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Thursday, November 12th

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 27th JCAA General Meeting
November 9h-12th ASMFC Annual Mtg. Newport RI
November 12th JCAA Board Meeting
November 14th Sportsperson-of-the-Year Dinner
November 24th JCAA General Meeting

JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner November 14

By John Toth

This dinner is a major fundraiser for the JCAA, and we need the support of all of our member clubs to make it a success! While a number of clubs have responded to attend, **we need to guarantee at least 100** people to attend this event at the Spring Lake Manor per our contract with them for the use of their ballroom and dinner.

Our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner is going to be held on **Saturday evening on November 14th** starting at 6:00 p.m. at the **Spring Lake Manor** located at 415 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ. This dinner will be served as a buffet and will include:

- **Cocktail Hour** – 1 Complimentary drink ticket for Beer, Wine, Sangria and unlimited soft drinks. Cash Bar will be available. Includes an assortment of Cheeses, Fresh and raw Vegetables & Italian Provisions with crackers and Ranch Dressing
- **For Dinner** – Five Leaf Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette Dressing & Homemade Dinner Rolls with Butter. Dinner selections include Grilled Salmon, Sausage and Peppers, Eggplant Rollatini, Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka, Seasonal Vegetables, and Seasonal Potatoes. Carving Station for Roast Beef and Turkey.
- **For Dessert** – Dessert Platters served with Coffee, Decaffeinated and Assorted Teas

We will have many Tricky Tray prizes along with a Silent Auction and a 50/50. Clubs that want to make a donation to add to the list of prizes should contact **Don Marantz** at (908) 347-1434.

The price for the dinner is **$850 per table of 10, or $90 as an individual**. This dinner is a fundraiser for the JCAA to continue protecting the rights of all anglers who fish in New Jersey.

For inquiries, contact JCAA Dinner Chairman John Toth at (732) 397-2346, tothjohn@verizon.net or Assistant Dinner Chairman Steve Machalaba at smachalaba@aol.com, (908) 599-1426.

Oceanic Bridge Replacement to Secure Recreational Access to the Navesink

Spanning the Navesink River between Middletown and Rumson, the historic Oceanic Bridge has served local waters since 1939. After nearly nine decades of saltwater corrosion, mechanical fatigue, and strict vehicle weight limits, the aging double-leaf bascule drawbridge has reached functional obsolescence, and set the stage for its replacement.

Just upstream of where the Navesink and Shrewsbury rivers converge before meeting Sandy Hook and Raritan bays, the crossing marks the western gateway to northern Monmouth County's premier estuarine corridor. These tidal waters serve as crucial nursery grounds where schools of juvenile menhaden, which are also known as peanut bunker, fuel the food chain for striped bass, fluke, nesting ospreys, egrets, resident bald eagles, and others.

Monmouth County's plan for a 65-foot-high fixed-span bridge, matching the clearance of the nearby Route 36 Highlands Bridge, balances environmental protection with recreational sporting access. The design minimizes the in-water pier footprint to improve tidal flow, protects water quality with modern runoff filtration, and abides by strict seasonal construction windows for migrating fish. Critically important, the project permanently defends shore bound access by converting the old Locust Point approach into a dedicated public pier for the recreational fisherman, crabber and many others.

Monmouth County is currently conducting the Local Preliminary Engineering phase, funded through the federal Local Capital Project Delivery Program. A consulting team led by Michael Baker International, Inc. is spearheading this work through spring 2027. Timelines for the subsequent Final Design and Construction phases will be announced once finalized. Detailed engineering plans, environmental documentation, and public comment portals are available through the official project website at monmouthcountyoceanicbridge.com.

Letters in Support of Ray Bukowski's Appointment to ASMFC Commission

Jersey Coast Anglers Association
Working for Marine Recreational Anglers
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October 16, 2026

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Reference: Appointment of Raymond Bukowski to Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as Governor's Appointee

Honorable Governor Sherrill:

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA), which represents saltwater fishing clubs, diving clubs, and coastal conservation organizations throughout New Jersey, urges you to appoint Raymond Bukowski of Brick, New Jersey as the Governor's Appointee representative to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Mr. Bukowski has the experience, knowledge, and background needed to represent New Jersey on the ASMFC, which manages fish and shellfish species in New Jersey's coastal waters and those of other Atlantic states. His qualifications include a lengthy career with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, including serving as Assistant Commissioner of Natural and Historic Resources and Assistant Commissioner of Compliance and Enforcement. Ray, in his role as the Superintendent of Island Beach State Park, is accustomed to managing the public resources for many diverse user groups. After Hurricane Sandy, he was instrumental in the rebuilding of the park.

Mr. Bukowski's excellent record of service serving the State of New Jersey and its people while serving in these positions ensures that he will continue to do so serving as one of New Jersey's representatives on the ASMFC.

The JCAA recommends and endorses your appointment of Ray Bukowski to the position of Governor's Appointee to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Jersey Coast Anglers Association

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Cc: Ed Potasnak, NJDEP Commissioner

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Reference: Appointment of Raymond Bukowski to Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission **a**s Governor's Appointee

Honorable Governor Sherrill:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, its affiliates, and the tens of thousands of recreational anglers, sportsmen and women, charter boat operators, conservation advocates, and coastal stakeholders. We are pleased to offer our strong support for the appointment of Ray Bukowski as New Jersey's Governor's Appointee to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).

ASMFC appointments matter to the commercial and recreational fishing communities in New Jersey. The Commission's decision-makers are shaping our marine fisheries, the health of our coastal ecosystems, public access to fishing and the economic strength of communities that rely on tourism and recreational fishing. New Jersey is best served by representatives with a sound understanding of adaptive fisheries science and management policies. Ray Bukowski provides that Outstanding mix of experience, perspective, and leadership. Ray's connection to New Jersey's marine resources is lifelong and deeply personal.

We consider Ray Bukowski to have demonstrated professionalism, integrity, sound judgment, and a strong commitment to science-based, stakeholder-informed fisheries management, which is an asset to the state of New Jersey. Equally important, he would bring to the Commission a thoughtful understanding of New Jersey's diverse marine constituencies and the role of maintaining healthy fisheries and meaningful access to them for the general public.

