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JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, September 25th, 2007

Starting at 7:30 PM

Brick Plaza at 270 Chambers Bridge Rd

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Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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Important Meeting Dates

September 25th JCAA General Meeting

September 25th MFCN Board meeting DC

October 7th Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

October 10-12 ASA Summit

October 28-November 1 ASMFC Annual meeting

October 30 JCAA General Meeting

November 18 JCAA Dinner

Sportsperson of the Year Dinner/Dance

By Paul Turi

Mark you calendar for November 18th, the night of Jersey Coast Anglers Association annual Sportsperson-of-the-Year Awards Dinner/Dance. Now is the time to buy your tickets. It is one of the major JCAA fundraisers. It takes place on Sunday, November 18, 2007 from 4:00-9:00 p.m. at the beautiful Crystal Point Yacht Club, RT. 70 & River Rd, Point Pleasant, NJ. We will honor this year and past years' recipients of JCAA "Sportsperson-of-the-Year" award. Past honorees include legislators, environmental leaders, outdoor writers and other worthy recipients.

As of this writing we do not yet have a keynote speaker.

At our September general membership meeting we will be taking nominations for this year's sportsperson of the year and selling tickets. So, if you or your club would like to nominate someone as this year's honoree, please present a short biography, no more than 100 words, as to why you or your club feels this person should receive this year's award.

Individual tickets are \$60 each and tables of 10 are \$500, which is a \$100 savings. This gala event will accommodate 300 supporters and friends for a semi-formal sit-down dinner with choice of entrees and cash bar. So get a group together from

your club or organization and come to the dinner/dance and have a great time. Don't forget your partner. That's right. Treat your mate (you know, the one who waits for you at home/on the dock all summer) to an evening to remember at the beautiful Crystal Point Yacht Club. Enjoy an excellent three-course meal, Door Prizes and a DJ. Share stories of fishing and bid on one of the many fantastic theme baskets on display.

We need door prizes and Chinese Auction and Silent Auction prizes, so if you or your club would like to donate a prize, please contact me, Paul Turi, at (609) 597-3193. Dan Miller will be co-chairing the event and tickets can be obtained by calling Dan at (609) 641 7821.

**16th Annual Governor's Surf
Fishing Tournament**
Sunday, October 7, 2007
By Paul Smith

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY ENTRY INCENTIVE If your entry form is postmarked by September 7th, 2007 you will:

- * **SAVE \$5.00** on adult registration fee!
- * **BE ELIGIBLE** for special prizes only to pre-registrants on tournament day!
- * **AVOID DELAYS** – You will receive prior registration verification to avoid delays on the morning of the Tournament.

See your local sport shop for an entry form or visit: www.njfishandwildlife.com

Tournament Day Registration Fees:

\$10.00(ages 18 & over - \$15.00 on Tournament Day)

\$5.00 – Ages 13-17

Children 12 & under are FREE!

Same day registration will begin at 5:00 am at Pavilion #1.

Participating anglers will fish in Island Beach State Park from 6:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Special arrangements are available for handicapped anglers. Balloon tire equipped beach wheelchairs are available for anglers with disabilities. **Volunteers will be needed to assist anglers with special needs who fish on tournament day. To volunteer, or to make arrangements for a handicapped angler, please contact Greg Kucharewski at 732-840-9197.**

We need your help! If you do not plan to fish in the tournament, we need your help! We need owners of 4-wheel drive vehicles to volunteer as beach judges who will measure the fish caught by tournament contestants. Judges are vital to the smooth operation and success of this tournament. **To volunteer as a judge, please contact by e-mail: [Reb Gilliland at reb@rebrods.com](mailto:reb@rebrods.com)**

We are looking forward to another successful event at Island Beach State Park on Sunday, October 7. Participating anglers will fish in Island Beach State Park from 6:30 AM to 1:00 PM. This annual event has become a fixture of the New Jersey Fall surf fishing season for an increasing number of surf anglers and their families.

This is a fishing tournament that is enjoyed by the veteran surf fisherman as well as the novice angler. Anglers of all ages and levels of expertise take part and win in various categories in this tournament.

Tournament hats and t-shirts will be on sale in the Pavilion on Tournament day! There will be a limited number of hats that will have a special new Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament design. Don't forget to stop at the Pavilion before and after fishing to get your hat and shirt!

