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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday December 28th, 2010

Starting at 7:30 PM

At Brick Plaza at 270 Chambers Bridge Rd

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 13th, 2011

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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Important Dates

December 28th JCAA General Meeting

January 8th Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar in AC

January 13th JCAA Board Meeting

January 13th -16th Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's & Adventure Show

January 25th JCAA General Meeting

February 2nd -6th Atlantic City Boat Show

February 10th JCAA Board Meeting

2011 HIGH ROLLER RAFFLE

It is now time for the JCAA High Rollers 2011 Raffle. We have put together a terrific selection of rods and reels and other prizes for a raffle that will be drawn on April 26, 2011. This is a major fundraiser for the JCAA. The 8 prizes are listed below with a value of over \$3,321.00. Tickets will be two dollars each and Club Representatives can get books of tickets to sell by attending a JCAA meeting. If you would like to buy raffle tickets call the JCAA office. JCAA will have a booth at the following venues where the raffle tickets will be available for sale and the prizes will be on display: **Outdoor Sportsmen's Show (Raritan Show) in Edison on January 13th to 16th, the Atlantic City International Power Boat Show February 2nd to 6th, the Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar January 8th, the Saltwater Fishing Show March 18th to 20th.** Stop by and say hello. Raffle ticket books will also be mailed along with entries for the 17th Annual JCAA Fluke Tournament. If you would like to buy raffle tickets call the JCAA office. When your club representative brings them to your club, please help with your purchase. Without your continued support we cannot function as an organization in protecting the marine resource and angler's rights.

- 1) Shimano Tallus TLC-58 HRSA Rod-Tiagra 30W LRSA Reel Value \$688 *Donated by JCAA*
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- 6) Tony Maja Bunker Spoon Rod w/ Shimano Tekota 800 Reel
Value \$400 *Donated by BarnegatFishinHole.com*
- 7) Shakespeare Ugly Stik BWLB 1100 M Rod-Penn 320GT2 Reel
Value \$160 *Donated by JCAA*
- 8) Shakespeare Ugly Stik BWSL 2200 M Rod-Sportfisher Fin-Nor FS50 Reel Value \$140 *Donated by JCAA*

Total Value \$3,321

Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series Comes to Atlantic City!

Contact 1-800-448-7360

The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will kick off its 2011 Tour in Atlantic City on Saturday, January 8. The 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 VERSUS, and Editor-At-Large for Salt Water Sportsman, will headline the program, along with Gary Caputi – Field Editor for Salt Water Sportsman. The Tour is being presented by Sperry Top-Sider.

Joining Poveromo and Caputi in Atlantic City will be –

Captain Scott Newhall – Premier back bay and ocean fluke specialist, fishing the greater Atlantic City waters with his Time Out Charters!

Captain Trey Rhyne – Distinguished authority on fishing for tuna and sharks in the canyons and nearshore waters off New Jersey, and head of Over Under Charters!

Captain Tyler Fruits – Noted inshore and back bay striped bass and fluke pro, and accomplished offshore angler!

Captain Jack Shea – Light-tackle striped bass and fluke fishing specialist with 18-years experience in and around Barnegat Bay, aboard his vessel Rambunctious!

Captain John Sowerby – Cape May-based authority on catching tuna, swordfish and Makos, and inshore sharks, black drum and stripers aboard his charter boat - Hooked Up II! Sowerby is a specialist at jigging for tuna!

Captain Tim Tanghare - Innovative South Jersey captain who specializes in catching trophy striped bass, fluke, drum, bluefin tuna and sharks with Clean Sweep Charters!

Captain Bouncer Smith – Legendary South Florida-based light-tackle captain who has pioneered numerous tactics that take more and bigger inshore and offshore game fish!

Dr. Mitchell Roffer – The nation’s leading authority on locating surface temperature breaks and ocean-circulation features that hold fish!

Courses for the January 8 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 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 2011 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, or to order on-line visit: www.nationalseminarseries.com

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

It is coming to the end of another year that I have been in office as JCAA President. We will have someone new as our president for the year 2011. There have been many fisheries issues that have arisen and more to come. I will continue to fight for our share of the resource and to protect it for the future. It has been an honor to be your President for the past two years.

Election for 2011 Officers of JCAA

Elections of Officers will be voted on at the December 28th meeting. If you are interested in being more involved and filling one of the positions, contact Don Marantz at 609-259-6368. To all JCAA member club Presidents, make sure your delegates attend the next meeting.

Free Saltwater Registry Bill S1122

On December 9, 2010 the Senate Environment and Energy Committee voted on Bill S1122 (the Free Saltwater Registry) which was approved 4-0-1. I would like to thank the Chairman Sen. Bob Smith for posting the bill along with Sen. Jennifer Beck, Sen. Jeff Van Drew, and Sen. Sean T. Kean for sponsoring it, also those of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee for passing it. The bill would require the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to administer a free saltwater registry program to comply with the federal mandate for data collection. On Monday Dec. 20th the Senate passed the bill with a vote of 36-0. It is now up to the Governor. **Please contact the Governor and urge him to sign the bill.** The JCAA is in support of bills S1122/A823.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

MAFMC had their meeting on December 13-16, 2010 at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia. On December 15 the Council convened jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to come up with the 2011

Recreational Management Measures on Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass. What is coming out of this meeting does not look good for the recreational community. More information about the meeting is covered in the FLMR and an article by Chris Zeeman.

Shows

Show time is rapidly approaching and JCAA is looking for volunteers to work the booth. So if you are interested please contact Mark Taylor at mtsport64@aol.com. I am in the process of putting the lists together. JCAA is committed to the following ones so far:

- **Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar** in Atlantic City on January 8
- **Outdoor Sportsmen's Show (Raritan Show)** in Edison on January 13 to 16
- **Atlantic City Boat Show** in Atlantic City on February 2 to 6
- **The Saltwater Fishing Expo** in Somerset on March 18 to 20

Positions

We are looking for a **Fluke Tournament Director** and an **Office Manager** for next year. If you are interested please contact me by email to mtsport64@aol.com for details. We are having meetings on these positions to come up with job duties for each. Once we have that I will be contacting all those that have sent me an email.

