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**Monthly Meeting at Jersey Coast Shark Anglers, 385 Herbertsville Road, Brick
"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"**

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, February 25th, 2020

Starting at 7:30 PM

385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 12th, 2020

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 24th Scoping Hearing #3 Flounder, Scup, Sea Bass Allocation Amendment – Belmar

February 25th Scoping Hearing #3 Flounder, Scup, Sea Bass Allocation Amendment – Galloway

February 25th JCAA General Meeting

February 26th -March 1st Atlantic City Boat Show

March 12th JCAA Board Meeting

March 13th -15th Saltwater Expo

March 31st JCAA General Meeting

President's Report

By John Toth

My first order of business as JCAA's new president is to **Thank** our outgoing president, **Mark Taylor**, for the energy and time he spent to support the JCAA during his two-year term!

I think most of you know that with the exception of our office manager, Paul Turi, who keeps our office running smoothly and all of us in line, we are all volunteers who are not compensated while attending important fishing management meetings and other activities. **Why do we do this!?** We can answer this question in many ways, but it really comes down to our protecting the fishing rights of all anglers fishing in New Jersey's waters. This is really important to us now more than ever since our fishing opportunities are continually under attack by federal fishing managers who want to reduce our quotas for just about every species. Who would have thought that our bluefish quota of 15 fish would be reduced to 3 or 5 fish or that you can only catch 3 snappers in 2020! Our fishing opportunities are melting away before our eyes! To give you a better appreciation of this dismal picture, I have attached a report that was prepared by Captain Bob Bogan that details the businesses that have been lost due to fishing mismanagement. I can

guarantee you that the JCAA will be in the forefront of trying to stop this madness! More information on this issue will be featured in the next edition of our newsletter.

How can you help the JCAA on this loss of our fishing opportunities and other important issues that we face? Your support is critical! If we are in front marching to the wars that confront us and there is nobody behind us, how effective can we be? You can support us in various ways such as: attending our monthly meetings so that you can be aware of the current issues that we face, paying your club dues in a timely fashion, working at our various trade shows like the one coming up in Atlantic City, attending our fundraising Beefsteak Dinner on April 4th at the Forked River Tuna club that is being prepared by Paul Haertel and other activities that are ongoing. Your time and my time are precious, but please make the time to support the JCAA in one or more of these activities and events.

Speaking of time, I want to thank **Eric Engard** of the **NJ Council of Marlin & Tuna Clubs** for volunteering his time to be the Chairperson in charge of the Large Pelagic Committee. It is this type of volunteerism that is so important to the effectiveness of the JCAA. This position was held by the late John Koegler and we are glad that Eric has stepped up to the plate to fill this important committee.

During 2020, we have other issues that are on our plate and public access is one of them. Our governor has signed the Public Trust Doctrine and its implementation is turning out to be challenging with forces that want access and others that want to slow or even stop it. George Browne, JCAA Access Committee, has been spending a lot of his time being on top of this issue by attending access meetings and talking to our DEP concerning enforcement.

Another issue facing us is the installation of windmills off New Jersey's shore. Paul Eidman is keeping us updated on its development. I find this issue to be very fascinating and I have taken the time to go to numerous meetings to be aware of what effect these new windmills will have on our ability to fish by them and their effect on our environment.

We have very important issues facing us anglers during 2020 and I can assure you that the JCAA will be on top of them and also keep you informed on their status.

Lost Recreational Fishing Businesses

This list and comments were prepared by Captain Bob Bogan who operates the boat The Gambler operating from Point Pleasant, NJ.