We appreciate your consideration of this recommendation. We humbly recommend that he be appointed to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. complemented by his formal academic training through Stockton University's Environmental Studies degree.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade S. Stein, President
New Jersey State Federation of Sportsman's Club
president@nisfsc.org

Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County

New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill
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Reference: Appointment of Raymond Bukowski to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as your Governor Appointee

Honorable Governor Sherrill:

The purpose of this letter is to receive your approval of appointing Raymond Bukowski as your delegate to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Ray is very qualified to fill this position for a number of reasons listed below:

A number of party & charter boats have gone out of business due to restrictive regulations imposed by

various fishing management organizations. Ray is very familiar with this issue and he will be in a good position to protect the recreational fishing industry from further business losses.

Menhaden is a forage fish that is in decline and crucial to our marine ecosystem and the Ospreys that depend upon them. Ray is very aware of this important issue.

Having known Ray for quite some time, he does not make snap decisions, but looks carefully at both sides of an issue. He strives for consensus building with people that have very different views on a problem. He listens to what people have to say and tries to understand their point of view.

There are many more reasons why Ray should be appointed to this position, but suffice it to say that Ray does not need on the job training and he has a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the table on all matters that affect the recreational and commercial fishing industries in our state.

John Toth

President, Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County
Membership Secretary, Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA)
Board Member, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA)

Cc: Ed Potosnak

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Menhaden Defenders

Honorable Governor Sherrill:

My name is Capt. Paul Eidman, Founder of Menhaden Defenders, a New Jersey based coastal conservation organization dedicated to protecting Atlantic menhaden and the broader marine ecosystem that depends on them. For more than a decade, our work has focused on ensuring that forage fish, predator species, and coastal communities receive fair and science-based representation in regional fisheries management.

I am writing to **strongly endorse the appointment of Raymond Bukowski of Brick, New Jersey** as the next **Governor's Appointee to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).**

The ASMFC was created in 1942 with a clear purpose: to ensure that all sectors of fishing—commercial, recreational, for hire, and conservation—have a voice in the management of shared coastal resources. The Governor's Appointee seat was intentionally designed to be independent, representing the public interest rather than any single agency or political body. This role is essential to maintain balance, transparency, and accountability in fisheries management.

New Jersey needs an appointee who understands the complexity of our coastal ecosystems, the needs of diverse user groups, and the importance of protecting forage species like menhaden. Ray Bukowski is that candidate.

Mr. Bukowski's long career with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection demonstrates the experience and leadership required for this position. His service as Assistant Commissioner of Natural and Historic Resources, Assistant Commissioner of Compliance and Enforcement, and Superintendent of Island Beach State Park reflects a deep commitment to managing public resources responsibly and equitably. His leadership during the rebuilding of Island Beach State Park after Hurricane Sandy showed his ability to guide critical projects during times of crisis—an increasingly important skill as climate impacts continue to reshape our coastal environment.

Ray has consistently demonstrated an ability to work with diverse user groups, including recreational anglers, commercial fishermen, conservation organizations, and coastal communities. This is exactly the type of balanced, moderate, ecosystem minded perspective the ASMFC's founding structure intended for the Governor's Appointee seat.

My endorsement is based on Menhaden Defenders' mission and the urgent need for strong, science driven leadership at the ASMFC. New Jersey's forage base, predator species, and coastal economies depend on decisions made at this Commission. We need a representative who understands the stakes and has a proven record of public service, integrity, and environmental stewardship.

For these reasons, **Menhaden Defenders respectfully urges you to appoint Raymond Bukowski** as New Jersey's Governor's Appointee to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Capt. Paul Eidman Founder, Menhaden Defenders
Tinton Falls, New Jersey

Pallone, Booker Push to Protect Critical Fish That Sustain New Jersey's Marine Wildlife and Fishing Industry

Lawmakers call for major cuts to Atlantic menhaden catch to protect Jersey Shore ecosystem

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) are calling for stronger protections for Atlantic menhaden, a small fish that plays an enormous role in New Jersey's coastal ecosystem. Commonly known as bunker, menhaden are a vital food source for avian and marine wildlife. The lawmakers are urging the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to significantly reduce fishing limits to ensure enough menhaden remain in the water to sustain the species that depend on them.

A 2025 scientific assessment found that the estimated average menhaden biomass was 37 percent lower than previously thought. The assessment also showed that cuts of 50 percent or more would be needed to reduce the likelihood of fishing pressure meeting or exceeding an ecological target designed to account for the food needs of striped bass. Despite those findings, the Commission reduced the coastwide catch limit by just 20 percent for 2026.

"This level of reduction is insufficient to address the ecological consequences of declining menhaden abundance. Reduced menhaden availability has been identified as the primary driver of low reproduction in ospreys throughout the Chesapeake Bay. A significant cut to the menhaden TAC is needed to prevent broad ecosystem impacts. We, therefore, urge the Commission to adopt a substantial reduction in the Atlantic menhaden TAC that reflects the best available science and supports the rebuilding of dependent species, and by extension the communities in our state and throughout the Atlantic Coast that rely on them," the members wrote.

In a letter to ASMFC Atlantic Menhaden Management Board Chair Joe Cimino, Pallone and Booker warn that excessive menhaden harvesting, including industrial operations that process the fish into fish meal and oil, reduces the food available to predators throughout the Atlantic ecosystem. They argue that fishing limits must account not only for the health of the menhaden population itself, but also for the striped bass, bluefish and other species that depend on it.

The warning comes amid growing concerns about declining osprey reproduction along the Atlantic Coast. In New Jersey, researchers documented the state's worst osprey breeding season in more than three decades in 2025. Research in the Chesapeake Bay has also identified reduced menhaden availability as a primary driver of poor osprey reproduction, underscoring the broader consequences of declining food supplies for coastal wildlife.

Mark Taylor states that, "As President of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, with next year's total allowable catch limits on the table, it's vital that a major cut is made. We have been here before, and we saw our waters explode with life once the cutback was made back in 2013. Our member clubs all have watched menhaden disappear from New Jersey waters except for a short window in early spring and late fall. They're gone. And when bunker disappear, everything that depends on them—striped bass, whales, tuna, dolphins, osprey, eagles—pays the price. We need fisheries managers to step in now and shut down industrial-scale reduction fishing before it wipes out what's left of the stock. At this point, a full stop on reduction fishing in the New Jersey–New York Bight isn't just reasonable—it's the only responsible move if we want our coastal ecosystem to recover."