Promote Your Club

As I mentioned in past newsletters, the Newspaper Committee is looking for clubs to send in a 500-word description about your club including who you are and what you do. Send it in by e-mail to jcaa@jcaa.org with the stipulation that we will be using these highlights in the order that they are received and they will be published in the JCAA newsletter. So send in a description and promote your club and possibly get new members that live or fish in your area. They can be sent to Mark Taylor at mtsport64@aol.com.

JCAA Committees

If you are interested in getting more involved in JCAA, one of the JCAA Committees might be the place to start. With all the issues that are affecting the recreational community it is very hard for one person to stay on top of them all. If you are interested in a specific species or topic, please contact me at mtsport64@aol.com and join that committee.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Thomas Fote

December Joint Meeting ASMFC and MAFMC

We are approaching the end of the year and we don't seem to be making much progress. The joint meeting to establish recreational quotas always takes place in December. Every time I return with the same disappointments and complaints. Every time NMFS bases their decisions on poor stock assessments and the fatally flawed Marine Recreational Statistical Survey. The National Marine Fisheries Service was directed to find a better system for counting the recreational catch. Fifteen years ago we were promised a solution. Then the National Academy of Science reviewed the Marine Recreational Statistical Survey and determined it had fatal flaws. After a diligent fact-finding mission they published a report which provided many recommendations. When the Magnusson Stevens Act was reauthorized in 2006, NMFS was directed to correct these problems, get better stock assessment data and better recreational statistics. As we enter 2011, the data is as unreliable as it was 15 years ago. The black sea bass is the latest example. We get statistical outliers in the wave data and NMFS still treats this data as gospel. The recreational community is punished because NMFS continues to use this flawed system. Maybe if I live another 30 years I will see the President and Congress fund the National Marine Fisheries Service sufficiently to develop a system that actually gives us accurate recreational statistics. Since 1994 I have been demanding better stock assessment so we can manage scup and black sea bass appropriately. We have better models for stock assessment but the basic biological data collection is no better than it was 20 years ago. Better stock assessment was also mandated in the 2006 Magnusson Stevens Act but again Congress and the President demanded but did not fund. President Obama and the 2011 Congress must finally appropriate the necessary funds so the recreational community can feel confident in fisheries management decisions.

I could not attend the Joint Meeting of ASMFC and the Mid-Atlantic Marine Fisheries

Management Council. Chris Zemen, one of NJ's members to the MAFMC, volunteered to write an article about this meeting for the JCAA Newspaper. On scup the Council and the Commission adjusted the quota to allow status quo in the regulations for 2011. This is what they should have done with black sea bass. People get confused about the actions taken on summer flounder. The motion passed at the joint meeting is the default decision. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will establish a state by state conservation equivalency at the upcoming March meeting. The motions that were made at the meeting and their outcomes are included below.

JCAA would like to thank Senator Robert Menendez and Congressman Frank Pallone for their letters to Secretary Gary Locke on black sea bass. I am impressed with how well each of these letters articulates the problems we face. Senator Menendez and Congressman Pallone along with Senator Lautenberg and New York Legislators have also been helpful in securing funding for Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science (PMAFS) so we are getting better stock assessment data on black sea bass and summer flounder.

National Wildlife Federation Offshore Wind Power Report

Adapted from REPORT: Offshore Wind is Next Clean Energy Wave for New Jersey (Entire report is available on the JCAA website)

The report, *Offshore Wind in the Atlantic: Growing Momentum for Jobs, Energy Independence, Clean Air, and Wildlife Protection*, makes the following key findings:

- **Every state with significant offshore wind resources from Maine to Georgia has taken some steps forward on offshore wind.** Northern states (Maine to Maryland) have the most advanced projects while Southern states (Virginia to Georgia) are quickly mobilizing on a series of projects. See detailed chart and state profiles.
- **The Atlantic's shallow water characteristics combined with excellent wind speed make it an ideal location for offshore wind farms.** 93 percent of offshore wind projects worldwide are in shallow waters (zero to 30 meters deep). Close to half of the United States' shallow water offshore wind is along the Atlantic coast.

- **While the most extensive European study concluded that offshore wind farms do not appear to have long-term or large-scale ecological impacts, major data gaps for the Atlantic Ocean still exist and site-specific impacts need to be evaluated.** A coordinated, comprehensive, and well-funded effort is needed to address these gaps and improve the permitting process.

Advocates stressed the role that offshore wind can play to reduce pollution, protect critical species, and help the environment.

“All New Jersey’s streams, rivers, lakes, estuaries, and lands suffer from the air deposition of mercury, nitrogen and other contaminants from fossil fuel-fired power plants,” said **Tom Fote of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association**. “New Jersey’s waters are also becoming more acidic because of the same air deposition. We know this is having an effect on the reproduction of shellfish and other species. We need to use non-polluting renewable energy like offshore wind to protect oceans, continents, wildlife and humans as much as we can from the effects of fossil fuels.”

The report was released along the coast today in conjunction with many national and state partners including environmental, sportsmen, labor, and business organizations. These groups call on the federal government to take the following steps:

- Improve the offshore wind permitting process,
- Identify ideal, high priority sites with limited resource conflicts off of the Atlantic for quick and thorough permitting,
- Invest in and speed research of offshore wind technology and environmental impacts,
- Coordinate planning with existing infrastructure and industries such as ports and fishing.
- For New Jersey, the most densely populated state in the nation, offshore wind farms will be a necessary strategy to meet the state’s clean energy goals and help curb pollution from fossil fuel-fired power plants. And while European nations have enjoyed the benefits of offshore wind for decades, not a single offshore wind turbine has been built in America.

“984 offshore wind turbines are spinning right now in Europe and not one in the Atlantic,” said

Curtis Fisher, Offshore Wind Initiative Leader at the National Wildlife Federation. “The six gigawatts of proposed Atlantic offshore wind projects are a great start, but we need a coordinated and comprehensive effort of government and the market to bring these and other projects over the finish line in a way that values the precious Atlantic Ocean ecosystem and its fish and wildlife resources. This new industry holds great potential to create jobs, cut pollution, and reduce our reliance on dirty fossil fuels.”