Various sporting organizations, state agencies and Tournament supporters will have exhibits at the Pavilion throughout the tournament day.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
By John Toth

The JCAA does not have regular meetings during the summer since delegates are either busy fishing (which they should be) or on vacation. However, while we have not met since June, there are many issues that are facing anglers who fish in NJ and these issues need your attention. Some of them include:

- **Fluke quota reduction** – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery management Council have recommended reducing the total allowable landings of fluke from 17.11 pounds to 15.77 million pounds next year. It is disgusting to see our fluke season end so early, especially when there are so many fluke around. Tackle shop owners and the party/charter boat

industry is hurting over this early closure. One tackle dealer told me that he sold 10,000 fluke hooks last year and only 2,000 this year!

- **Subway cars Good News update:** Commissioner Lisa Jackson sent a memo to the Division of Fish and Wildlife directing their staff to amend the artificial reef permit to allow New Jersey to accept 600 subway cars from New York.
- **Bill A 3275** introduced by Assemblyman Panter and supported in the Senate by Senator Karcher that is designed to drastically alter NJ's Fish & Game Council so that politics and not fishing experience counts if you want to be appointed to the Council. This is especially good news to the animal rights activists and anti-hunting groups who would love to take control of the Council. If this happens, fishing and hunting in New Jersey would go the way of the dinosaurs.

These are just a few of the many issues that are confronting us and we need to be vigilant about these issues or we will lose our fishing rights. So come to our September 25th meeting so that you can be at least informed of the latest developments on these issues and pass this information on to your fishing clubs. We have a lot to talk about, so be there!

Also at our September 25th meeting, we will have two representatives from the recently formed **New Jersey Outdoor Fishing Alliance** as our guests who will explain to you on how you can be more politically active in defeating those political candidates who sponsor and support laws that are anti fishing and hunting, and supporting those candidates who favor us. This new group has just been formed to counter the A3275 bill proposed by Assemblyman Panter and supported by Senator Karcher and other politicians that propose bills that negatively impact fishing and hunting in our state. Voting is an American right and how you vote can shape the future of our fishing industry. So be informed so that you and your fishing buddies pull the right voting lever!

Sportsperson of the Year

It is time to start thinking of your nomination for the coveted JCAA's Sportsperson of the Year award. Clubs in good standing are encouraged to submit in writing their nomination for this

prestigious award. The letter of nomination should be limited to about 150 words detailing the nominee's activities that have contributed to the improvement of recreational fishing and/or the environment. If you have a nomination you can also bring it to the September 25th meeting. For the nomination to be included in the next JCAA Newspaper, Tom Fote needs it emailed to him no later than October 15 and if you are mailing, it needs to be at the office by October 15.

If it does not make the next JCAA Newspaper it can still be mailed to the JCAA office but must be there by October 26 or hand carried to the October 30th meeting when the nominations are read and a vote taken on who will receive the award.

HELP!!!

We need volunteers to attend important meetings affecting our fisheries, chair our various committees and be an active member of our Executive Board. I will be the JCAA President for 2008, but I need a JCAA member to serve as First Vice President as this position is currently not filled. We have important work to do and we need good people to lead the JCAA in its mission to protect the rights of all anglers who fish in our waters. If interested call me at my new home phone number at (732) 656-0139 or email me at tothjohn@juno.com

GOVERNOR JON CORZINE'S LETTER ON SUMMER FLOUNDER AND MAFMC REPLY

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Trenton NJ 08625-0001
Jon S. Corzine
Governor

August 8, 2007

W. Peter Jensen, Chairman
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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Dr. William T. Hogarth, Director

National Marine Fisheries Service
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1315 East-West Highway Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Chairman Jensen and Dr. Hogarth:

I am writing to you regarding the management of summer flounder, with particular attention to the quota for the 2008 fishing year.

As you know, just seven months ago, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) set the 2007 summer flounder quota and projected a 2008 quota of 19.6 million pounds if the rebuilding schedule was extended. In addition, in January, Congress reauthorized the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which includes a provision to extend the summer flounder rebuilding schedule for three years. It has come to my attention, however, that the recommendation to the MAFMC is for a 2008 summer flounder quota between 11.64 and 12.9 million pounds, 34 to 40% below the original projection. I am very concerned that, even with the rebuilding schedule extension, summer flounder quotas continue to drop.

These concerns have led many to call into question the accuracy and validity of the science upon which management is based. I would therefore request that all available data, assessment methodology, and results, including the biological reference points, be thoroughly reviewed by an independent panel of experts.

The ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board made this very recommendation during their December 2006 meeting in New York City.

Although the management agencies have policies in place for stock assessment peer review, I recommend that the summer flounder assessment be reviewed through the National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academy of Sciences. An NRC review would be entirely independent of all management agencies and would follow the precedent of the NRC review of the summer flounder stock assessment in 2000.

In addition, a truly independent review will go a long way toward restoring the public's faith in the summer flounder management process.

Summer flounder is an extremely important contributor to New Jersey's \$2 billion a year marine fishing industry. Commercially, summer flounder

ranks first in terms of economic value for all finfish species landed in New Jersey, while recreationally it ranks first both in terms of harvest and number of directed trips. Diminishing quotas place an undue hardship on the numerous businesses directly and indirectly linked to these key New Jersey fisheries, particularly when you consider that the summer flounder resource is at the highest biomass level on record. Coastwide, summer flounder resource users have borne the burden of stock rebuilding long enough. It is important for them to have access to accurate, reliable science in order to maximize the potential of this valuable resource.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jon S. Corzine

Governor

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August 24, 2007

The Honorable Jon Corzine
The Governor of New Jersey
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Dear Governor Corzine:

Thank you for your letter of August 8 regarding the management of summer flounder and your expressed concern regarding the likely quota for summer flounder in 2008. At the moment, our Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission have jointly recommended to the National Marine Fisheries Service a quota of 15,770,000 pounds for 2008. That recommendation represents a decrease of 1,340,000 pounds from the current year quota and is the lowest quota level we have ever recommended in the history of summer flounder despite the greatest abundance of summer flounder in the past twenty five years. Moreover, despite overfishing as it is currently defined under the terms of the Magnuson - Stevens Act, the

abundance of summer flounder has more than doubled its biomass and tripled its spawning stock biomass since 1993 when the current summer flounder allocation system was implemented.

We are well aware of and genuinely appreciate the extremely important contribution the summer flounder fishery is to the State of New Jersey both as a commercial fishery as well as your state's most important recreational fishery. We share your concern regarding the science upon which our management is based. Nonetheless, as a federal Regional Fishery Management Council created by the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) we are charged by that law to meet its National Standards and its rebuilding timelines. The confounding aspect of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as it relates to summer flounder is that we have an inflexible timeline (rebuild by January 1, 2013) to achieve a scientifically established spawning stock biomass target of 197,000 pounds. These twin pinchers leave little flexibility for us in our quota setting process. Hence, to meet the letter of the law we are required to recommend lower quotas despite the large biomass of summer flounder.

We cannot honor your recommendation that the summer flounder assessment be reviewed through the National Research Council of the National Academy of Science as we do not have the financial where-with-all to undertake such a review. However, we do not object to such a review and understand that the National Marine Fisheries Service (already in receipt of such a request from Congressman Pallone) is considering whether or not such a review will be financed by that organization. You should be aware that over the last 25 years summer flounder stock assessments have been peer reviewed 16 times and the summer flounder species is undoubtedly the most frequently, independently peer reviewed stock for which we have a management responsibility. Moreover, we are aware that the National Marine Fisheries Service is committed to a June 2008 benchmark stock assessment for summer flounder. That process will include a Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) where all the data regarding surveys and landings are reviewed for their completeness and accuracy, and following this, there is a Stock Assessment Review Committee which evaluates the model's applicability to the stock assessment estimates and related forecasts for appropriateness. This independent peer review will be conducted by a board of three experts

who are assigned to this specific task by the University of Miami's Center for Independent Expertise. We, along with all the other interested parties involved with summer flounder management, are looking forward to the outcome of next year's benchmark stock assessment.

By way of additional background, when the rebuilding target for summer flounder was established it was based on information since 1982 and represents the stock's behavior over the past 25 years. Now, after many years of management there is no clear answer to the question of whether the biomass target can be achieved to meet the Magnuson - Stevens Act's requirement to rebuild stocks as quickly as possible, but not to exceed 10 years (extended in the 2007 reauthorization by three years to January 1, 2013). Yet, even with the three year extension it is difficult to predict, project and measure - over the short term - the outcome of management measures in a diverse and variable ocean ecosystem within the mandated time period. This uncertainty has resulted in increasingly restrictive measures as a means of achieving the biomass target within the mandated time period. Our Council has heard repeatedly from fishermen and others about the hardships they are facing year after year as these measures have been implemented.

