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### JCAA REGULAR MEETING

**October 26th, 2021 via Zoom Meeting**

**Starting at 7:30 PM**

**NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, November 11th, 2021**

**Via Zoom Meeting**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Dinner

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

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting

**December 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** MAFMC/ASMFC Joint Meeting

**December 28<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

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

**January 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** ASMFC Winter Meeting

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

**February 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** MAFMC Meeting

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

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** JCAA General Meeting

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** Progressive AC Boat Show

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

**March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** Progressive Saltwater Fishing Expo

**March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** NOAA REC Summit

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

### **Sportsperson-of-the-Year**

*By Paul Turi*

This year we will be having our Sportsperson of the Year dinner at Yesterday's Family Restaurant located at 938 Rt. 9 South, Bayville, NJ. The dinner will be held on **Sunday, November 14th from 4-8 PM**. The price of meat and demand for banquet facilities has increased tremendously which has put some of the fancier waterfront places out of our desired price range. The price of our dinner will be \$85 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. The good news is that we are going to get a lot for our money. We will start with hand-passed Hors D'oeuvres followed by soup, salad and rigatoni with Vodka sauce. The main course will be your choice of Chicken Francese, Stuffed Flounder or Prime Rib. There will also be unlimited soda, coffee, tea, BEER and WINE! Desert will consist of an ice cream sundae bar with three flavors of ice cream.

To reserve your tickets, call Don Marantz at 908-347-1434. You can also send him an email at [donmarantz@optonline.net](mailto:donmarantz@optonline.net). At this time we are not sure who the guest speaker is going to be. And, as usual, we will be having a tricky tray auction, silent auction and plenty of door prizes.

We are also in need of door prizes and tricky tray Auction and silent Auction prizes. If you or your club has something to donate, please contact Paul Haertel at (973) 943-8201 or email him at [AnglerPMH@aol.com](mailto:AnglerPMH@aol.com). It would help if each of our member clubs donated a prize or solicited the bait and tackle shops that its members support.

**Remember, bring your significant other. We always have prizes for the ladies too!**

## President's Report

*By John Toth*

During our September General Membership meeting, we voted to have our JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Award dinner. Thanks to Paul Haertel, he researched the venues that we could hold it and the best location that was the result of his search is Yesterday's Family Restaurant in Bayville. Keep in mind that many of the catering venues were booked up because of the backlog of weddings due to the pandemic.

I have been to Yesterday's for other functions and Yesterday's will put on a good dinner for us on November 14<sup>th</sup> and we will definitely enjoy it! You will not go away hungry and there are a lot of good choices for dinner and accompanied by appetizers, salad, soup, pasta, and unlimited soda, coffee, tea, beer and wine! There is more detailed information in this newsletter about dinner prizes and how to order your tickets.

The Fish Hawks have nominated Tony Guadagnino to receive JCAA's prestigious Sportsperson of the Year Award and the Shore Surf Club has nominated Tim Brennan to receive the JCAA's Youth Education Award. Written nominations for both of these individuals are included in this newsletter so that you can see why they are receiving their awards at this dinner.

Because of COVID, we had to reluctantly cancel our fluke tournament last year and this summer and, hopefully, the last time we will have to do it. So, let the good times roll with this dinner and enjoy each

other's company! This dinner will give us the opportunity to meet again, face-to-face, like we have done in the past.

On another subject, we have been trying to close the fishing GAP between the time period when the fluke season ends (September 19<sup>th</sup>) and the black sea bass season begins (October 8<sup>th</sup>) about a three-week period. During this period, we can catch one blackfish, the stripers usually come in mid-October, and bluefish are around but not the most popular fish for many anglers. Black sea bass stocks are in great shape (up about 240%) and we have been trying to open up fishing for sea bass just after the fluke season ends so that anglers have something to fish for and not wait about 3 weeks until the sea bass season starts.

As an Advisor to the NJ Marine Fisheries Council on sea bass, along with Paul Haertel, we will be attending a ZOOM meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible scenarios how we can fill in this Gap with the amount of sea bass that we can catch during this period and their sizes. Any changes to this Gap will be applicable only to 2022. During the time of this writing, I do not have the details yet on this possible change, but I will keep you posted on what happens at this ZOOM meeting in the future.