Good News for Barnegat Bay and New Jersey

Finally, some good news. It has been a good month for the bay. The legislative package for Barnegat Bay is moving through the legislative process. By the time you read this newspaper the fertilizer bill should have been signed by the Governor. Other bills should be moving forward for his signature. Governor Christie has released his long-awaited recommendations for Barnegat Bay. These recommendations are included in his press release below. These recommendations are a good first step. Many people have been working to make these first steps a reality. While the news is good, I am still concerned about the proposed closing of Oyster Creek in 2019. JCAA has never asked for the plant to be closed. We have consistently demanded cooling towers on Oyster Creek and Salem Nuclear Power Plant to mitigate the ecological damage to both bodies of water. While many people are pleased with the proposed closing of Oyster Creek, we are left with at least 9 more years of operation without cooling towers. The lack of cooling towers will continue to impede the recovery of Barnegat Bay. My additional concern is that in 2019 there may be pressing energy concerns that allow the plant to remain open, still without cooling towers.

In the next newspaper I will provide you with a more extensive report about the legislation and where we stand at that point. In the meantime you should contact your state representatives to support the entire package of bills. Also go to the JCAA web page under recent news and read the report by Environment New Jersey “Shore at Risk” that looks at a lot of the problems of Barnegat Bay.

Here are the bills:

S1411/ A2290 - Establishes standards for certain fertilizer applications, provides for certification of

professional fertilizer applicators, and regulates sale and labeling of certain fertilizers.

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S1815/A2577 - "Ocean County Stormwater Management System Demonstration Act."

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S-1856 / A-2501 - Authorizes measures by Ocean County Planning Board for control of stormwater runoff and nonpoint source pollution.

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S2275 - Directs DOT to study stormwater basins in Barnegat Bay watershed.

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S2341/A3415 - Requires DEP to adopt total maximum daily loads for Barnegat Bay.

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The fertilizer bill has far-reaching impact on the water quality of the entire state and should be signed into law soon. Willie DeCamp and Save Barnegat Bay deserve the credit for their relentless commitment to the fertilizer bill. They organized a coalition of environmental and fisheries groups to work together. They refused to allow industry to stop the legislation. Willie's perseverance on this issue is a lesson to us all. He did whatever it took and absolutely refused to be sidetracked. When there is less nitrogen flowing into the lakes, streams and other bodies of water in New Jersey, we need to thank Willie. Again, this is just a first step. There is much public education that needs to be done to bring everyone on board. I know Willie and Save Barnegat Bay will be as relentless in this phase as they were in getting the legislation passed.

Without Senator Robert Smith and Assembly John F. McKeon to lead the fight in the legislature, these six bills would not be making progress towards the Governor's desk. They held their joint committee meetings at the shore for 3 years, keeping constant attention on Barnegat Bay. They used all of their legislative and negotiating skills to develop these bills and move them through their committees and the Senate and Assembly. They refused to allow the naysayers, and there were many, to get in the way of significant progress.

The Barnegat Partnership was instrumental in bringing all of these resources together. They provided the scientific information needed to make the case for each of these actions. Stan Hales, the program staff and all the volunteers have built the program into a powerful force for saving the bay. When EPA initiated the Barnegat Bay Estuary Program in 1996, I was hopeful that we would see significant progress towards cleaning up Barnegat Bay. Many people questioned how long it has taken to see this type of progress. But I have come to realize that all that time was well spent laying the groundwork and gathering the necessary data to take these first crucial steps. I volunteer for many organizations but serving on the Policy Committee, the Advisory Committee and the former Citizens Advisory Committee have been one of the most rewarding and enlightening experiences. I have learned about the process of consensus building

among diverse groups as a way to find solutions to problems and create sustained change.

Saltwater Registry

As we go to press, the NJ Senate passed a free saltwater registry bill. It now awaits action by Governor Christie. JCAA has been trying to get a registry bill passed since the Magnusson Stevens Act was passed in 2006. We offered many options but no action was taken until the deadline loomed. This is the only bill that would allow New Jersey residents and people who fish in New Jersey to be part of the Federal Registry without paying a \$15 Federal fee. You should urge the Governor to sign this bill and get the registry in place. This bill does not solve the problem of funding marine fisheries in New Jersey. The Governor and the Legislator must stop putting off the necessary funding to protect the marine resources of this state. JCAA will be working with other groups to push for appropriate funding. This funding is necessary not just for recreational fishing but also for commercial fishing and all the businesses that rely on fishing. Protecting the marine resource is really for all of our citizens who take advantage of the marine resources of this state, bird watching, sailing, boating, swimming or just taking a walk along the beach. The marine resource contributes billions of dollars to New Jersey's economy. It is criminal that only \$700,000 was appropriated from the New Jersey Treasury to run the Bureau of Marine Fisheries.

Governor Christies Recommendations for Barnegat Bay



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Governor Christie Fulfills Pledge to Clean Up and Restore Barnegat Bay; Announces Comprehensive Plan of Action

The ecological health of Barnegat Bay is in decline, threatening the economic health of the region. Governor Christie has made addressing the degradation of Barnegat Bay—including resolving the issue of a cooling system at the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant—one of his Administration's top environmental priorities. The Bay cannot be restored to pristine condition, but further degradation can be prevented and some restoration is possible. Input gained from extensive stakeholder involvement complemented the scientific data and research

conducted by the Department of Environmental Protection and other researchers to provide the basis for the Administration's action plan for Barnegat Bay.

1. Closing Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plan

The State has negotiated and entered into an agreement with Exelon Corporation to stop electric generation at the Oyster Creek Generating Station by December 31, 2019. In order to ensure that the Oyster Creek plant closes on time and operates safely during its remaining life, the DEP will enter into an Administrative Consent Order with Exelon that provides for specific activities and milestones that Exelon must meet; stipulated penalties for failure to do so; and the establishment of an Oyster Creek Safety Review Panel to supplement ongoing DEP safety inspections and oversight at the plant.