In closing, please allow me to offer a personal perspective as a long time participant in fisheries management that pre-dates passage of the Magnuson - Stevens Act. I believe it is important that Congress give the Councils as much flexibility as possible in making decisions that balance the needs of our fisheries with sustainable fish stocks. The unique character of the Council membership as a forum to blend scientific advice with the reality of how our diverse fisheries are conducted and the social and economic consequences of management are central to good decision making and frequently call for judgment in addition to considering the science. This gives rise to controversy as is frequently the case when there is uncertainty in the short term, particularly with a deadline to meet. It is my belief that the original intent of the Magnuson Act that created this unique form of government was a sound idea that needs the continued support of Congress to allow the Council system to work as intended. Sustainable fisheries can be achieved over the long term of many decades without arbitrary deadlines. As we work toward the long term sustainability we must also pay attention to the short

term economic and social consequences of regulation. Rebuilding deadlines and natural events can undermine the fishing communities that look to the Council for relief. Without more options to provide some relief when justified we face the prospect of conserving fish stocks but damaging the very fisheries that we want to be economically healthy.

Very truly yours,
W. Peter Jensen Chairman
CC: Bill Hogarth, NMFS Vince O'Shea, ASMFC
Daniel Furlong, MAFMC

FROM Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner

DATE: September 17, 2007

SUBJECT: NYCTA Subway Cars / NJ Artificial Reefs

This will serve to follow up our recent discussions, meetings, and research to determine if the Department should accept New York City Transit Authority's (NYCTA) offer of 600 stainless steel subway cars for deployment on New Jersey's artificial reefs.

As you know, subway cars are not currently included as an acceptable reef material under our permit (Permit # cenap-op-r-200401135-1) with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the "Artificial Reef Management Plan for New Jersey 2005" currently lists subway cars as a prohibited material for reef construction.

After consultation with DEP technical staff and scientists, review of studies conducted by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDFW) and other Mid-Atlantic States' Artificial Reef Programs, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and a literature review conducted by the Department's Division of Science and Research, I have concluded the following on the productivity, durability, stability and the effects of asbestos on marine life associated with the use of subway cars as reef habitat.

Subway cars have been shown to be a fully functioning productive artificial reef habitat, offering trophic support to reef fishes by supporting invertebrate communities. Reef fishes, particularly black sea bass, tautog and cunner have been shown to utilize subway cars for habitat. A three year study conducted by the NJDFW determined that the mean number of reef fishes utilizing subway cars as habitat was 323 per car. An underwater video census conducted by South Carolina's Artificial Reef Program on deployed subway cars showed that dense communities of invertebrate marine life develop on subway cars within 10 months of soak time.

Although constructed of relatively thin gauge steel, subway cars are engineered for strength and are structurally complex. A study conducted by NJDFW

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT & LEGISLATIVE REPORT
By Thomas Fote

COMMISSIONER JACKSON MOVES TO SECURE 600 SUBWAY CARS FOR NEW JERSEY'S ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

JCAA received this memo from Commissioner Lisa Jackson to the Division of Fish and Wildlife directing their staff to amend the artificial reef permit to allow New Jersey to accept 600 subway cars from New York. Her memo is below. Commissioner Jackson chaired a meeting at the JCAA office to discuss this issue. In attendance were Deputy Commissioner Jay Watson, Director of Fish and Wildlife Dave Chandra and representatives from JCAA, RFA, COA, ALS, NJ Dive Council, and Reef Rescue. Commissioner Jackson promised an unbiased look at the science. She contended that these were different subway cars and a new review was required. This memo is a result of that review. It is refreshing to work with a Commissioner who puts science first and is not tied to previous decisions that were politically motivated. We will keep a watchful eye to make sure this process does not stall. The anglers of New Jersey are grateful to Commissioner Jackson for her foresight and her willingness to put science first.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Cradic, Assistant Commissioner
Natural and Historic Resources

during 2004 showed that subway cars deployed in 1990 were found to be 67 percent structurally intact and upright after 13 years and 10 months soak time. A recent side scan survey conducted on these same subway cars showed that after 17 years of soak time the subway cars are still upright and intact. The estimated life span of the stainless steel subway cars as determined by USEPA, is 25-35 years. This life span is comparable to other reef materials deployed by New Jersey's Artificial Reef Program.