This is not a done deal by any means, but it is a step in the right direction that we have been advocating for many years!

## Nomination of Tony Guadagnino for JCAA Sportsperson of the Year

The Fish Hawk's Saltwater Anglers Club would like to nominate Mr. Tony Guadagnino for the prestigious award of Sportsperson of the Year for 2021. The Fish Hawk's is a social fishing club, dedicated to good sportsmanship, preservation of the marine environment, and safeguarding our natural resources. The Fish Hawk's is 200 members strong, and was established in April, 1977. The Board of Directors all agree that Mr. Guadagnino should be nominated for this prestigious Award of Sportsperson of the Year.

Running a successful club like the Fish Hawks takes a lot of work from its membership. Mr. Guadagnino is involved in almost every activity of the club and has been for years. For instance, he is a Board Member and is responsible for all financial matters. He is considered the CFO of the club. He also

co-runs our annual activities such as: Our Annual Awards Banquet, our Annual Picnic, our Annual Pizza Night, and our Annual Indoor Flea Market. Mr. Guadagnino also goes to many local businesses getting prizes/gifts for several of our activities which are auctioned off, raising monies for our club. He also runs our monthly meetings 50/50. Mr. Guadagnino was in the Navy for 6 years and is very involved with the Fish Hawks outreach programs that involve the Military such as: Our Youth Seminar. This is a very well organized program. It's a day of teaching Veteran's Children fishing techniques. Mr. Guadagnino is also involved with a Veteran advocacy organization called "Ma Deuce Deuce", (Ma22). The purpose of this organization is to raise awareness of the 22 daily veteran suicide epidemic by sending 300 veterans fishing for the day. Mr. Guadagnino has been on our membership boats with these Veterans from this organization helping them fish and enjoying the day. Mr. Guadagnino is an extremely active member of our club and helps make our club successful in every aspect.

Mr. Guadagnino is a very skilled fisherman and has fished in many offshore tournaments to include the Gulf of Mexico where he fished for Blue Marlin and Yellowfin Tuna. He has fished both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans for Tuna, Marlin, and Swordfish. The Fish Hawks runs many tournaments throughout the fishing season, fishing for a variety of saltwater species. Mr. Guadagnino participates in just about all of our tournaments, and many times wins the tournament for that species. These tournaments are for many species of fish to include, Fluke, Sea bass, Black Fish, Blow Fish and Strippers. He also fishes in the tri-club tournament which are three clubs competing against each other. He not only fishes in these tournaments but actually helps run them. Mr. Guadagnino also crabs and clams in the backwaters of Barnegat Bay. The Fish Hawks membership fishing skill level ranges from novice to expert, The Fish Hawk Membership considers Mr. Guadagnino as an Expert highly skilled fisherman and is the go-to person for advice on fishing.

Mr. Tony Guadagnino has been a member of the Fish Hawks for over 20 years. He is a friend to everyone and is dedicated to the sport of salt water fishing.

The Fish Hawk's Saltwater Anglers Club is very proud to Nominate Mr. Guadagnino for the prestigious award of Sportsperson of the Year for 2021.

Thank You,  
The Board Of Directors,  
Fish Hawk's Saltwater Anglers Club

## Note from John Toth, President

Dear JCAA Supporter,

We thank you for your continued support of the JCAA as it fights for the rights of all anglers who fish in New Jersey.

The JCAA raises its funds primarily through its many events such as its Annual Fluke Tournament, the Sportsperson of the Year Dinner, selling its raffle tickets at shows like the Salt Water Expo in Edison and other venues.

Because of COVID-19, the JCAA had to reluctantly cancel its Annual Fluke Tournament during 2020 and 2021. The trade shows were canceled during 2021 since the public was scared of contracting this virus with the many people who attend them.

In short, money is going out, but money is not going into JCAA's treasury like it used to that pays bills like office rental space, newsletters, mailings and other expenses to keep an association like the JCAA in business. While the JCAA is comprised of all volunteers, we do have one paid manager to handle the necessary administration details of the JCAA such as phone calls, printing of newsletters, etc.