2. Funding Stormwater Mitigation Projects

The State will identify and prioritize for funding projects designed to address nutrient pollution of Barnegat Bay from stormwater basins at the beginning of next fiscal year. Eligible project types will include but not be limited to stormwater sewer repairs, stormwater basin retrofits, salt dome coverings, truck wash facilities, street sweeping/leaf collection equipment, septic management, and land acquisition.

State Revolving Funds (SRF): \$10 million in grants New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT): targeted at \$100 million over the next decade for zero-interest or very low-interest loans

3. Reducing Nutrient Pollution from Fertilizer

Governor Christie will sign legislation that establishes the most restrictive standards in the nation for nitrogen content in fertilizer and application rates for use, reducing excess nutrient runoff into the Bay by decreasing the total amount of nitrogen in fertilizer and increasing the amount of slow release nitrogen.

4. Requiring Post-Construction Soil Restoration

The Administration will support pending legislation that requires the State Soil Conservation Committee to establish standards that ensure soil is restored to the greatest extent possible through aeration and re-vegetation to prevent soil compaction, which contributes to an increase in stormwater runoff and nonpoint source pollution in New Jersey's waterways.

5. Acquiring Land in the Watershed

Critical lands need protection from the impacts of development in order to prevent pollutants from

entering the Bay. The Green Acres program will identify and prioritize these lands for acquisition and work with willing sellers to purchase them. State Revolving Fund (SRF) monies may also be used for land acquisition, as well as resources from other ecological restoration funding programs.

6. Establishing a Special Area Management Plan

A Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) will be developed in collaboration with members of the Barnegat Bay Partnership and other planning authorities in the region. The primary goal of a Barnegat Bay SAMP is to improve coordination among planning jurisdictions. The SAMP will take a total of five years and will be funded through the Coastal Zone Management Program's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Section 309 of the Clean Water Act funds, ensuring that the SAMP will be developed without additional cost to the State.

7. Adopting More Rigorous Water Quality Standards

The DEP will adopt narrative nutrient criteria for coastal waters and establish a process to further assess and address water quality impairments in Barnegat Bay. The DEP also will investigate the feasibility of establishing numeric targets or criteria which could lead to establishment of a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) for the Bay.

8. Educating the Public

Changing the behavior of the base and summer populations along the Bay can have significant impacts. The DEP will develop a strategy that leverages the media, environmental advocates, and the Barnegat Bay community to educate the public on how actions as simple as how people landscape their homes, maintain their septic systems, operate and maintain their boats and where they wash their cars cumulatively have significant impacts on the Bay.

9. Producing More Comprehensive Research

Over the years, extensive research has been conducted on Barnegat Bay, but the work has not been coordinated-resulting in some key gaps in the data. The DEP will work with the Science Advisory Board, Ocean County College, State Universities, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop and fund additional research projects including:

Evaluating the effect of modifying wastewater treatment plant discharges in order to improve

circulation and recharge treated water to the groundwater. Establishing the baseline conditions of the Bay. Developing a hydrologic model for the Bay.

10. Reducing Water Craft Impacts

Boats and personal water craft such as jet skis can harm the Bay by damaging submerged aquatic vegetation and disrupting aquatic habitats. The DEP will review existing research that identifies the locations of these sensitive areas to evaluate the designation of a Conservation Zone.

Senator Robert Menendez Letter on Black Sea Bass

December 16, 2010

The Honorable Gary Locke
Secretary Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Locke:

I write with grave concerns about the processes being used to set bag and size limits for the Black Sea Bass Fishery. Insufficient data, questionable survey methods and a lack of resources to improve data collection have caused many in the fishing community to come to distrust NMFS management decisions. These decisions, such as the early BSB season closures, have had profound economic consequences for commercial and recreational fishing. I would like to know what NOAA is doing to restore confidence in fishery management decisions, particularly in light of stringent new restrictions being considered this week by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) for recreational fishing of BSB in 2011.

From 2005 to 2008, the model used to assess BSB stock indicated the fishery was in trouble. In response, the total allowed landings (TAL) for BSB were ratcheted down from 8.2 million pounds (Mlb) in 2005 to 2.3 Mlb in 2009. But, in late 2008 the Commerce Department's Northeast Data Poor Stocks Working Group (DPSWG) - a panel of scientific experts -- found that the BSB fishery was not overfished. This sensibly led to a TAL increase from 2.3 Mlb in 2009 to 3.7Mlb in 2010. As a result the fishing community expected 2010 to be a great year for BSB fishing.

Unfortunately, those expectations were dashed due to Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) estimates of recreational landings during 2010. This survey showed quite

Pallone Requests NOAA and NMFS Reconsider Misguided Black Sea Bass Regulations

high recreational landings, led to some states closing their BSB fisheries early, and is expected to lead to tough new bag and size limits for the entire East Coast later this week.

Many in the fishing community question the validity of the MRFSS survey for 2010, however. Some of this skepticism stems from past errors, the low level of funding for these surveys, and the fact that a 2005 National Research Council report described these surveys "fatally-flawed." But there is also reason to believe that this year's BSB survey was particularly flawed. MRFSS estimates that 157,571 pounds of BSB were caught in Massachusetts in May - that means the state caught 85% of its allotted landings in just one month! That would have made May such a banner month for BSB landings in Massachusetts that their recreational landings were double what any other state brought in during any month in 2010.

Because of the historical problems with these recreational landings surveys and because of the Massachusetts anomaly for May, many are wondering if the 2010 survey should be relied upon to set such stringent new rules. Before you approve of and promulgate any significant changes, I ask that you take a comprehensive look at 2010 MRFSS estimates for recreational landings of BSB to determine their credibility.

Scientists agree that management of the BSB fishery is especially difficult to get right. I am dedicated to ensuring that sufficient resources are utilized to place BSB fishery management on as firm a scientific foundation as possible. As such, I would like to be briefed on the status of efforts to resolve BSB stock assessment and landings data issues. When will the new landings data collection system be phased in for BSB fishery management? Is improvement of BSB stock assessment and landings data collection a budget priority?