Subway cars remain stable on the ocean floor once deployed. Findings from a four year study conducted by the NJDFW indicated that once deployed, subway cars remain in place and do not move even after northeast and tropical storms. The stainless steel subway cars currently available from NYCTA weigh almost twice as much (35,000 pounds each) as the subway cars deployed by NJDFW during 1990 (18,000 pounds each).

Following a literature review performed by the NJ Division of Science and Research related to encapsulated asbestos (asbestos bound in an epoxy resin) and effects on marine life, it was determined that asbestos fibers would not be expected in the vicinity of subway cars deployed on artificial reefs. Therefore, exposure of fish and other species to asbestos fibers from subway cars would be minimal, and any exposure if it occurred, would be temporary due to the dynamics of epifaunal growth. Similarly, results from an encapsulated asbestos study conducted by Delaware Division of Natural Resources' Artificial Reef Program showed that no asbestos fibers were found in ocean water samples adjacent to 400 deployed redbird subway cars. Studies conducted by the USEPA also show no significant releases of asbestos fibers from encapsulated asbestos-containing surfaces in subway cars deployed on a New Jersey reef site in 1990 or from non-encapsulated asbestos on a Navy vessel deployed off the coast of Maryland.

In conclusion, I have determined that the 600 stainless steel subway cars currently offered by New York City Transit Authority are a durable and valued ocean reef material. Both New Jersey's fishing and sport diving communities would directly benefit from the addition of the stainless steel subway cars on the artificial reef network.

Please direct your staff to take the necessary steps to confirm New Jersey's desire to receive the 600 stainless steel subway cars from the NYCTA, and seek all necessary approvals through the appropriate processes to amend New Jersey's Artificial Reef Plan and the ACOE permit.

John S. Watson, Jr.
Debbie Mans
Dave Chandra

SUMMER FLOUNDER

I got an interesting email questioning what JCAA is doing about summer flounder. I can understand the frustration of anglers from Massachusetts to North Carolina. JCAA has been working on this issue since 1994. As a commissioner to ASMFC, I worked on the same issue throughout my tenure. JCAA and I have been questioning the science since 1998. New Jersey anglers have worked hard to get our Federal Legislators on our side. Congressmen Saxton, Pallone, Lobiondo, Holt and others and Senators Menendez and Lautenberg have been steadfast advocates for recreational anglers on this and other issues. The problem is that little is done by the Congressional delegations from other states. In New Jersey we present a united front and that is how we get things done. JCAA, RFA, United Boatmen and the commercial fishermen have spoken with one voice on this issue, insisting that these decisions cannot be made using the currently available faulty science. In other states, the voices are far from unanimous and there is little participation at Council and Commission meetings. JCAA has had a representative at every summer flounder meeting for at least 13 years. I would challenge any other group to make the same commitment. Other states need to put the same heat on their Congressional delegation if we are going to get NMFS to throw out a faulty stock assessment that has unrealistic targets. Because, for reasons that escape everyone, NMFS has made summer flounder their poster fish for stock assessment, they are so entrenched and invested in refusing to admit any error, they can't even see how bad things are. All you have to do is look at NMFS reply to the most recent letter from Governor Corzine to see how bad things are. JCAA will continue to work on this issue and I will be at the ASA meeting and in Washington, DC soon. So, rather than complain about what JCAA hasn't done, try doing something yourself. To

quote (or misquote) JFK, "Ask not what JCAA has done for you. Ask what you can do for yourself."

S138/A636 HOOKED ON FISHING-NOT ON DRUGS BILL

JCAA, NJSFSC and I have been working hard to get S138/A636 Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Bill passed. It was heard by the Senate Environmental Committee on Monday, September 17 and was moved out of committee. JCAA would like to thank Senator Robert Smith, Chairman of the Senate Environmental Committee for posting this bill for hearing. We would like to thank Senator John Adler and Senator Andy Ciesla for their support. This bill has already passed the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee with a unanimous vote. We now need to work on getting the Assembly Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee to hear the bill after the elections and then get the bill passed by the full Assembly and Senate.

Assemblyman Herb Conaway is a Co-sponsor and a member of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. In the Senate there are two members of the Senate Appropriations Committee who are co-sponsors, Senator Barbara Buono and Senator Nick Asselta. We will need their help to get this bill posted for a vote and out of the Appropriations Committee in their houses. These are the committee members that we need to contact to have the next hearing on S138/A636.