COVID-19 is still threatening the ability of the JCAA to continue its efforts to protect the fishing rights of all of us anglers. Please consider providing a donation to the JCAA. You also benefit since your donation may be used to reduce your 2020 tax assessment. If your company provides for a matching donation, you may be able to double your contribution. The JCAA is a 501 C3 organization and donations that are given to it are possibly eligible for tax deduction purposes.

Please make your check out to the Jersey Coast Anglers Association and mail it to JCAA, 1594 Lakewood Rd., Ste 13, Toms River, NJ 08755.

Again, thank you so much for your continued support and we certainly appreciate it!

John Toth  
President, JCAA  
(732) 656-0139

# Fisheries Management Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

## Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

October 20, 2021

### Meeting Summary

The Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board (Board) met to consider approval of Draft Amendment 7 for public comment and to consider approval of Draft Addendum VII to Amendment 6 for public comment.

The Board received an overview presentation of the management options developed for Draft Amendment 7. The Plan Development Team (PDT) and the Technical Committee (TC) met multiple times between May and September to develop Draft Amendment 7. The Advisory Panel (AP) also met to provide feedback on the scope of draft options, which was included in the staff presentation. In August 2020, the Board initiated development of Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to update the management program to better align with current fishery needs and priorities, and build upon the Addendum VI action to end overfishing and initiate rebuilding. Since Amendment 6 was adopted in 2003, the status and understanding of the striped bass stock and fishery has changed considerably. The 2018 benchmark stock assessment indicated the striped bass stock has been overfished since 2013 and is experiencing overfishing, which changed perception of stock status. In May 2021, the Board approved the following four issues for development in Draft Amendment 7: management triggers, measures to protect the 2015 year class, recreational release mortality, and conservation equivalency.

The Board discussed the proposed management options for each of the four issues and removed some options from the document, primarily due to concerns that certain options would not be viable for implementation. For management triggers Tier 1 (fishing mortality triggers), the Board removed draft options A3, C2, and C4. For management triggers

Tier 2 (female spawning stock biomass triggers), the Board removed draft options C2 and C4. For measures to protect the 2015 year class, the Board removed draft option E (recreational harvest moratorium). For recreational release mortality, the Board removed draft options B1 and B2 for seasonal closures, and draft options C2, C3, and C4 for gear restrictions. For conservation equivalency, the Board removed draft option F (prohibition of CE).

The Board tasked the PDT with development of new options to add to the Draft Amendment 7 for the Board's review at the 2022 Winter Meeting. For the fishing mortality ( $F$ ) threshold management trigger, the Board added a draft option to consider a 2-year average of  $F$  in addition to a 3-year average. The Board tasked the PDT with developing a formal rebuilding plan for striped bass that could include a status quo  $F$  target and another option that would establish a  $F$ (rebuild) calculated as the  $F$  value projected to achieve SSB(rebuild) no later than 2029 under the assumption of the low recruitment regime. The Board also tasked the PDT with adding maximum size limit/slot options to the Chesapeake Bay recreational fishery measures section for protecting the 2015, 2017, and 2018 year classes.

The Board received an overview presentation of the management options developed for Draft Addendum VII to Amendment 6. The presentation included a report from the PDT regarding concerns about commercial quota transfers. The issue of commercial quota allocation was not approved for development in Draft Amendment 7. In order to provide a management option that could provide some immediate relief to states that were seeking a change in commercial quota allocation, the Board initiated Draft Addendum VII in August 2021 to consider allowing voluntary transfers of coastal commercial quota. Due to the PDT's concerns and the Board's current focus on Draft Amendment 7, the Board deferred consideration of Draft Addendum VII until May 2022 to allow for further development and review of the transfer options.

For more information, please contact Emilie Franke, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [efranke@asmfc.org](mailto:efranke@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.

## Tautog Management Board

Press Release: October 18, 2021

### Tautog Regional Assessments Update Show Improvements in Stock Status

Arlington, VA – The Commission’s Tautog Management Board reviewed the results of 2021 Regional Stock Assessments Update, which found improvements in most regions. Stocks within the Long Island Sound (LIS) and Delaware/Maryland/Virginia (DelMarVa) regions are not overfished, with improved stock status for both regions from the last assessment in 2017. For LIS, New Jersey/New York Bight (NJNYB), and DelMarVa, fishing mortality also decreased with the stock not experiencing overfishing in any regions; also an improvement from the previous assessment. In the Massachusetts and Rhode Island (MARI) region, stock status remains unchanged with the stock not overfished nor experiencing overfishing.