Thank you in advance for your attention to these questions. I look forward to your responses and to a briefing on the status of BSB fishery management.

Sincerely,
Senator Robert Menendez

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., Thursday requested Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke intervene on behalf of the recreational fishing public and associated businesses to make the quotas proposed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Services less restrictive. The proposed 2011 Black Sea Bass quota from the agencies will over regulate the fishery and does not reflect the current status of the black sea bass stock. As the guidelines are currently written, they may have the unintended consequences of a socio-economic crisis.

"Regulations proposed by NOAA and NMFS fail to consider this is a fully rebuilt stock that isn't being overfished and that these restrictions will have severe consequences for the fishing community," said Pallone. "Both science and the fishing industry have been ignored and I would like to see changes to the final regulations.

In order to offset the overly restrictive regulations issued by NOAA and NMFS, Pallone asked for support from the Secretary of Commerce to ensure that the agencies act on his suggestion to increase total allowable landings - what fishermen can bring in the boat minus incidental deaths - by just under one million pounds. Pallone's proposed change to the regulations would not hinder efforts to continue to rebuild the fishery which is currently rebuilt and not being overfished. Pallone also believes his request is in line with current science-based data recommendations.

"The recreational fishing public continues to be regulated in reliance upon the same Marine Recreational Fisheries Science Survey data that was intended to be replaced by now. This is unacceptable," Pallone said.

The text of the letter appears below.

December 9, 2010

The Honorable Gary Locke
Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Locke:

The recreational fishing public and associated businesses are once again facing a looming regulatory crisis in the recreational black sea bass fishery. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) is considering a 44 percent reduction in recreational landings based on projections, assumptions and guesswork using Marine Recreational Fisheries Science Survey (MRFSS) data. I am writing to request your immediate, personal attention to this matter so that a socio-economic crisis can be averted and we can help regain some of the public trust that has been lost in fisheries management of late.

I request your support for setting the 2011 total allowable landings (TAL) at 4.96 million pounds with a corresponding total allowable catch (TAC) of 5.86 million pounds for the black sea bass fishery to help offset the looming socioeconomic impacts on the recreational sector. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has proposed specifications for the 2011 black sea bass fishery and can still ensure the final regulations reflect the need to sustain a fully rebuilt stock while also protecting the local economies that depend on this fishery.

As you are aware, the most recent black sea bass stock assessment, deemed to be the best available science, finds that the stock is not experiencing overfishing and has been rebuilt since 2002. The collective body of scientific information clearly indicates the black sea bass stock continues to remain above the rebuilding target. Unfortunately, the recreational fishing public and fishery dependent businesses continue to be disadvantaged due to inaccurate and unreliable landings data acquired through the much maligned MRFSS.

The problems with MRFSS have been well documented by the National Research Council and others over the last decade. Congress sought to address these problems four years ago via the 2006 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). Congress recognized the importance and urgency of improving recreational data collection programs in § 1881(g) of the MSA and established a January 1, 2009 deadline to make the critical improvements. NMFS failed to meet this deadline and despite total appropriations of \$18.7 million FY 2008 thru FY 2010 for the MRIP program, the recreational fishing public continues to be regulated in reliance upon the same MRFSS that was being used four years ago. This is unacceptable.

In order to achieve a 44 percent reduction, the MAFMC is considering implementing truly drastic measures such as reducing the black sea bass recreational possession limit from 25 to 1 fish or cutting the season down from what was traditionally 12 months to 4 months when the public has fished sustainably for black sea bass year-round for a number of years. NMFS has a long way to go toward building goodwill with the recreational fishing public and these proposed cutbacks in a healthy fishery will only make that job harder looking ahead.

Based on the rebuilt status of the black sea bass stock and the agency's continued reliance on the discredited MRFSS, I request that NMFS set a 2011 total allowable landings (TAL) at 4.96 million pounds with a corresponding TAC of 5.86 million pounds for the black sea bass fishery to help offset the looming socioeconomic impacts on the recreational sector. This proposed TAC represents the mean TAC for the years 2002 through 2009, the timeframe when the black sea bass was declared rebuilt. A 5.86 million pound TAC is also in line with the Science and Statistical Committee's recommendation to maintain a constant catch approach for this fishery. A 5.86 million pound TAC in 2011 would lessen the impact of the severe regulation reductions currently proposed for the recreational sector. The recreational fishing community should be given reasonable access to this rebuilt fishery and not be punished for the shortcomings of an outdated and flawed data collection system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter in the near future and working with you to ensure our fisheries management actions live up to all the national standards in the MSA.

Sincerely,
Frank Pallone, Jr.
Member of Congress

Cc: Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, NOAA
Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator, NOAA
Fisheries

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**December 2010 Join MAFMC & ASMFC
Meeting Motions
Virginia Beach, VA
December 14-15, 2010**

**Summer Flounder Recreational Management
Measures for 2011**

Move conservation equivalency for 2011 summer flounder fishery with a non-preferred coastwide measure consisting of an 18.5 inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1 through September 30, 2011. In addition, the precautionary default measure consisting of a 20.0 inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1 through September 30, 2011.

Council: Munden/deFur (14/4/1)

Board: Munden/Augustine (8/0/1/1) passed by show of hands

Motion carries

Scup Recreational Management Measures

Move NOAA and the MRFSS program provide a wave data report that explains the assumptions, extrapolations, and methodologies regarding the final catch data.

Zeman/no second

Motion fails

Move that states MA through NJ adopt a 9" minimum TL, 10 fish possession limit, and a 30 day bonus season with 30 fish bag limit for all anglers with no closed season. For all other states an 8" minimum TL, 10 fish possession limit with no closed season.

Board: Simpson/Augustine

Council: Augustine/Zeman

Motion

Substitute motion to reconsider 2011 Scup TAL.

Board: Augustine/Munden (9/0/1/0)

Council: Pate/Munden (18/0/1)

Motion carries

Substitute becomes main motion.

Board: 9/0/1

Council: 18/0/1

Motion carries

Move to increase 2011 TAL to a level associated with a 5.74 million pound recreational harvest limit,

and maintain status quo recreational management measures in federal and state waters.