The Commission is expected to consider new coastwide fishing limits for 2027 through 2029 at its November meeting. Pallone and Booker are urging regulators to adopt a substantial reduction based on the best available science to protect New Jersey's marine wildlife, recreational fishing communities and the health of the Atlantic Coast.

See full letter below

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Joe Cimino
Chair, Atlantic Menhaden Management Board
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)
1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chair Cimino:

We write to you today to express our support for a strong reduction in the total allowable catch (TAC) for the

Atlantic menhaden. Given the decrease in the Atlantic menhaden stock and its critical role in the broader marine ecosystem—including as a vital food source for numerous marine and avian species—a significant reduction in the TAC is necessary to support the health and resilience of the Atlantic Coast.

Menhaden are a keystone species within the Atlantic Coast and Chesapeake Bay marine ecosystems, including in our state of New Jersey. These small forage fish are a crucial component of the diet of osprey as well as predator fish species such as striped bass and bluefish, which are important to our state's marine ecosystems and recreational fishing communities. Maintaining adequate menhaden abundance is essential to protecting these resources for New Jersey residents and future generations.

Excessive menhaden fishing, including harvesting by reduction fisheries, decreases the availability of this forage species for predators throughout the Atlantic ecosystem. The ASMFC's 2025 stock assessment estimated that the average Atlantic menhaden biomass was 37 percent lower than previously estimated. The assessment also showed that a reduction of 50 percent or more in the TAC would be necessary to lower the probability of fishing mortality being at or above the ecological reference point target, which accounts for the forage needs of striped bass. Despite these findings, the Commission adopted a 20 percent reduction in the coastwide TAC for the 2026 fishing season.

This level of reduction is insufficient to address the ecological consequences of declining menhaden abundance. Reduced menhaden availability has been identified as the primary driver of low reproduction in ospreys throughout the Chesapeake Bay. A significant cut to the menhaden TAC is needed to prevent broad ecosystem impacts. We, therefore, urge the Commission to adopt a substantial reduction in the Atlantic menhaden TAC that reflects the best available science and supports the rebuilding of dependent species, and by extension the communities in our state and throughout the Atlantic Coast that rely on them.

We appreciate the Commission's continued work to responsibly manage Atlantic menhaden and urge the Management Board to take strong actions to protect our marine resources. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Pallone, Jr.
Member of Congress

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

cc: ASMFC Atlantic Menhaden Management Board Members

Daniel J. McKiernan, ASMFC Chair
Eugenio Piñeiro Soler, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

As we approach the conclusion of 2026, fall fishing season is thriving with opportunities to pursue tuna, striped bass, black sea bass, tog (blackfish), and numerous other species. While not every recreational angler targets all of these fish, each holds significant value within the angling community. Anglers bear the responsibility of safeguarding these species and actively participating in management decisions rather than passively relying on others to take action. The recreational fishing community must increase engagement and establish a unified position that supports the long-term health of our fisheries. Throughout the year, numerous meetings are available for attendance, both in-person and virtual formats. Greater involvement from individual anglers, fishing clubs, organizations, and associations is essential. I have compiled a list of relevant meetings in recent JCAA newspaper editions. Review these opportunities to identify which meetings align with your priorities and begin your involvement today. Should you require assistance, please contact JCAA, and we will be delighted to support your efforts.

The **2026 JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner** is approaching rapidly. This year's event will be held on November 14th at a new venue. During the September 29th JCAA general membership meeting, nominees were announced and clubs voted to select and honor the recipients. All nominees are outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the recreational community and the advancement of fishery. The honorees will be celebrated at Spring Lake Manor, an elegant Victorian mansion located in Spring Lake Heights, NJ, which offers an ideal backdrop for this prestigious occasion. Clubs and individuals interested in attending should contact Chairperson John Toth (tothjohn@verizon.net) or Assistant Chairperson Steven Machalaba (smachalaba@aol.com). Additionally, clubs and individuals wishing to donate items for the dinner are encouraged to reach out to John Toth (tothjohn@verizon.net), Steven Machalaba (smachalaba@aol.com), and myself

(mtsport64@aol.com) to coordinate the tricky tray and silent auction components. Together, we can ensure this event becomes a remarkable success. I look forward to your participation. We extend our congratulations to the two selected individuals. For further details, please refer to Chairperson John Toth's article.

As the year 2026 concludes, the JCAA will conduct elections for 2027 officer positions during the December 29th General Membership Meeting. Individuals interested in serving as officers are encouraged to contact me promptly with a brief statement outlining their motivation for pursuing an officer role. This statement will be featured in the December newsletter and presented at the December meeting, ensuring all members have relevant information prior to voting for their respective clubs. The JCAA is actively seeking fresh participation across all levels, including officer positions and committee involvement.

Recreational anglers must take immediate action by engaging in the regulatory process for Atlantic Menhaden. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) has submitted correspondence to President Donald Trump, New Jersey Congressional representatives, New Jersey Senators, Governor Mikie Sherrill, and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). We have been actively contacting our member clubs and utilizing social media to encourage widespread participation in protecting Atlantic Menhaden, a critical forage species currently experiencing decline that demands urgent attention and support. The ASMFC accepted public comments on the **Atlantic Menhaden Draft Addendum II**, which proposes modifications to the Chesapeake Bay Reduction Fishery Cap. Chesapeake Bay serves as one of the most important regions for menhaden, providing abundant feeding grounds, protected nursery habitat, and a robust ecosystem that supports both menhaden populations and dependent species. For comprehensive information, please review the articles published in this newspaper. The comment period concluded on October 9th, and we encourage individual anglers and clubs to have submitted their input. We anticipate that significant decisions will be made at the November 9th ASMFC Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 9 - 12, 2026, at the Hotel Viking in Newport, Rhode Island. Visit the ASMFC website or click the link below to access meeting information and the agenda. For more information read the article in this newspaper.

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) is actively seeking membership from saltwater fishing clubs that are not yet affiliated with our organization. If your club shares our commitment to excellence and would like to join a distinguished association, please contact me at mtsport64@aol.com, and I will facilitate the process. As a recreational community, we must collaborate and consolidate our efforts to achieve meaningful results and ensure our collective concerns are effectively communicated. The timeless principle that "united we stand, divided we fall" remains profoundly relevant to our advocacy and management initiatives today. To enhance accessibility and participation, all general meetings are conducted in a hybrid format, enabling members to engage with our outstanding association regardless of their location or circumstances.