Each regional assessment used information through 2020, including calibrated recreational data from the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). Over 90% of the total harvest of tautog across all regions comes from the recreational fishery. In addition to regional indices of abundance from fishery-independent surveys, a catch per unit effort index was developed using MRIP data for each region because tautog are not easily sampled by standard fishery-independent surveys. The new MRIP estimates resulted in higher estimates of spawning stock biomass (SSB) and recruitment in all regions, but had less of an impact on fishing mortality.

The regional assessments for MARI and LIS indicated strong year classes in recent years have contributed to increasing trends in SSB. In the DelMarVa region, landings and fishing mortality have declined significantly since 2012, resulting in an increase in SSB over the time period. While the NJ-NYB region remains overfished, the SSB has been trending upward since the last assessment update.

Since no regions are experiencing overfishing, the Board chose to not make any management changes at this time. A more detailed overview of the tautog regional stock assessment update is available on the Commission website at [this link](#). It was developed to aid media and interested stakeholders in better

understanding the results. The assessment update will be available on the Commission website on the tautog webpage the week of October 25th.

For more information on the stock assessments, please contact Katie Drew, Stock Assessment Team Lead, at [kdrew@asmfc.org](mailto:kdrew@asmfc.org); and for more information on tautog management, please contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Senior FMP Coordinator, at [krootes-murdy@asmfc.org](mailto:krootes-murdy@asmfc.org).

### Tautog Stock Status and Reference Points by Region

| Stock Region | Spawning Stock Biomass (in millions of pounds) |           |               | Fishing Mortality |           |                | Stock Status                              |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
|              | Target                                         | Threshold | 2020 Estimate | Target            | Threshold | 3-year Average |                                           |
| MARI         | 10.09                                          | 7.57      | 14.90         | 0.28              | 0.49      | 0.23           | Not overfished; overfishing not occurring |
| LIS          | 14.83                                          | 11.12     | 14.70         | 0.26              | 0.38      | 0.30           | Not overfished; overfishing not occurring |
| NJ-NYB       | 14.45                                          | 10.78     | 10.54         | 0.19              | 0.30      | 0.26           | Overfished; overfishing not occurring     |
| DelMarVa     | 9.90                                           | 7.40      | 9.66          | 0.17              | 0.27      | 0.06           | Not overfished; overfishing not occurring |

## Show Time 2022 Shows Are Coming Soon

By Mark Taylor

Before you know it we all will be in that so called down time looking for things to do. This is the time we assess our fishing gear so it’s ready for when we need it. When it comes to fishing rods or reels in need of some repairs, I believe we either do it ourselves, make arrangements with someone we know or local tackle shops. As for tackle it’s not that easy to repair at times so looking where purchase it is where the local tackle shops, fishing club flea markets, boat/saltwater shows or the internet come into play. Always support those that support and fight for your right to fish. Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) had a rough year as did everyone else during the COVID pandemic. JCAA will be having a booth at two shows so far at the beginning of 2022. We are looking for volunteers to work our booth at both of these great events. If you are interested contact Mark A. Taylor at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com) and in the subject

put which show you can help at. Looking to hear from you and see you at the shows.

### **2022 Progressive Atlantic City Boat Show**

March 2-6, 2022

Atlantic City Convention Center

1 Convention Blvd, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

<https://www.acboatshow.com/>

### **2022 Progressive Saltwater Fishing Expo**

March 18-20, 2022

New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center

97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ 08837

<https://saltwater.sportshows.com/>

## **Amazon Smile**

*By Paul Turi, Office Manager*

Amazon Smile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization selected by its customers. JCAA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is registered with Amazon Smile to receive these donations from Amazon. If you would like to support JCAA in this manner, whenever you buy something on Amazon, simply go to smile.amazon.com whenever you make a purchase from Amazon and when asked indicate the Jersey Coast Anglers Association as the charitable organization you would like the donation to go to. You will still get the same price you would normally get but Amazon makes the 0.5% of the purchase price donation to JCAA. It's that simple and it is a great way to support JCAA.