Council: Pate/Anderson (17/0/1)

Board: Augustine/Munden (9/0/1/0)

Motion carries

**Black Sea Bass Recreational Management
Measures for 2011**

Move to recommend status quo for the 2011 recreational black sea bass fishery in the waters of the EEZ and to direct ASMFC staff to initiate an addendum to the Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Scup Fishery Management Plan that will address the regional imbalance in the recreational black sea bass fishery and will provide regional and /or state specific allocation scenarios that include season, size limits, and possession limits by area for 2011.

Board: Luisi/Augustine

Council: Luisi/Augustine

Move to table above motion.

C King/Anderson (18/0)

B Augustine/Munden 10/0/0

Motion carries

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Augustine

no second

motion fails

Move to adopt a 13" minimum fish size, 25 fish possession limit, open season from 7/1 to 10/1 and 11/1 - 12/31.

Council: Augustine/Kray

Board: Augustine/Cole

Substitute above motion to adopt a 13" minimum fish size, 10 fish possession limit, and an open season of 5/30 - 9/5 and 11/1 - 12/31.

Board: Pierce/Luisi (5/13/1)

Council: King/Schafer

Motion fails

December Joint Meeting of MAFMC & ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board

By Chris Zeman

The Mid-Atlantic Council met in Virginia Beach on December 13-16 and set recreational management measures for 2011. For summer flounder, the good news is that New Jersey, like most states, are under catch limits for 2010 and are looking at a significant increase in catch limits for 2011. The Council voted to continue conservation equivalency for 2011 (as opposed to coastwide regulations), so states will be able to set their own regulations. In case a state does not implement adequate regulations, the Council also put in place default non-preferred coastwide measures of 18.5" TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1st through September 30, 2011.

Scup landings in 2010 were significantly over 2010 catch levels, which is likely due to the strong recovery and high abundance of scup populations. Due to these overages, New Jersey was facing an 81% catch reduction in 2011 while northern states were facing a 40% catch reduction. New Jersey would also have to shift from the southern group to the northern group and face increased size limits and lower trip limits. However, the Mid-Atlantic Council reconsidered and increased the 2011 recreational catch limit to 5.74 million pounds to account for the overage and allow for status quo measures in both federal and state waters in 2011. Council members also discussed the need to reconsider the commercial/recreational allocation which would require development of a plan amendment. The Council's Executive Committee decided to prepare an economic review in 2011 as a first step toward preparing a plan amendment.

For black sea bass, 2010 recreational catch data showed that Massachusetts and Rhode Island had record catches while most Mid-Atlantic states had lower catches than 2009 levels. The Council recognized this regional difference in catch rates but was unable to set anything but coastwide measures for 2011. Therefore, the Council voted to approve a 13" TL minimum size limit, a 25 bag limit and a season from July 1 to October 1st and November 1st to December 31st. The Council also initiated

development of a plan amendment to allow for regional management in future years.

Throughout these discussions, a key issue was the quality of the recreational catch data, or MRFSS. According to preliminary MRFSS for Waves 1-5, New Jersey landings of both summer flounder and black sea bass are significantly down compared to 2009, despite a summer of almost perfect weather (one of the best I can remember) and, for black sea bass, no emergency closure. While NOAA is working to improve the MRFSS reporting system through the MRIP program, there were no improvements instituted in 2010, and it was clear that certain sampling, like length sampling, was at or near historic lows. NOAA does plan to implement some of the MRIP changes to MRFSS in 2011. Whether that will be adequate to fix MRFSS is a key question.

NEW JERSEY OUTDOOR ALLIANCE REPORT

By John Toth

On behalf of the JCAA, I attended a November 22nd meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) and the following issues were discussed.

The meeting was chaired by Pete Grimblas and he requested the NJOA's lobbyist, Mr. Bill Pascrell, to give a report on the political activities going on in Trenton that may have an impact on us. Bill indicated that New Jersey is facing serious financial issues for year 2011 and deficits are looming in the billions of dollars. Bill also reported that our legislators are looking at changes to the casino and racetrack industries for additional sources of needed revenues. This effort even includes Internet betting on casino games! These issues may seem unrelated to hunters and anglers, but they are not. The lack of state monies to adequately fund the Division of Fish & Wildlife has a direct impact on our hunting and fishing programs. For just one example, the Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs (HOFNOD) fund (monies from DWI type of crimes, etc.) has approximately \$250,000 in it to introduce youth to hunting and fishing opportunities, especially from urban areas. This money may be taken by legislators to plug the growing deficit. Expect to see

more news in the media on the casino and racetrack industries.

Bill also indicated that 120 legislators are up for election next year and that the NJOA's idea to send a questionnaire to these legislators for their views on hunting and fishing issues is a good one. For one thing, it will bring their focus to our issues that many of them do not have a complete understanding of them. Bill also recommended that we invite the legislators to join the NJ Angler and Hunter Caucus that was largely set up by NJOA Board member Tom Connors that has as its primary objective to familiarize legislators with hunting, forestry and fishing issues. The more the legislators understand our issues the more they may come around to support us through their legislation.

Next on the agenda was Mr. Ken Sass from the Central Jersey Chapter of Pheasants Forever and Chairman of the NJSFSC Six Mile Run Sub Committee who came to the NJOA meeting to solicit advice and help from the NJOA on how his organization can better obtain pheasants from the Meadowlands/Hackensack region to promote breeding in their Six Mile habitat located in Somerset County. The habitat would not be used for hunting but to increase pheasant stock. Members of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association who know individuals in the Bergen County region, especially from the Hudson River Keeper organization, indicated they would help Mr. Sass in his efforts to obtain more pheasants by directing him to the right people who may be able assist him.

The NJOA is continuing to work with the NJ DEP to develop a Memorandum of Understanding on the procedure to develop artificial reefs. Once it is finalized, it could be used as a template for any club or organization that would want to build a new artificial reef. The idea here is to streamline the approval process so that it can happen without bureaucratic snags that can delay deployment of the reefs. The NJOA is looking to build artificial reefs in the near future since our state is lacking the monies to build more of them.