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) will maintain booths at the **Atlantic City Boat Show** (February 24-28, 2027) and the **Saltwater Fishing Expo** (March 19-21, 2027). We are actively seeking volunteers to staff these booths. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at mtsport64@aol.com. It is critically important that JCAA maintains a visible presence to engage individuals who may be unfamiliar with the current and emerging issues impacting the recreational fishing community. Although these events may seem distant, they will arrive quickly. We encourage you to consider this opportunity and reach out to me soon.

Former JCAA President and current Membership Secretary **John Toth** is relocating to Connecticut to be closer to his family. Throughout his tenure with JCAA, John has consistently demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to every endeavor he undertakes. He consistently delivers more than 110% effort in all his initiatives and follows through completely, regardless of external opinions. Additionally, John has served as an advisor on several species' state committees. Those who have collaborated with or know John understand his unwavering commitment firsthand. Beyond JCAA, John serves as president of Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County and actively participates with the NJ Outdoor Alliance (NJOA), among other organizations. The recreational community would greatly benefit from having more individuals with John's level of dedication and drive. Finding individuals to assume his responsibilities will prove exceptionally challenging. Demonstrating his continued commitment, John has indicated that he will remain involved to the extent

possible, though his capacity to maintain all current responsibilities will be limited. Both the recreational community and JCAA will deeply miss John's contributions. We wish you all the best in this next chapter.

Upcoming JCAA Meetings

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) has several important meetings scheduled for the coming months. These sessions provide opportunities for members and recreational anglers to stay informed, participate in discussions, and help guide the future of the organization.

- **November 12th at 7:30 pm:** JCAA Board Meeting
  This session will be held exclusively via Zoom, allowing board members and participants to join remotely.
- **November 24th at 7 pm:** JCAA General Meeting In person at 385 Herbertsville Rd., Brick, NJ 08724, or remotely via Zoom. This meeting will use a hybrid format to accommodate both in-person and remote participants and is open to recreational anglers.

Your participation in these meetings is encouraged. Whether attending in person or via Zoom, members and anglers alike can stay connected, contribute to important discussions, and help shape the direction of JCAA. Please remember to add these dates to your calendar and join us for meaningful engagement.

Upcoming ASMFC Meetings

- **Oct. 27, 2026 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm -** Sector Separation Amendment PDT/FMAT
- **Oct. 28, 2026 – 10:00am to 12:00pm -** American Eel Technical Committee and Stock Assessment Subcommittee
- **Oct. 28, 2026 – 2:00pm to 3:30pm -** Northern Shrimp Technical Committee
- **Nov. 2, 2026 – 2:00pm to 3:30pm -** Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel
- **Nov. 4, 2026 – 10:00am to 12:00pm -** Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Technical and Monitoring Committee
- **Nov. 9 to 12, 2026 – 10:00am to 12:00pm - Location: Hotel Viking, Newport, RI -** 2026 Annual Meeting
- **Nov. 16, 2026 – 1:00pm to 3:00pm -** Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Subcommittee Check-In

Upcoming NJMFC Meetings

- **Nov. 5, 2026 – 5pm to 7pm - Location: Stafford Township Firehouse** – MFC Meeting

It is abundantly clear that a single commission or council overseeing our fishery management convenes multiple times monthly. The Recreational Community must gain awareness and participate actively before the sport we value is lost.

JCAA New Ad Program

By Tom Fote

The full-page ads in our newspaper cost $1,000 for the year and we are pleased to announce **Engel Coolers** as our first full-page ad under our new ad program.

These ads can be for tackle stores, fishing clubs and any other individuals who would like to advertise in our newspaper. It is easier to change a full-page month to month so if your tackle store is running a special sale, you could have a new ad for that specific event for the month before and the month of. Clubs can list their tournaments, flea markets or any other event by just submitting a new ad to replace the existing one. If you have any questions, contact Tom Fote at (732) 270-9102 or email at tfote@jcaa.org. This does not replace the $500 or $250 business ad already in place. We are hoping to use the ad money to pay for the operation of the newspaper. We hope that you will solicit ads and get your club to take an ad. It is a great way to publicize your club and get new members. We will also have a link to the sponsors' webpages. Please call me if you have any questions. Mark also has put together some forms that will be ready by the next newsletter.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

Public Comments on Draft Addendum II

The coalition of various coastal organizations for fishing, conservation, and wildlife submitted a letter to

the ASMFC Menhaden Management Board in support of specific measures to rescue the menhaden fishery. You'll see it attached to the end of this newsletter and can also be accessed at this link.

Upcoming JCAA Supports Ray Bukowski for Governor's Appointee to ASMFC

JCAA has decided we cannot support another commercial lobbyist as the Governor's Appointee to ASMFC. There are four letters in support of Ray Bukowski for Governor's Appointee included in this newspaper and there will be many more from the NGO community. These groups agree with JCAA that we don't need another commercial lobbyist or an employee of one of the biggest commercial fishing businesses in NJ. The two commercial representatives I worked with while they were the Governor's Appointee showed they could not be independent and represent all the user groups of NJ. They misrepresented to the Governor that this is a commercial seat but that is not true. I replaced Dave Hart in 1991 when he retired at 94 after serving over 40 years. He was a charter boat captain. I served for almost 23 years as the Governor's Appointee as a recreational person. The three times I was replaced was by John Connell (charter boat captain), Erling A. Berg (employee of a commercial business) and Jeff Kalin (lobbyist for Lunds Fishery). Their total years of service. John Connell served 6 years. The two commercial appointees served a total of less than 6 years between them. Clearly there is no historical precedent to appoint a commercial representative as the commercial sector had lying about. Please read the letters, find out about Ray's qualifications for this seat, and write your letters to the Governor and the DEP Commissioner.

Forage Species and Fish Farming

There is a great article in the New York Times by Ian Urbina on this subject which I could not include in this newsletter due to its length. I can send you the full 32 pages - just email me at tfote@jcaa.org. I am seeing if we can post the whole article with full graphics on our web site. This is why. **But You need to read the whole article**.

This investigation deserves your attention because it challenges one of the most reassuring stories in modern food production: that fish farming protects wild oceans. Aquaculture is often presented as a sustainable answer to overfishing, yet the article shows how many farmed fish are fed with fishmeal and fish oil made from vast quantities of wild-caught seafood. That hidden dependence can shift environmental damage rather than eliminate it.