## **Illegal Trawlers Fishing Right Off New Jersey Coastline...NOT!**

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

The amount of fishing misinformation out there on social media is enough to make me crazy and inspired this blog post. Take a deeper dive into the world of offshore wind power with me and learn more about what these weird looking ships are and why they are there.

These ships may be big and weird looking, but I assure you they aren't "Chinese trawlers" or "Omega Bunker boats" netting up millions of pounds of fish. In fact, there isn't a single fishhook or net on board. They are Research vessels hired by offshore wind developers to perform surveys of the ocean floor on the coming windfarms. This is all part of the planning process to explore not only the actual turbine locations, but all the cable routes.

Those tall structures (A-Frames) that you see on deck tow the sonar arrays behind the vessel and map the seafloor. The other tall towers on some ships are for doing the core sampling. Some of the larger vessels even have a helicopter landing pad on the bow giving the ship an odd profile when see offshore. They are working 24-hour days providing sea conditions allow them to get clear data from the sonar gear.

The offshore wind developers in our area, Equinor, Orsted, Atlantic Shores, etc. bid on lease areas that are put out to bid by BOEM. When they win the bid, that gives them the rights to explore the lease area. Know that the lease areas are very large looking on charts, but only smaller sections or parcels will have turbines on them. Right now, there are an additional 8 areas pending bidding in the NYNJ Bight.

The survey methods used in offshore wind are far different than for oil and gas exploration. Most of the survey data is collected to image the seabed surface to determine texture and sediment properties as well as a few yards below the seabed for planning cable burial. The seismic surveying for offshore wind involves far less power and sound simply because the data is used for designing the foundations. Therefore, these surveys don't exceed 200 feet or so. In comparison, the high-power seismic surveys used for oil and gas exploration often exceed 7 miles below the seabed and at incredibly higher sound levels to find the fossil fuel reserves.

Offshore wind turbines are sited in areas free from shipwrecks, reefs or environmentally sensitive areas and these surveys provide that detailed data so that developers can alter the turbine layouts accordingly.

The turbines are connected to each other via what is called inter array cables and these all ultimately go into the substation. There are usually 2 or 3 substations per windfarm. These substation platforms collect the turbine energy and then via what is called an export cable is sent ashore and directed to the onshore substation and then into the electrical grid. Chances are you won't see these vessels while they

are working out there on the wind farm areas more than 10 miles off the beach, but when it comes time to do the export cable into or along shore you will get a better view of the ship.

Usually there are 25 to 30 people on board with a variety of backgrounds ranging from deckhands, engineers, to protected species observers. There is a considerable effort to look and hire local people first and there are many job opportunities for those with the right skill set in addition to the willingness to stay out at sea for a month or so. There may also be scouting or security boats that are called upon to inspect the areas ahead of the survey vessel and report any fishing gear that may be in the path. Commercial fishermen are then notified so the gear is removed and unharmed before the ship arrives. These scout boats are usually local hires of recreational or commercial fishermen that are familiar with the area and gear in the water.

As you can imagine, there are a lot of rules and regulations that apply here along with the dozens of acronyms used to communicate quickly in the industry. You have BOEM which is the Bureau of Offshore Energy management, basically the landlords of federal waters (3 to 200 miles) and NOAA National Oceanographic and Atmospheric administration and NMFS which is the National Marine Fisheries Service.

On each vessel there are 4-6 protected species observers (PSO's) that are on constant watch around the clock for all types of whales, dolphins, and turtles as all of these are protected species. During daylight they watch visually, but at night they use a variety of instruments to acoustically detect them. When one of these creatures is detected, there are specific mitigation procedures that are followed and reported to the above entities. A single turtle present in the survey area could shut them down and prevent the gathering of data for hours. This is done at great time and expense to all parties involved, and once all clear is sounded they get back to work.

The survey vessels are good stewards of our coastal waters. They spend countless hours at sea. This means they come across many things from reporting and retrieving abandoned fishing gear and if possible, returning to the owner, to balloon & plastic debris removal, or even assisting vessels in distress. The survey vessels also collect valuable data for scientific research. The entire effort is aimed at improving our environment both above and below the waves.