The NJOA is working on developing a final plan to sign on with Viridian that would result in savings on electrical bills for NJOA members and to also raise funds for NJOA causes.

It was reported that Senator Smith, with NJOA input, is trying to draft legislation that would open up Green Acres for all types of hunting, not just deer management.

Council member Paul Harris from the NJ Beach Buggy Association received a big round of applause for receiving the JCAA's Sportsperson of The Year Award during the JCAA's annual dinner at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant on November 14th

The Registry issue was discussed and while NJOA and JCAA members reached out to state officials for an answer on whether there would be no fee or a \$2 fee for it, there has been no resolution on this issue by the state as of the date of this NJOA meeting. Approximately 230,000 anglers have already signed up for the registry. This registry does NOT qualify our Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) to receive Wallop Breaux funding. Our DFW is already lacking funds and staff to fulfill its obligations and it will not receive funding through the registry program. The DFW will experience continued difficulty in responding to the various fishing management programs (approximately 23) that the federal government requires it to complete. If they are not properly completed, the federal government can reduce or even shut down our access to these fisheries.

If action is not taken by our state on the registry issue, then most likely, we will be required to be registered by the federal government for a fee that has yet to be determined. The federal government would allocate any monies it receives for administering the registry to its General Fund.

The next meeting of the NJOA will be December 27th.

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES

By John T. Koegler

Bluefin Tuna

You need to call and make a reservation to attend a NMFS Bluefin Tuna public hearing on Wednesday, January 5 at 10 AM at NMFS Sandy Hook Lab, NJ. Because this meeting is in a government building you must pre-register to attend. Call Kimberly Damon-Randall at 978-282-8485 x-6535 to register.

This meeting is an update from NMFS on the ESA status for bluefin tuna. This was requested by Enviros last May. This ESA request also includes restricting the waters where these fish swim under species habitat protection. What the impact of such

a listing would be have to be devastating to US fishermen!

US fishermen began their conservation way back in 1976 when recreational alone had a limit of 4 bluefin tuna per person. Most other nations have never complied or imposed their conservation for bluefin after 24 long years. Despite more US restrictions almost every year since then, US fishermen still take a yearly hit while the rest of the world's fishermen sell our conserved fish.

ICCAT

Every November USA attends the annual ICCAT meeting. The US held hearing before the meeting to cover possible issues and the proposed US position on what we suggest NMFS do at the meeting.

This year's US delegation was headed by NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco. At the ICCAT meeting she met with environmental groups before meeting with the US ICCAT delegation. She pushed for a very restrictive 2011 US quota. She proposed a transfer of US quota to Mexico who as part of the deal was to sublet their quota to Canada. This deal was to get both nations to support her extreme US quota reduction proposal. Other ICCAT nations' opposition resulted in her quota reduction request for the Western Atlantic being denied.

Where we go for here is unknown. Based on last year's quota overage we will have a small quota than last year's 1350 MT.

Catch Shares

This is a new management program from NMFS that is strongly supported by the Environmental Community. The Environmental Defense Fund, Marine Conservation Biology Institute and World Wildlife Fund are working closely with fishery scientists and managers to change the way fisheries are managed. Their strong support had NMFS impose this new fishery management tool on New England Commercial fishermen first. According to newspaper reports and meeting reports that have been held, New England commercial Fishermen are reported to be in a revolt against "Catch Shares."

Catch Shares are not really new. There are over a dozen commercial fisheries where it has been in force for years. Recreational representatives have clearly and strongly stated that Catch Shares must not be imposed on anglers. It is unknown if NMFS is paying any attention to the anglers' stated position.

All commercial fisheries that have imposed catch shares have always had the same result. The size of the Fishing Fleet was sharply reduced by 50% and more. To make sure this happens NMFS has an official program named the "Fishing Capacity Reduction Program." NMFS gets a loan approved that buys out those fishermen willing to sell their quota share and boat to NMFS. The remaining boats in the fishery pay a fee deducted from each fish sale that is collected by the dealer and sent directly to NMFS to pay for the loan.

How a "Catch Share" program would apply to anglers is unknown. But remember that NOAA has imposed an angler registration on all those who fish in salt water. They now have a list of the anglers who fish saltwater. This registration the first year was free.

In 2011 if your state does not have an angler registration or fishing license you will have to send NOAA a \$15.00 fee to renew your 2010 license.

If you already send in information such as the bluefin permits or other permit programs that apply to Charter and Head boats, you do not have to register. .

But you can count on NMFS first imposing it on Charter and Head boats to split the recreational community and slow any recreational revolt. How all this will not put a major dent in recreational fishing's future remains to be seen. But government control regardless of source, once it gets going is super difficult to stop or end.

E.P.A. Sets Tighter Rules for Hudson River Cleanup

By Mireya Navarro

New York Times December 17, 2010

The Environmental Protection Agency announced tighter requirements on Friday for the second phase of General Electric's cleanup of chemical pollution in the Hudson River, imposing a stringent limit for the first time on how much contamination can be capped and sealed on the riverbed rather than removed.

G.E. will be allowed to cap only 11 percent of the total project area, which stretches along 40 miles of the upper Hudson, from Hudson Falls to Troy, north of Albany, the agency said. That excludes areas where capping is unavoidable because of physical barriers in the river, which could amount to another 10 percent of the project, it added.

In the first phase of the project, involving work on six miles of the river from May to November 2009, the company capped nearly 37 percent of the polluted area.

The agency said it would also require tighter procedures for the dredging of sediments to remove PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, that were discharged into the river by two G.E. factories in upstate New York over a 30-year period ending in 1977.

The E.P.A. said it foresaw completion of the cleanup in five to seven years.

G.E., which is conducting the work under the oversight of the environmental agency's Superfund program, has until Jan. 14 to review the agency's decision and to announce whether it will resume the cleanup in May. It has the option of rejecting the standards and pulling out of the job, risking a court fight and enormous penalties.

Agency officials said they had reached their decision after months of consultations with G.E., New York State officials, environmental groups and others and an analysis of technical information about the project.

Judith A. Enck, the agency's regional administrator in New York, said the new standards relied "on the best science to ensure this dangerous pollution is addressed in an effective way."