Party Fishing Vessel and Charter fishing vessels that carried more than 6 passengers --Businesses that have Gone Under in New Jersey (not replaced) since the Bad Reauthorizations of Magnuson-Stevens in 1996 and 2006. More have been added to this list; the boat *Brooklyn* (when NMFS in December 2019 announced a 5 fish bag limit for bluefish. A tackle shop in Atlantic Highlands (which is a busy fishing marina)

Bayonne: Bucky

Perth Amboy: Sea Pigeon

Leonardo: Freddy C

Highlands

- Crack-a-Dawn
- Eagle
- Jersey Girl
- Ranger

Belmar

- Catherine II
- Mohawk Explorer
- Mohawk IV
- Eileen
- Ginny Lynn
- American Eagle

Brielle

- Atlantis
- Capt Kel

Point Pleasant

- Norma KII
- Miss Norma K
- Deep Adventures III
- Deep Adventures IV
- Sea Devil
- Cock Robin

Barnegat

- White Star
- Miss LBI
- Doris Mae
- Searcher
- Jersey Devil

Atlantic City: Capt Applegate

Sea Isle City

- Capt Robbins
- Miss Ocean City

Fortescue: Angler

Cape May

- Mid 90's: **29** party boats
- Currently: **9** party boats

During Same Years, *new* to the industry:

- Perth Amboy: Sea Hawk (for sale?)
- Highlands: Dorothy B (transferred from NY)
- Pt. Pleasant: Voyager

This is a count of 50, once viable businesses, that are gone for good (In NJ alone). This is NOT anecdotal information. These were US Coast Guard, federally documented vessels. NMFS wants us off the ocean --they have done a good job. Fisheries management has been hi-jacked by special interest groups that are making money by putting us out of business. They are penalizing fishermen on fish stocks that are rebuilt as high as 300%! Summer flounder biomass stock rose from 35.9 million lbs. in 1995 to 88.9 million lbs. by 2014 (more than double) --this was achieved through our sacrifices --not fisheries management (who I've heard get paid \$400 plus per-day, put up in a fancy hotel, all expenses paid, for their time at the meetings.)

The Original intent of Magnuson Stevens was good: Increase fish stocks and maintain a viable fishing community through sound fisheries management. This is no longer the case. Fishing communities no longer matter.

Above is only a list of larger recreational for-hire fishing charter and party boat businesses that have disappeared since the Magnuson-Stevens reauthorizations of 1996 and 2006. It does not include family run tackle shops and fishing marinas and boat rental marinas --and all the residual loss of business that has suffered under the inequity of these unfair fish rulings.

And would be improbable to estimate the numbers of a whole generation of lower-income people who have given up -- or not even learned--saltwater fishing due to the fact that the cost doesn't warrant --no chance to bring home dinner.

Fisheries management has successfully divided and conquered fishermen; from Recreational

vs Commercial, private boat vs for-hire boat, State against State, beach fishermen vs boat fishermen.

All the while, the enviro-industry (and make no doubt, it is a money making industry) are laughing all the way to the bank. Behind doors, these same people are earnestly working to create Marine Sanctuaries to further restrict our..."Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness", (which was our unalienable right, spoken of in the Declaration of Independence).

JCAA High Roller Raffle 2020 \$3000 Plus in Prizes!

By Don Marantz

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association is a charitable non-profit 501(c)3 organization that was formed in 1981. The original objective of the JCAA, that continues today, was to combine a group of marine sportfishing clubs in order to form and promote a united consensus on issues relevant to saltwater anglers in New Jersey. JCAA works to protect the rights of New Jersey's recreational fishermen by seeking fair and equitable fisheries management. It fosters conservation and education while seeking to do what is best for our fisheries to ensure they will be sustainable for future generations. JCAA also strives to create increased angling opportunities and better public access. Further, it is involved with issues concerning our marine environment, such as fighting for better fisheries habitat, keeping our waters clean, and protecting our forage species while supporting an ecosystem-based management approach. JCAA works in concert with New Jersey's legislature, many major local, state and national organizations, congress and federal agencies to advance its objectives.

JCAA has evolved into one of the most powerful and unified organizations of its kind. JCAA's strength comes from its volunteer members and donations. If you or your fishing club is interested in becoming a member or making a tax-deductible donation, please call (732) 506-6565 or visit www.jcaa.org.