## Youth Education Report

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

Tim Brennan was selected by the JCAA Youth Education Committee to receive the JCAA Youth Education Award. The following nomination was submitted by the Shore Surf Club, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ:

The Shore Surf Club would like to nominate Mr. Tim Brennan for the 2021 JCAA Youth Education Award. Mr. Brennan is a health and physical education teacher and certified NJ HOFNOD instructor at Brick Memorial High School (BMHS), Brick, NJ.

Tim's recent accomplishments include the following: Tim designed a NJ HOFNOD proposal that was introduced to the Brick Board of Education in 2015. He collaborated with other educators to ensure students would be engaged in learning about aquatic education and utilizing fishing as a healthy outdoor alternative to drugs and alcohol. The program was introduced into the BMHS curriculum and is a favorite class among students.

Tim solved student transportation issues by rescheduling classes to fit bus scheduling challenges. Students participate in the fishing program from 10:00 am till 12 noon five days a week. Each student receives their Boating and Safety Certificates through the USCG Auxiliary. They also receive First Aid/CPR/AED certification through the Brick Township EMS.



During the school year, Tim's class worked to raise funds for veterans with PTSD to go fishing and invited veterans into the classroom for an inter-generational learn session with his fishing class. Students in Tim's NJ HOFNOD health and physical education class have opportunities to gain experience from invited speakers and conduct aquatic research activities such as applying for a New Jersey saltwater species collection permit to measure the growth rate of Tog. During COVID restrictions, Tim accessed the high school to maintain the integrity of saltwater tank and to keep the research tank operational for students returning to the classroom.

With the guidance of NJ Fish and Wildlife Service, NJ DEP HOFNOD, and the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Youth Education Committee, he has designed learning activities for students that create job opportunities for students over the summer months. We are proud to nominate Mr. Tim Brennan for the JCAA Youth Education Award.



Come join us on Sunday, November 14, 2021, to celebrate at the JCAA Sportsman of the Year Dinner to recognize a host of individuals that go above and beyond to make recreational fishing better for future generations.

## FISHING WORKSHOPS FOR VETERANS

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. will host a fly fishing workshops throughout the winter months to teach veterans about fly fishing. Please join Morgan Woods and his guest speakers to learn more about an innovative program that offers all veterans

with disabilities an opportunity to gain experience about fly fishing. Visit their Facebook page. Topics for PHWFF workshops include Recommended fly-casting gear basics – How to tie knots for fly fishing – Know how to select proper fly lines – Saltwater and freshwater fly cast demonstration and how to apply for NJ Veteran freshwater fishing license benefits.

## NJ HOFNOD NEWS

Liz Jackson, NJ HOFNOD Coordinator, for New Jersey's "Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs" Program informed us there will be another NJ HOFNOD training opportunity before the end of the year. NJ HOFNOD provides a fantastic opportunity to get kids involved in positive recreational activities. The goal of the NJ HOFNOD program is to introduce youth to the fun and excitement of fishing, and to engage them in meaningful life skills, so that they also can imagine unlimited possibilities for themselves. Take a few moments to read about all the excellent work NJ HOFNOD Leaders are doing throughout New Jersey. Please contact Liz if you would like to become a volunteer.

## SUPPORT LOCAL TACKLE DEALERS

We recently visited local tackle dealers to setup our Play HOOK-e display and inform veterans and their families about our "Play HOOK-e from PTSD" programs. All our Play HOOK-e veterans are encouraged to [shop at local tackle dealers](#). Most tackle dealers offer discounts to veterans.

Veterans that stopped by our table received a welcome gift bag supplied by Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12 and Jersey Coast Anglers Association. We informed veterans about our JCAA newspaper and Play HOOK-e by-monthly newsletter. We thank our participating tackle dealers for supporting our magnet campaign and allowing us space to speak to veterans at their business. If your business would like us to setup a Play HOOK-e Go Fishing display, please contact Greg at 732-785-9278.

During November, we are offering veterans with PTSD an opportunity to relax for a few hours by the water and visit natural calming areas. If you would like to experience saltwater and freshwater fishing, we have a short one-to-one fishing program to get you outdoors to fish and boat. Connect with nature at Lake Julianna, LZ-64, Island Beach State Park, and other open spaces. To schedule a day and time, please email Greg @ [gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gkucharews@jcaa.org).