The consequences reach far beyond the fish on a dinner plate. The reporting follows the supply chain from fishing vessels to processing plants, fish farms, retailers, restaurants and cafeterias. Along the way, it documents alleged illegal fishing, destructive trawling, pollution, unsafe working conditions, forced labor concerns and threats to coastal communities whose food and livelihoods depend on the same small fish being turned into feed.

This matters to consumers because seafood labels and sustainability claims rarely reveal the full journey behind a product. Farmed salmon or shrimp may look like a responsible choice, but its production can connect shoppers to distant harms that are difficult to see and poorly monitored. The article also raises serious questions about imported seafood, limited inspections and whether companies and governments adequately trace products through complex international supply chains.

People should read this article not simply to feel alarmed, but to become better informed. Its findings can help readers ask stronger questions about where seafood comes from, what farmed fish are fed, how workers are treated and whether environmental claims are supported by evidence. It also points toward alternatives, including shellfish that do not require manufactured feed and feeds made from processing leftovers, algae, insects or microbial proteins.

Most importantly, the article connects everyday purchasing decisions to ocean health, labor rights, food security and corporate accountability. Whether you eat seafood, buy food for a family, work in public policy or care about environmental justice, this investigation offers information needed to judge whether the promise of sustainable aquaculture matches the reality.

Menhaden NJ Bill S3423/A4946

These bills were introduced by the Senator Moriarty in the Senate and by Assemblyman Cody D. Miller and Assemblywoman Heather Simmons in the Assembly. Before I discuss these present bills, I need to go over history of how we arrived at the current regulations.

When I first walked into JCAA representing Berkeley Striper Club in 1982, Joe Mellio the President of JCAA was discussing pushing the menhaden reduction boats out of state waters and getting the big bait boats away from the beach. At that period of time, these boats were allowed as close to the beach as the boats could manage. Because of the suction hoses on

the reduction boats, they could decimate mile long schools of bunker in a short period of time. They were also getting a bycatch of other species of about 4%. The 4% might seem like a small number but that is 4% of the millions of tons that they were harvesting. The bycatch includes striped bass, bluefish, weakfish and any other species chasing the menhaden. The second problem is this practice ruined the recreational fishery from the beach and boats for striped bass, bluefish, and weakfish. Those species just disappeared once the bait was gone. This fight happened even before I was active in JCAA. The Director of Fish and Wildlife in that time period owed his job to the reduction boats and he also pressured the NJ State Federation of Sportsmens Clubs to drop out of JCAA. When I was Vice President, met with George Howard, the new Director of Fish and Wildlife, and he changed the Division's policy on this issue.

When I was appointed to the NJ Marine Fisheries Council in 1988, the first issue I took on was to develop a compromise to get the reduction boats out of state waters and the bait boats further off the beach. I was chairman of a committee to deal with this issue. The compromise was that the reduction boats would be one nautical mile off the beach and the bait boats would be .6 miles off the beach.

When I took over as Vice-President and then Legislative Chair for JCAA, I dealt with 2 issues, making striped bass a gamefish in NJ and getting reduction boats completely out of state waters and moving the bait boats further out. I cannot believe that the easiest task was making striped bass a gamefish which happened in 1991while I was still president and menhaden is still a work in progress in NJ.

The menhaden issue dragged on continuously with JCAA and the Federation working together. When RFA and JCAA formed a menhaden alliance with Len Fantasia in charge, we managed to get a bill passed that finally put the reduction boats out of state waters. At that period of time there were still huge schools of big bunkers in NJ's waters, both federal and state.

In 2026, we don't have any large bunkers inshore, with only 6 inches or smaller fish. That is almost coastwide until we get to Massachusetts. Further South they are experiencing the same issues as NJ. We need to do something about this. This is not the time to relax the regulations to allow the bait boats to use suction in state waters and along the beach.

A big part of the compromise in the original bill was that the bait boats were only allowed to brail using nets to get the fish from the purse seine net. This compromise has worked for years. Now the commercial industry is trying to break the compromise and into state waters and be able to suction. A lack of bunker has created the worst fishing we have ever seen. We cannot allow this change. JCAA was not worried about this bill until the sponsor went committee shopping and moved the bill to the Commerce Committee in the NJ Senate. JCAA must not fight this bill. The sponsors of the bill are listed below. I have contacted the Senator and am waiting for a call from his staff. In the meantime, we need fishing clubs to begin writing and calling. Our friends in the NGO community that deal with ospreys, whales and other species that depend on menhaden as their main diet, have committed to working with us to stop these bills. I hate to say this, but for a change NY is ahead of us on conservation. New York figured out 7 years ago that the menhaden fishery in state waters was not sustainable, so they banned the commercial taking of Atlantic menhaden using purse seines. **New York Environmental Conservation Law § 13-0333** in April 2019 which **prohibits the commercial taking of Atlantic menhaden using purse seines** in New York's marine district. (**Assembly Bill A2571**, partnered with **Senate Bill S2317**). This law was enacted to protect the local marine ecosystem, as menhaden (a small forage fish) serve as a vital food source for whales, dolphins, striped bass, and predatory birds.

Maybe JCAA and our partners should be putting in a bill to do the just the same. The greedy industry has pushed us in that direction. We will need a sponsor to do this. Menhaden needs your help. The sponsors of the bill and their contact information is below so please write them to voice your concerns about these bills and the use of fish pumps in state waters. I will be sending this issue of JCAA Newspaper to them and all the members of the Senate Environmental Committee. Go to NJ Legislative home page to get the committee names and addresses.

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Primary Sponsor: Assemblyman Cody D. Miller
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NJ Osprey Researcher Reports Summer of 'death and despair'

By Amanda Oglesby and Mike Davis, Asbury Park Press, 10/23/2026

Ospreys were once a celebrated success story in New Jersey, a bird that soared from the state's threatened and endangered species list toward a robust, stable population.

But now scientists say the population of these birds is shrinking, that adult ospreys are struggling to find food and chicks are starving to death in their nests.

Wildlife biologist Ben Wurst, who leads the New Jersey Osprey Project, spent much of the past summer documenting tragedies among the ospreys here. In a blog post for the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, he described the past summer as one of "death and despair." "We're still trying to really put the pieces of the puzzle together as to what is really causing this," Wurst said in a phone interview with the Asbury Park Press.

Researchers and lawmakers believe a shift in the availability of menhaden, or a decline in its population, could be behind the birds' decline.