Another way you can help support us is to buy some of our raffle tickets. They will be available at the Atlantic City Boat Show from 2/26-3/1 (Booth 558) and at the Saltwater Fishing Expo in Edison from 3/13-3/15. You may also call the number above or email our office at jcaa@jcaa.org, provide your name

and address and we will mail you a book. The drawing for prizes having a **total value of over \$3000** will be held on May 14 at 7:30pm at our office. **Tickets are just \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10.** Thank you for your anticipated support!

List of Prizes (*retail values*)

1. Jersey Nutz Six Man Charter (6 hour, 6 man inshore weekday charter) – **\$850**, *Donated by Captains Robert and Cody Melton*
2. ODM 11' NXF1102 Spinning Rod/Canyon Salt 7500 Reel – **\$639**, *Donated by Canyon reels and JCAA*
3. \$500 gift Certificate from Fisherman's Headquarters – **\$500**, *Donated by Fisherman's Headquarters*
4. Shimano 6'6" Teramar TMC-E66MH Conv. Rod/Shimano HG14 Reel – **\$380**, *Donated by Grumpys Tackle and Shimano*
5. Quantum 7' QSW5701H Spinning Rod/Quantum Boca BSP60 Reel – **\$260**, *Donated by JCAA*
6. Costa Blackfin Sunglasses – **\$259**, *Donated by Costa*
7. Tica 7' WIGA70MHJ2S Spinning Rod/Tica CS4000 Reel – **\$147**

Winter Show Time

By Mark Taylor

Time is running out for me putting the list of volunteers for the upcoming events that JCAA will be at. In order to have enough people to do things right we need you to help. If you are unable to volunteer to work for the whole day, working half the hours is great too. If you can help contact me ASAP mtsport64@aol.com and put in the subject "Name of the Event."

Atlantic City Boat Show (Feb 26th – March 1st)

- Wednesday Feb. 26th – 11am to 8pm
- Thursday Feb. 27th – 11am to 8pm
- Friday Feb. 28th – 11am to 8pm
- Saturday Feb. 29th – 10am to 8pm
- Sunday Mar. 1st – 10am to 6pm

This amazing show is organized by National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and is celebrating its 40 years of bring outstanding bargains of all kinds. The Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show is the Mid-Atlantic's biggest boat show. This year's show is being held at the Atlantic City Convention Center with the best boats, marine gear, marine services, and all exhibitors. There is no better place to shop, compare and save. While you are there check out the daily schedule of free seminars and learn different techniques from the experts. These seminars are sponsored by The Fisherman Magazine, Recreational Fishing Alliance and Canyon Runner Sportfishing. All this is going on in a great facility on a floor plan of 500,000 sq. ft. While you're there stop by Booth #558 where you will find representatives from Jersey Coast Anglers Association's (JCAA). They are there for you to ask questions and voice your concerns in saltwater. JCAA is currently having its Annual Hi-Roller Raffle fundraiser where you can win great things, so say hello and help out by buying a few raffle tickets. For more information, go to the AC boat show [website](#).

Saltwater Fishing Expo (March 13th–15th)

- Friday Mar. 13th – 12am to 8pm
- Saturday Mar. 14th – 10am to 6pm
- Sunday Mar. 15th – 10am to 5pm

Here is another amazing show organized by National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center in Edison. The Progressive Insurance Saltwater Fishing Expo is a must not to miss show. This show is packed with the best local tackle shops, vendors, tackle manufactures, fishing clubs, fishing associations and top fishing names doing free seminars. You can find outstanding deals on all items dealing with saltwater fishing. While you're there make sure you stop by the Jersey Coast Anglers Association's (JCAA) booth and ask questions and voice your concerns in saltwater. JCAA will also have its Annual Hi-Roller Raffle fundraiser here too. You can be one of seven lucky winners where you can win great things, but you need to purchase a few raffle tickets. Plan your day so you can see the whole show and attend the seminars that interest you. For more information, go to the saltwater sportshows [website](#).

Hope to see you at these shows and you will find great deals.

