has been at an all time high. What else will change? Last summer fluke left many NJ bays when the water temperatures last July became too high.

Weakfish population numbers continue to decline. What happens next is anyone's guess. Commercial landing numbers are too high compared to the current population size. The key reason is commercial landings are regulated not by quota management but by days at sea, a known regulatory failure. It has never worked as a successful management tool.

Be very careful of your bank, stock brokerage and other financial companies. If you do not know what to do, diversify and use several banks. More very bad financial news is coming with many companies' end of the year financial reports.

Thanks for your support, enjoy a great Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

JCAA Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

FISHING TACKLE LOANER PROGRAM

Hey kids, do you want to try sport fishing without the cost of buying all the equipment? Learn about the sport before you buy expensive gear and see if you would enjoy recreational fishing. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will loan you fishing equipment to start your first fishing experience. We will provide the tackle you need along with a rod/reel to get you hooked. We have a variety of informational pamphlets about freshwater and saltwater fishing for the novice angler.

Stop by the JCAA booth at any of the upcoming sportsmen shows for an informational paper about the fishing tackle loaner program. Keep in mind during the first week in June, 2009 you can also take advantage of New Jersey's two free fishing days (no freshwater fishing license) during National Fishing and Boating Week. As in the past, members of the JCAA Youth Education Committee will offer assistance to small groups and classrooms. We will provide your group with a presentation about how to start a fishing program utilizing material from the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF.)

Other aquatic programs include: Passport to Fishing and Boating, Take Me Fishing, Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs, Step Outside, Freshwater and Saltwater Fly Tying, Project Aquatic Wild, Crabbing at the Jersey Shore, Safe Boating, How to start a Youth Fishing Club, and Project Access for Disabled Anglers. The cold winter months are upon us and this is the perfect time to plan a spring fishing lesson. Be sure to let the JCAA Youth Education Committee know in advance if you need instructional assistance because our volunteers have prior commitments for 2009. We will do our best to assure your first fishing outing will be successful, and please remember, **"MEASURE THE FUN NOT THE FISH."**

ANNUAL FISHING/ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO

Keansburg Father Time – 4th Annual Fishing/Environmental Expo!

Building on the community excitement and energy from our Fishing Derbies, and our commitment to our Mission Statement, Keansburg Father Time is hosting their fourth Indoor Fishing/Environmental Expo. Many local organizations (Friends of Clearwater, JCAA, Clean Ocean Action, NY/NJ Baykeeper, NJ Bass Federation, Bolger School Student Recycling Committee, M.A.S.T.) have

traditionally joined us with hands-on displays that educate and entertain students about all things environmental/ fishing related! Prizes, contests, will make a memorable day.

For more information, or if you would like to offer an exhibit, please contact Jeff Johnson, Project Director, Keansburg Father Time at 732-787-2007 ext 2554. jjohnson@keansburg.k12.nj.us to reserve a table.

OUTDOORS SPORTSMEN SHOWS

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will feature special youth education seminars at upcoming sportsmen shows. Participating merchants at the hunting and fishing expositions will offer promotions at their booths for children attending the Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Fishing Seminars. Parents are also welcome to attend.

RBFF PRESS RELEASE

Boating and Fishing Education Grants will be available from the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation. Youth-Focused Boating, Fishing & Conservation Organizations are encouraged to apply by January 30, 2008.

ALEXANDRIA, VA (December 16, 2008) – The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation today announced the availability of boating and fishing education grants for 2009. RBFF's National Youth Fishing and Boating Initiative, which was created in 2008 to expand on the organization's boating and fishing education outreach efforts, is offering a total of \$800,000 to those organizations who apply by the January 2009 deadline. "We want to reach the largest possible audience with the highest quality aquatic education," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "We're looking for programs that provide hands-on opportunities for children and their families to learn not only about boating and fishing, but also conservation." Key requirements of RBFF's grant application guidelines include introducing boating and fishing to minorities and underserved communities. While all applications will be considered, RBFF will give special consideration to programs that offer multiple on-the-water learning opportunities, encourage long-term involvement of participants, provide training for instructors, promote conservation and support existing RBFF partnerships. Since 2007, more than 180,000 kids

have participated in RBFF's aquatic education programs.

NEAT WEBSITE TO VISIT

Below is a neat website for youngsters to visit "Boating Sidekicks" and yes, there is a contest you can enter to win some cool stuff.

<http://www.boatingsidekicks.com/kidsite/07contest-index1024.htm>

Jersey anglers land Corzine as speaker

Asbury Park Press November 17th

Sametta M. Thompson

POINT PLEASANT — Gov. Corzine was a guest speaker Sunday night at the Jersey Coast Anglers Association Sportsperson of the Year award dinner-dance at Crystal Point Yacht Club.

Pat Donnelly of the Manasquan Fishing Club and the state Marine Fisheries Council was named sportsperson of the year.

The governor talked briefly about the importance of fishery matters to the nonprofit organization. It was his second visit to the JCAA's annual and second-largest fundraising event.

Donnelly, of Brick, a dentist, was nominated for the award by the Manasquan Fishing Club and was elected by JCAA member clubs in October, according to Paul Turi, chairman of the dinner-dance. The honor is for extraordinary work in fishery matters.

Donnelly was instrumental in getting a provision allowing anglers to use fluke belly as bait passed, according to Turi.

JCAA was formed in 1981, according to its Web site. The association has more than 75 saltwater fishing clubs that represent the position of marine sport anglers, champion their causes and protect their rights in matters pertaining to fishing and environmental quality. The group often works in concert with major environmental organizations and other influential associations of sports clubs.

SUPPORT THE ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

Saltwater anglers target of proposed state license

Newsday BY JENNIFER SMITH

December 17, 2008

For Long Island's fishing community, at least one budget proposal yesterday came as no surprise: a new marine fishing license that would impose a fee on recreational anglers who fish for striped bass and other saltwater species.

The program would generate an estimated \$9 million in the next two years, according to the governor's budget office. Residents would pay \$19 for the annual license, compared with \$40 for out-of-staters.

New York is one of a few coastal states with no saltwater license program. But the state Department of Environmental Conservation has been leaning toward creating one to comply with a federal requirement to set up a national registry of saltwater anglers. The registry would provide more accurate fishing data to scientists who set catch limits and manage overfished species.

"It's inevitable," Montauk Boatmen and Captains Association president Stret Whitting said of the governor's proposal.

Just because the changes were anticipated doesn't mean everyone is happy about it. Tackle and bait shop owners worry the fee will turn some people away from fishing.

And charter boat captains, who now pay \$250 for a saltwater fishing permit, fear their business will contract if each person onboard must also purchase an individual license.

Still, others said they welcome the program - as long as the fees will support DEC's marine fisheries program.

"We want to make sure the license revenue does go into marine conservation, not stocking trout streams or cutting trails in the Adirondacks," said Charles Witek of the Coastal Conservation Association of New York, a nonprofit group of saltwater recreational anglers.

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