This summer, osprey females laid fewer eggs, laid eggs later in the season, or did not lay at all, he said. Males were unable to find food for hatchlings. Some females left the nest — leaving eggs vulnerable to weather and predators — to forage, he said. The few chicks that hatched would fight over food scraps, he said. Many slowly starved to death, he added.

"The first egg to be laid hatches first. And that older chick… has a competitive advantage over its younger siblings, both in age and… dominance," he said. "So if food is plentiful, then… that chick feeds first, it kind of gets full, and then the other chicks get to eat. If this continues, then all of them should survive and fledge."

But Wurst saw conditions that were very different. Chicks were wasting away in their nests, starving before the eyes of researchers and volunteers who checked on them throughout the season, he said.

"We're seeing this all along the coast, from the Raritan Bay all the way south to Cape May and even up into the Delaware Bay, in certain parts," Wurst said.

New Jersey's osprey population peaked around 2023, with more than 800 documented mating pairs, according to reports from the New Jersey Osprey Project. But despite their robust numbers, researchers noted a troubling trend that year: the osprey population was not successfully reproducing in numbers high enough to maintain their population.

The trend continued in the years since. By 2025, their population had dropped to about 700 pairs in New Jersey, and their reproduction rate remained low, according to the Osprey Project reports. This summer proved to be another year of famine for the species, researchers said.

From her Long Island home, Mary Anne Miller watched a Barnegat Light osprey nest camera for the past seven years and reported on its occupants to Wurst. Last year, she watched a hungry female leave the nest to forage and a gull steal her eggs. This summer, the returning osprey pair mated, but the female did not lay any eggs, she said. Other nests she monitors showed similar failures to reproduce. "I don't know what's going to happen," Miller said. "Something has to be done, because the osprey population… it's not maintaining (robust numbers). It's really bad."

At Stockton University, biologist Melanie Schroer is studying the osprey in the Great Bay and Mullica River estuary. "This year was abysmal," Schroer said. "In fact, worse than it's been really since the DDT era, really since we started to record and monitor ospreys so heavily."

In the 1960s, the insecticide DDT caused populations of birds of prey, including ospreys, to crash by thinning and breaking eggs. The chemical was banned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1972. After DDT was banned, populations of these birds slowly rebounded across the United States, according to the EPA.

While osprey populations recovered from the effects of DDT, Schroer said this year's breeding season raised alarming new concerns. "In my nest site, things started to look weird even at the beginning of the season," she said. "We had pairs come back to their nests that were there last year… The pairs actually built nests, but then they never laid eggs."

Of the nests that did produce eggs across the study sites, 62% lost all of their offspring by the end of the summer, the biologist said. The remainder lost at least one egg during the season, she said.

In total, about 85% of the offspring did not survive, she said. Only nine chicks survived by the end of the season, compared to 28 chicks last year, Schroer said.

To maintain a stable population, the osprey nest "productivity" rate should be between 0.8 to 1.19 chicks per active nest, she said. For comparison, the productivity rate in the Mullica River and Great Bay study area was just 0.42 chicks per nest this year, she said.

"Over the course of the season, we saw so much mortality," Schroer said. "We have a couple cameras out there and so we were able to see that, for the most part, these chicks were just looking like they were withering away. They were aggressive. They were fighting each other for food. And over time, we saw them not growing at the rate that we thought they would be growing and eventually passing away.

"We found so many fledglings… dead at the base of nests," she said. "So all of this evidence and more really does suggest that there is a problem with eating, with being able to meet their energetic needs."

Wurst said he has studied a colony of about 35 to 40 nesting pairs at Sedge Island off the southern tip of Island Beach State Park. His research found similar deaths among osprey young.

This summer, "of those pairs, only 18 nests were actually active that had eggs," he said. "From those nests, only two young were produced from two different nests." In previous years, Sedge Island's nests could produce as many as 55 young ospreys in a season, Wurst said. The deaths of the birds indicate that something is wrong in the environment, he said. "They really are such vital indicators of the health of our coast," he said.

The fish that the Osprey depend on

Researchers believe a decline in the population of menhaden, or a shift in their location, may be behind the starvation of ospreys. Menhaden, also known as bunker, are a staple of the Atlantic coastal ecosystem. They feed not only osprey, but bald eagles, whales, tuna, dolphins and striped bass, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Menhaden are also used as bait for commercial fisheries, fertilizer, livestock feed and nutritional supplements, according to the department. State environmental officials believe the osprey's decline is related to the changes in the availability of this important fish along the New Jersey coast.

"This does not necessarily suggest that the coastwide menhaden population is in decline," said Larry Hajna, a spokesperson for the state department. "Coastwide patterns show the distribution of menhaden has migrated north, especially during the spring/summer period, during when osprey forage in New Jersey waters. Therefore, prey availability can still be a concern for osprey even when the coastwide menhaden population remains robust."

Menhaden are calorically dense compared to other fish, are typically plentiful, and are the primary food source for ospreys, Wurst said. But New Jersey's adult ospreys do not seem able to find a sufficient number of menhaden to feed their hatchlings, he said.

On Oct. 19, Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. and Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey called for stronger protections of menhaden and stricter catch limits set by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to protect wildlife that depend on the fish.

"Menhaden are a keystone species within the Atlantic Coast and Chesapeake Bay marine ecosystems, including in our state of New Jersey," Booker and Pallone wrote in a letter to the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board of the ASMFC, which sets catch limits for the fish. "These small forage fish are a crucial component of the diet of osprey as well as predator fish species such as striped bass and bluefish, which are important to our state's marine ecosystems and recreational fishing communities. Maintaining adequate menhaden abundance is essential to protecting these resources for New Jersey residents and future generations." Like Booker and Pallone, Schroer worries about the future of the osprey population in New Jersey if nothing changes soon.

"Ospreys are an apex predator, which means they sit at the top of the food chain and they kind of act like a litmus test or like a… canary in the coal mine," Schroer said. "They're very vulnerable to any disturbances in the ecosystem. The fact that they are suffering, they are experiencing these challenges, means that there's something off in the ecosystem, and I think we should listen," she said.

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JCAA Membership Report

By John Toth

First of all, I want to **Thank** all of our clubs that have already paid your 2026 dues and sponsorships!!