"E.P.A. has advanced a PCB cleanup plan that will require the removal of huge quantities of PCBs, making the Hudson River cleaner for future generations," she added.

A spokesman for G.E., Mark Behan, said the company would review the new standards, and "if we determine that the plan is consistent with our technical discussions with E.P.A., and it's based on sound science and it's feasible to achieve, G.E. expects to move forward with Phase 2."

Mr. Behan said the company had already spent \$561 million on the design and execution of the project's first phase, and had set aside "sufficient funding" to finish the cleanup. He declined to give a specific figure.

Lawrence Levine, a senior lawyer at the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, described the standards for the second phase of the cleanup as a compromise.

"Under these cleanup standards, there's no doubt we'll have a much cleaner and healthier Hudson River than we do today," Mr. Levine said. But he argued that allowing G.E. to cover over toxic

contamination presented "the ongoing risk of it being stirred up once again in the years to come."

But Ms. Enck said that even with capping, the cleanup was expected to remove most PCBs. "We believe that at least 95 percent of the PCBs in the dredge area will be removed," she said in a telephone call with reporters. "We're very proud of that number."

She added G.E. was responsible for checking the capped areas every 10 years and maintaining them. "We're confident that the capping will be effective," she said.

A panel of independent scientists convened by the E.P.A. this year to review the first phase of the cleanup concluded that the effort had failed to meet standards consistently, including the levels of PCBs released into the water by the dredging itself and the levels remaining after an area was dredged or otherwise cleaned up. The panel called for "substantive changes" in the second phase.

In the next phase, E.P.A. officials said, they will require a maximum of three dredge passes, with the aim of limiting recontamination of the river. They will also mandate improvements in sampling for more accurate and complete information on the extent of the contamination.

From the 1940s to the 1970s, G.E. plants discharged approximately 1.3 million pounds of PCBs, cancer-causing chemicals that build up in fish over time, contaminating nearly 200 miles of the Hudson down to New York City, the agency estimates.

The dredging is confined to the most contaminated section of the river, amounting to about 490 acres of river bottom, but the goal is to sharply reduce the risk to people and animals from eating fish caught anywhere in the Hudson.

"This is about G.E.'s commitment to cleaning up the river," said Stuart Gruskin, executive deputy commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Conservation. "This is the moment to make that commitment."

SUPPORT THE ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

FATHER TIME FISHING EXPO

Save the date Father Time Fishing Environmental Expo will be held on January 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m. till noon at the Bolger Middle School, 100 Palmer Pl. Keansburg, NJ. If your fishing club would like to support this event, please contact Jeff Johnson (sumrwind@optonline.net) with a short description with your contact info or call Jeff at 732 787-2007 ext-5833. The JCAA Youth Education Committee is looking for volunteers to support this event.

NEWARK BAIT AND FLYCASTING CLUB

During 2011 the JCAA Youth Education Committee will visit the Newark Bait and Flycasting Club and present a "Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs" event for youngsters attending their Kids Fishing Night. The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club hosts the event at the Knights of Columbus Hall located in Union, NJ. Children and their families are welcome to come and enjoy a night of fun fishing activities and refreshments. This is one fishing club that is committed to teaching the joys of fishing to our young people. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will support this worthwhile event by conducting a safe boating seminar and providing "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" packets for all the youngsters.

JCAA LENDING LIBRARY

Several fishing clubs and organizations have used the services of the JCAA Lending Library during October and November. We are pleased with the recent interest to provide youth fishing programs within the membership of the JCAA. Remember to email your youth fishing events to gkucharews@aol.com so that we can publish your success stories in the JCAA newspaper. If your organization would like to use materials for your event, please phone 732-785-9278 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible and support your event. Plastic bags are also available for making goodie bags for children attending your event.

**HAVE FUN TEACH
SOMEONE TO FISH**

OUTDOOR SPORTSMEN SHOWS

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee will feature "Hooked on Fishing Not On Drugs" stickers at upcoming sportsmen shows. Go to the JCAA booth to receive information about "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs."

MR. CRAPPIE TEAMS UP WITH FFF

(Press Release)

Little Rock, Ark. (December 10, 2010)—For many years now, Wally Marshall of Garland, Texas, better known as Mr. Crappie, has been traveling the country as an ambassador of fishing in general and crappie fishing in particular. He's a top competitor in fishing tournaments and has developed an extensive line of crappie-fishing tackle and lures sold primarily through Bass Pro Shops. Millions of American anglers who love crappie fishing consider him an icon. Now Mr. Crappie is teaming up with the Future Fisherman Foundation (F3) to be an ambassador for F3's important youth-education programs such as Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs and Physh Ed. To show he's serious about his support, he donated \$1,000 to support F3's efforts on behalf of youth-fishing educators nationwide. And he's pledged to help promote F3's programs at public speaking engagements and fishing events throughout the year. "Everyone who knows me knows I love kids and spend as much time as possible sharing the joys of fishing with children," said Marshall. "There's no better way to light up a youngster's face than getting him or her on the water and letting them catch fish. That's why the Future Fisherman Foundation is so important. F3 trains educators nationwide to deliver quality fishing-education programs through schools, parks, service clubs, state wildlife agencies and other organizations. And through those programs, many children have their first fishing experiences, experiences that lead many of them to become lifelong, conservation-minded anglers. I want to show my support for the Foundation and help them in their efforts to provide fishing opportunities for every youngster in America." "We're extremely grateful Mr. Crappie has become a spokesman for the Foundation," said F3 Board Chair Kerry Campbell. "Wally has always been a role model for others when it comes to taking kids fishing, and we know having such a well-known fishing personality assisting us in our efforts will be invaluable in accomplishing our mission. We're proud he's joined us as a partner." Established in 1986, the Future Fisherman Foundation unites the sportfishing industry and a nationwide network of state outdoor educators, national conservation groups and youth organizations dedicated to introducing America's youth to angling and the outdoors. These efforts help people of all ages have safe and enjoyable fishing experiences that foster conservation ethics. Visit www.futurefisherman.org.