JCAA Newsletter Advertising

If you are looking to advertise and target the saltwater fishing community, whether it is a business or fishing club, this is the place. JCAA publishes eleven monthly newsletters a year and we hand out free copies at every event we participate in. Your Advertisement will reach and be seen by many people of the New Jersey Recreational Fishing Community. These newsletters also reach all the New Jersey Politicians and the Politicians in Washington, DC where people in their offices share and read them. The rates for advertising are one of the best. Half business card space is \$250, full business card space is \$500 and double business card space is \$1,000. You can call the JCAA office for additional information on advertising at 732-506-6565.

NJ Bluefish and Striper Regulations Set

By Paul Haertel

The highly anticipated New Jersey Marine Council Meeting that decided the fate of our stripers and our striper fishermen was held on 2/13/20. Over a hundred passionate striper fishermen filled the room at the municipal building in Manahawkin to capacity, while many more waited in the hallway or even outside hoping to get in. Many others left after learning they could not get in.

First up was bluefish and after the council accepted comments from people inside the room, they did allow people from outside to come in one-by-one and give their comments. The council's hands were tied by mandates from the ASMFC and MAFMC so there were not many options to choose from. Ultimately, the council opted for a regulation of 3 fish per person for private sector and a 5-fish per person for the for-hire sector. There will be no size limit or seasonal closure.

Next up was striped bass and again due to a mandate from the ASMFC, there were only two options that our council could consider. One was for one striper at 28" to 35" which would have resulted in a 43% predicted reduction. This option appealed to those who favored the most stringent regulations possible with hope that it would restore our striper stocks sooner. The other option was for one striper at 28"-38" that would result in about a 20% predicted

reduction but still more of a cut than the 18% that was mandated. This option appealed to those who wanted to keep fish and to those who felt it would not be fair to NJ to have to take a cut of 43% while other states were taking far less of a cut. Though we were limited to only these two options, special thanks to DEP Asst. Commissioner Ray Bukowski and Asst. Director of Marine Fisheries Joe Cimino and their staff for developing and bringing to the table options that appealed to each user group.

There was also a suite of options for our bonus program. All options included one fish per person with a size limit of 24"-28" while some also included either 500 or 1000 trophy tags for fish over 43". There was also a choice as to whether to begin the bonus season on 5/15 or 9/1.

Everyone who was there, whether they were inside and outside the room, was given the opportunity to voice their opinion on which option they preferred. There were varying opinions from those who spoke and there was not a clear consensus. For instance, some people spoke in favor of being able to keep a large bass while others asked for the bonus program to be suspended. Ultimately, the council voted in favor of the option that was recommended by the advisory committee. Therefore, our regulations for this year will be one fish from 28" to less than 38" and those with a bonus tag will be able to keep one fish from 24" to less than 28". Additionally, the bonus program will begin on 5/15 rather than 9/1. It will run through 12/31. Tags are not yet available but we will keep you posted.

Highly Migratory Species Report

By Eric Engard

I have volunteered to revive the HMS/Pelagic Report, and the JCAA has graciously agreed. First, a little about myself: I am an avid offshore fisherman, Past Commodore of the Forked River Tuna Club, Representative for the New Jersey Council of Marlin and Tuna Club, and Competition Chairman of the South Jersey Saltwater Anglers.

In the next few months, and once I get the lay of the land, I will be posting Regulations and Issues pertaining to our HMS of fish. I welcome any comments and questions, and will do my best to answer them. You can Email me at irishcelticcross1@yahoo.com. I am looking forward to meeting and talking to all of you.

NEW for 2020: JCAA Expansion into the Social Media World!

*Capt. Paul Eidman, Habitat & Forage Fish
Committee Chairman*

To keep up with the pace of this rapidly moving world we need to adopt some new tactics. Plain and simple, we need more angler involvement and boots on the ground! There are so many issues that are on the table right now and always that it's hard to keep up with it all at times. In order to keep our sport alive, it's going to require change in the form of increased participation! Yes, we can't do it without you and now is the time to engage.