2026 is rapidly coming to a close and a number of clubs still have not paid their dues. Please pay your club's dues to keep your JCAA membership active. The following are checks we have already received from clubs to date:

Clubs:

- Spring Lake Live Liners - $300
- Seaside Heights Fishing Club - $100
- NJ Beach Buggy Assoc. - $300
- Hi-Mar Striper Club - $500
- Surf Kings Fishing Club - $100
- Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County - $100
- Belmar Fishing Club - $100
- Manasquan Fishing Club - $300
- Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club - $50
- Delaware Shad - $150
- Fun Under Boats (FUB) - $50
- NJ Council of Diver's Club - $50
- Menhaden Defenders - $100
- Sandy Hook Bay Anglers - $300
- Berkeley Striper Club - $300
- Forked River Tuna Club - $500
- Fish Hawks - $50
- Village Harbour Fishing Club - $50
- Hudson River Fishing Association (HRFA) - $50
- Bi-State Shad Fisherman's Association - $300
- Newark Bait & Fly Casting - $150

Sponsorships:

- Paul Shafer - $259
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- Fins on Feathers - $50
- In Memory of Tom Ortman - $100
- Linda/Charles Jules - $100
- John Zingis - $50
- L. Raymond Hunphreys, Jr. - $100
- Jon Brunetti - $100
- Louis Schott - $100
- Joe Palumbo - $500
- In memory of Dan Ulbin - $100

Our next JCAA General Membership Meeting will be held on **October 27th, 2026**, at the Shark Anglers Building in Herbertsville. It will be done as an in-person meeting and by ZOOM starting at **7:00 p.m.**

I can be contacted at tothjohn@verizon.net or at (732) 656-0139 if you have any questions.

Youth Education Report

By Greg Kucharewski

WELCOME PJ NOVELLO

The JCAA Youth Education Committee welcomes PJ Novello, longtime volunteer with JCAA youth fishing programs. PJ will help write the JCAA Youth Education Report, and we look forward to working with him on the next report.

2026 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

Join us at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Spring Lake Manor, to celebrate and recognize a host of individuals that go beyond to make recreational fishing better for future generations. If you would like to attend, please reach out to John Toth tothjohn@verizon.net as soon as possible.

Thomas Devine was selected by the JCAA Youth Education Committee to receive the 2026 JCAA Youth Education Award. Please read about the nomination that was submitted by the Hi-Mar Striper Club: The Hi-Mar Striper Club of Middletown, New Jersey, nominates Thomas Devine for the 2026 Jersey Coast Anglers Association Youth Education Award. Thomas Devine, "Tom" who also serves as Hi-Mar Striper Club's Treasurer has been successfully running Hi-Mar Striper Club's, fishing trips, and other events to promote fishing by youths for over a decade. This primarily consisted of several fishing trips for youths on large local fishing charter boats, usually the Bingo out of Leonardo, New Jersey.

During this time period, Tom was running 3 - 4 trips a year for various youth groups including Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scout Troops, and others. This involved making all the arrangements with the groups, charting the boat, organizing the club members to volunteer, and arranging food and beverages. No small undertaking. Tom was also responsible for organizing fishing trips by Hi-Mar Striper Club, for various veteran's groups, during this same time period.

Below is a summary of the more recent youth fishing activities that Tom was responsible for running. Please contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Hi-Mar Striper Club truly believes that Tom Devine is deserving of this year's JCAA Youth Education Award: We hope you agree. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Stephen M. Machalaba, Vice President, Hi-Mar Striper Club.



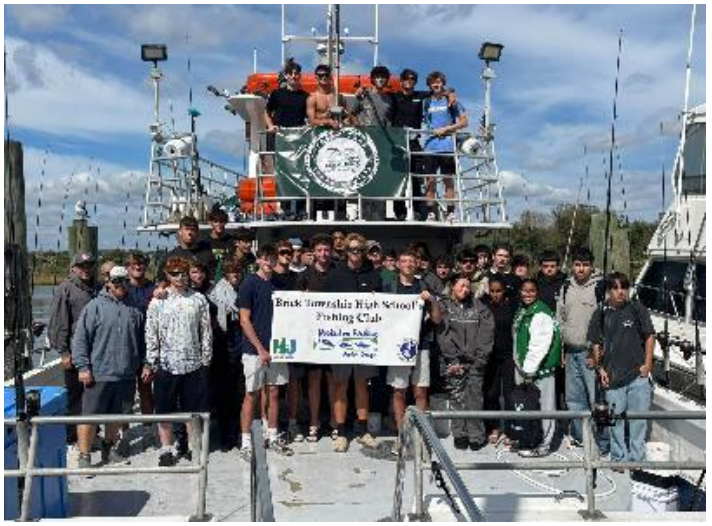
The Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission and Hi-Mar Striper Club of Middletown partnered up again for a successful Kid's Fishing Clinic on the evenings of August 10th,11th, and 12th at Atlantic Highlands Municipal Marina. The event is run and organized by Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission Chairman, Chris Parmigiani, and is intended to introduce children to fishing. Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission provided all the fishing rods. Hi-Mar Striper Club members under the direction of Nicholas Costeira, assisted the young anglers. The eager participants on Monday, August 10th found fishing slow with only a few fish caught, but fishing greatly improved on Tuesday and Wednesday. All the kids had fun. Hi-Mar Striper Club has been working with the Atlantic Highlands Recreation Commission on this event for several years and looks forward to continuing this in the future, to help encourage and develop the next generation of saltwater anglers.



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LUNCH AND LEARN FOR KIDS

We updated our JCAA Guess the Fish game for middle school students. The game was redesigned to teach students about saltwater and freshwater species local to their community. If you are a JCAA member club and would like a copy of the Hooked On Lunch and Learn Guess the fish game, send us an email.



We are working on a new hooked on lunch and learn activity for January 2027, entitled Things That Clean Our Water.