Over the past decade, the fish world has been taking all of us fisherman in crazy new directions and we know that things on the water are changing rapidly. Jersey Coast Anglers Online is now offering more ways for you to be more involved and to stay aware of everything that's going on in and around the world of fish, habitat, tactics, legislative issues and much more. Not to worry, much of our "old school" stuff will move with us, but it's clearly time to move forward in the virtual world.

Behind the scenes, we have been adding a new interactive website, Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts and even a news feed! Jersey Coast Anglers Online hopes to become your source for all things fish and more. We are hoping that in addition to increasing membership, we can attract new sponsors and have new improved events, both online and off. Tackle giveaways, fishing tactic sessions, auctions and other ideas are in the works as we speak.

We are hoping to be able to master the ability to have our meetings both in person and online, so folks can attend and participate virtually. Many people care deeply and want to get involved but find that driving to and attending a meeting is just not possible anymore, especially after a long day at work.

You can stay connected in many ways and we encourage you to help us, right from your keyboard, by sharing articles, participating in the conversation and more. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association has something for everyone, regardless of your age. It's time to learn more about what else the JCAA has to offer and get involved. Fishing tournaments, Dinners and gatherings, Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs,

Veterans fishing, and high school fishing programs, Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament and much more.

We are looking for volunteers to step up and help us with this new venture. Please talk with your friends and especially younger people with internet enthusiasm. We need your help more than ever before.

Thanks in advance for searching for Jersey Coast Anglers Online and helping the JCAA modernize and become bigger and better than ever before!

Be sure to use the new Hashtag **#jerseycoastangersonline** with all your posts.

JCAA 3rd Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Fishing Seminar – April 4

By Paul Haertel

On Saturday, **April 4th**, 2020 the JCAA will be holding its third annual all-you-can-eat Beefsteak Dinner and Fishing Seminar. The event will be held at the Forked River Tuna Club located at 18 Bay Av., Forked River, NJ. Doors will open at 5 PM so come in early to look around the club, have a drink, socialize and check out our silent auction prizes. Fishing seminars will be held from 6-7 PM. First up will be Tommy Freda who will give a presentation on inshore tuna fishing. Tommy is the son of renowned Captain Jimmy Freda of Shore Catch Guide Service. Let's see how many of his Dad's secrets we can coax out of Tommy. Next up will be Dante Soriente, owner of Magictail Bucktails, who will give a presentation on how to catch tog on jigs. Dante is a really great fisherman who caught a 21 lb. tog on my boat last year. This guy not only makes jigs, he catches a lot of big fish on them.

Following the conclusion of the seminars at 7pm, we will have an all-you-can-eat beefsteak dinner that will be served by Nightingale Catering. Salad, French fries, beefsteak and dessert will be served along with soft drinks, coffee and tea. A cash bar will also be available. The silent auction winners will be determined and then the affair will be concluded with a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are just \$50 per person and may be reserved by contacting Paul Haertel at 973-943-8201 or anglerpmh@aol.com.

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

HOFNOD BILL

HOFNOD Bill A5113/S3457 will need to be reintroduced for 2020. We will keep you posted as to when this will be assigned new bill numbers for 2020.

NJ HOFNOD WORKSHOP 2020

The Division of Fish & Wildlife will host a 2-day Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs (HOFNOD) leader training May 15-17, 2020, at the Lighthouse Center for Natural Resource Education in Ocean County. Registration is required and due by May 1, 2020.

This workshop is a great learning experience. If you are interested in attending a NJ HOFNOD workshop, please phone or email Liz Jackson, NJ HOFNOD Coordinator Phone: 908-637-4125 x122 email: liz.jackson@dep.state.nj.us.

\$200 STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD OFFERED

The annual Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference will be held April 19-21 in Long Branch, NJ. The conference provides opportunities for education, discussion, and exchanging of ideas in the areas of wildlife biology, fisheries, outreach and education, and law enforcement. Graduates or undergraduates in wildlife or a related field are welcome, and those who have had a paper or poster accepted for presentation for the current year are eligible for a student travel award of \$200.

Visit the Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA).

HIGH SCHOOL FISHING TEAMS

New Jersey high school fishing teams are already gearing up for the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament 2020. With the onset of colder temperatures high school fishing club students can prepare for the tournament by tying rigs and teasers for fishing next year. We encourage more schools and organizations to enter the tournament. Schools that would like more information about the GSFT can

contact Karen Byrne at 609-748-4347 or e-mail karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.

UPCOMING 2020 EVENTS

- **Kids Free Fishing Seminar:** A presentation by the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, 33 South 21st Street Kenilworth, NJ 07033. Tuesday, March 3, 2020 7:00 P.M. thru 9:00 P.M. 39th Annual Kids Fishing Derby, Contestants register on April 18th, The contest runs from 8:00 am Saturday, April 18th through May 2, 2020. Free for all kids 16 years old and under. Visit www.nbfcc.org for more information.
- **2020 Trout Contest for Kids:** Shark River Surf Anglers, Saturday, April 11th – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Spring Lake, NJ. Contest info at [this link](#).
- **Hudson River Fisherman's Association 2020 Youth Fishing Contest:** Information at [this link](#).
- **4th Annual Veterans Fishing Day:** On Saturday, May 9, 2020, 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Cardinale Enterprises and Laurita Winery will host the 4th Annual Play HOOK-e Take a Veteran Fishing Day at Lake Julianna Ponderosa Estate Farms, Millstone Township, NJ. This year Mr. Cardinale expanded the Veteran Fishing Day to include veterans and active duty military from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Friends and family are welcome. Registration is mandatory. Register at [this link](#).
- **Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament:** Sunday, May 17, 2020. Disabled veterans, children, and anglers can reserve a beach wheelchair to fish the tournament. Free Veteran Surf Fishing Clinics will resume in May 2019, Funded by Vietnam Veterans Chapter 12 and VFW Post 2226, Oakhurst, NJ. Please phone 732-785-9278 to register.

DISABLED VETERANS GET WHEELS ON THE BEACH

Governor Murphy signed S-1703 and A-715, which allows disabled veterans exempt from beach buggy permit fees. Eligible veterans applying for a NJ Beach

Buggy Permit to drive on the beach at Island Beach State Park and Brigantine must provide the following: Form DD 214 Honorable Discharge, Valid NJ Driver License and Registration, Veterans ID Card proof of service-connected disability.

If you plan to fish on the beach you must register for a Free NJ Saltwater Recreational Registration Card. It is suggested new beach drivers take a beach safety driving course. NJBBA offers a beach driving course at [this link](#). For more information about permits and hours contact: Island Beach State Park, 732-793-0506 or Brigantine Community Center 609-264-7350. Visit [this link](#) for no cost veteran fishing programs.

An Invitation from NJ Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey's Opening Day of Trout Season this year is Saturday, April 11, and the Division of Fish and Wildlife will again be celebrating by hosting a special event at the Pequest Trout Hatchery in Oxford. We would be honored if Veterans and their families from the Play Hook-E program would join Division staff at the hatchery for a morning of camaraderie and fishing at the Pequest fishing education pond. The day will begin with a light breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by the kick-off of trout season at 8:00 a.m. Fishing will conclude at noon. The day's agenda is attached. Registration is required as there is a limit on the number of participants for the event. Please note all participants (ages 16–69) are required to have a fishing license and trout stamp. These are available online at [their website](#), at local license agents, or at Pequest (Monday–Friday from 9am–4pm) or the day of the event. Service-connected disabled veterans are entitled to free licenses and stamps. More information on the free licenses for qualified veterans can be found at [this link](#).

Please let me know if you are able to join us, as well as the number of people who will be attending no later than Friday, March 27. I can be emailed at jessica.griglak@dep.nj.gov or reached by phone at (908) 637-4125 x115.

If you know of any other veterans who would like to join us for the day, please pass this information along.

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