VETERAN OUTREACH

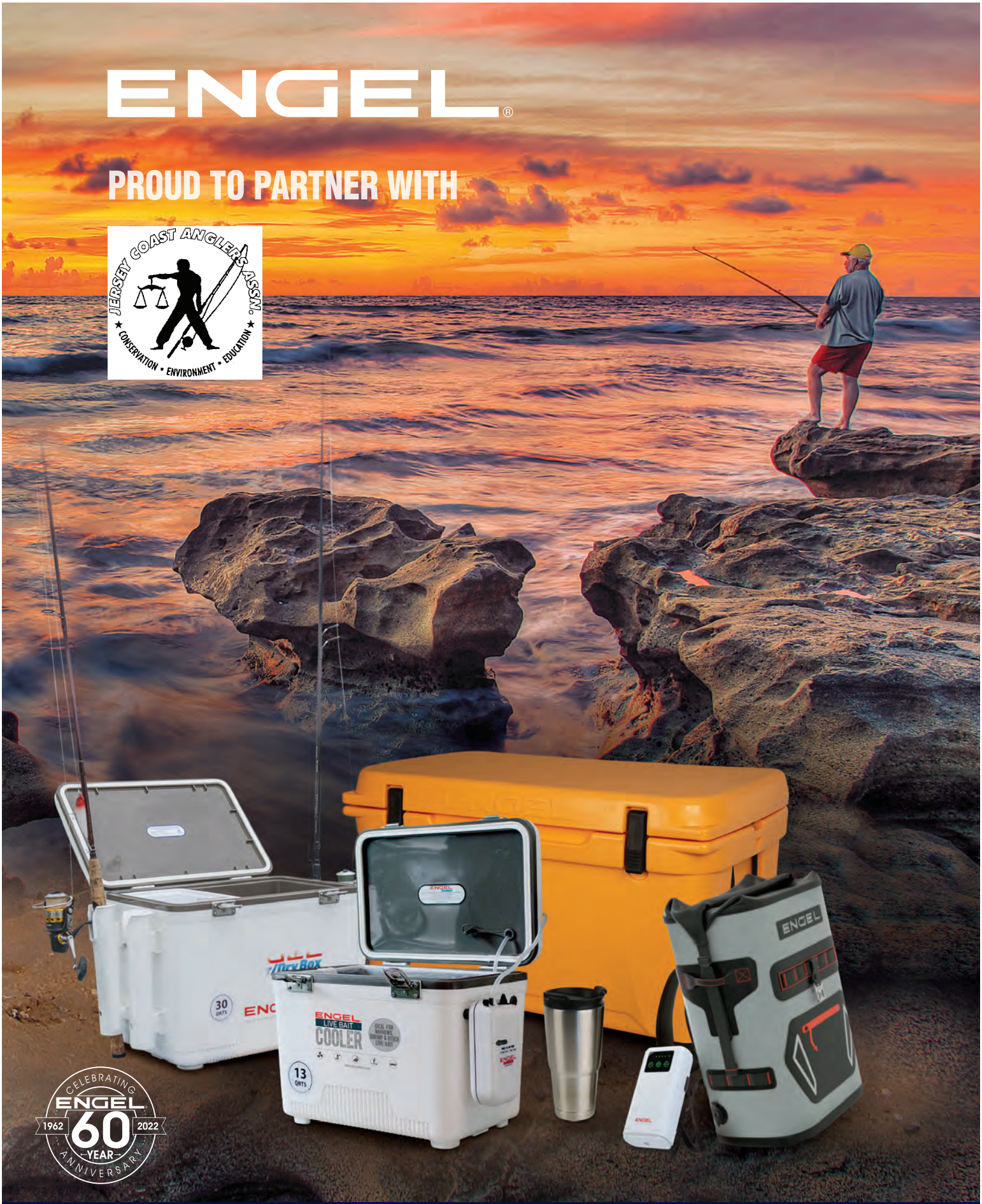
Karen Noe is doing a great job of connecting veterans at local community events. She talks to veterans about our JCAA newspaper and Play HOOK-e by-monthly newsletter.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

I was sad to hear the news about Carole Harris passing. She was an instrumental part of NJBBA and always helped at the many surf fishing/children's events. Our sincere condolences to Paul and his family.





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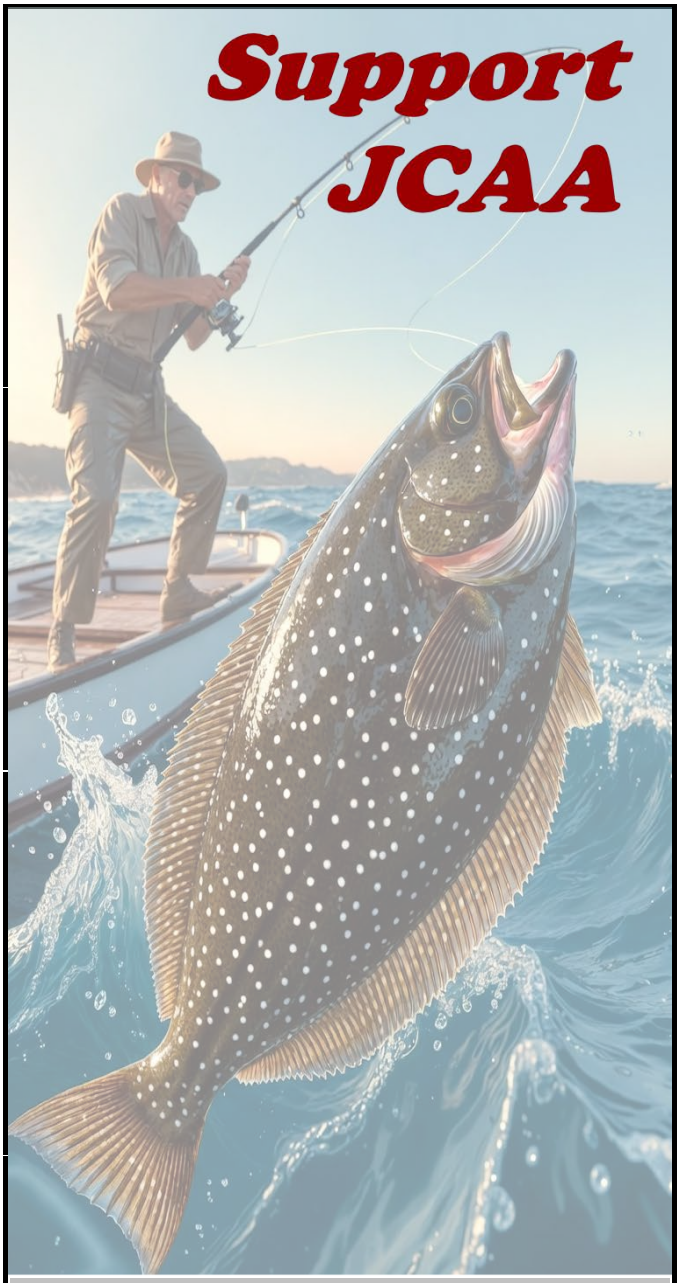
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