Assembly Appropriations Committee members are;

Nellie Pou – Chair, Joseph Cryan, - Vice-Chair
Herb Conaway, Michael J. Doherty, Robert Gordon,
Louis Greenwald, Reed Gusciora, Marcia A. Karrow,
Richard A. Merkt, Joseph Pennacchio, Valerie Huttle
Vainieri, John S. Wisniewski.

Senate Budget and Appropriations

Bernard F. Kenny – Chair, Sharpe James - Vice-Chair,
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J Kavanaugh, Leonard Lance, Robert E Littell, Paul A.
Sarlo, Stephen M. Sweeney
Shirley K. Turner, Joseph F. Vitale.

The key is also to get the leadership to make sure the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee hear and pass these bills. Senate President Richard Cody and Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts need to make sure this happens and that the bills are posted for a vote by the

full Senate and Assembly. To make sure this happens we need to get a commitment from them before the elections to post and pass the bill. Here is their contact information.

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POTS OFF REEFS

Breaking news! Senator Robert Smith, Chairman of the Senate Environmental Committee, announced that he will hold a hearing on this bill on October 4th if there is quorum available. Senator John Adler agreed to be available for this hearing on October 4th. I will keep you posted by email.

It was clear from day one that the Marine Fisheries Council was not going to address getting the pots off the reefs to the satisfaction of the recreational community. Over the years due to the inherent bias of the members of the Marine Fisheries Council, recreational anglers never seem to get a fair shake. The Council is made up of 5 commercial seats, 4 recreational seats and 2 at large seats. Even though the recreational fishing industry is worth almost 4 times the worth of the commercial fin fishery and the number of recreational anglers is 1.3 million compared to less than 100 licensed pot holders, the recreational community is always ignored. It would help if Governor Corzine would finally appoint two people to the at-large seats and provide a better balance on the Council. We discussed this with Governor Corzine and Commissioner Jackson almost a year ago and we are still waiting.

The importance of the artificial reefs for recreational fishing is of increased concern this year because of the shortened summer flounder fishery. When the fishery shut down September 10th, most anglers had to shift their quest for dinner to the artificial reefs. The commercial fishermen continue to justify their actions by telling us they feed the

non-fishing public. The problem is the 1.3 million anglers who want to feed their families by catching themselves are denied access. As Adam's article explains below it is time for us to work directly with the legislature, Governor Corzine and Commissioner Jackson and bypass the biased NJ Marine Fisheries Council.

State studies how to clean water supply
Chemical contaminants spark fears. Low
levels of pharmaceuticals found in
drinking water.

Saturday, August 18, 2007

By Trish G. Graber The Express-Times

TRENTON | The state is studying methods of removing contaminants that make their way into New Jersey's drinking water, either flushed down the toilet or through human excretion.

Department of Environmental Protection officials said they have found low-level contaminants in drinking water -- from flame retardants to antibiotics, cosmetics and detergent ingredients.

"They're all very low levels, below a part per billion," said Eileen Murphy, DEP's director of the Division of Science, Research and Technology. "Any one of these compounds alone would not pose health concerns ... we don't know what the mixture could do."

The problem is one the U.S. Geological Survey found nationwide.

Murphy said the DEP is currently conducting studies to determine the best methods of treating water to eliminate the compounds. She said the work is being done with the possibility of requiring upgrades to treatment systems.

The state is also considering outreach to pharmaceutical companies to sponsor give-back programs to prevent leftover drugs from being flushed.

Officials are in the process of implementing water systems in Camden and Bergen counties to determine whether they will remove a greater amount of contaminants, mainly organic compounds, according to Murphy.

A state legislator questioned New Jersey's water quality after seeing a 2003 Texas study which found the active ingredient of the anti-depressant Prozac in the muscles, liver and brains of fish. Another survey, by the United States Geological

Survey, found traces of pharmaceuticals in 80 percent of 139 tested streams.

Assemblyman Mike Doherty, R-Warren/Hunterdon counties, said the studies posed a concern at a time when "more and more people are using prescription drugs for a vast variety of physical as well as mental ailments."

Tom Fote, legislative chairman for the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, said Doherty's concerns are only "the tip of the iceberg."

Under his own research, Fote found that aquatic life throughout the world is affected by contaminants in the water, which has altered fish in some geographic locations both physically and in their mating behaviors.

He said he has worked on drawing attention to the issue for years.

"People get frustrated because people see a mountain and say 'How do we climb it?'" Fote said.

"If we know it's affecting the fish, then sooner or later it affects us."

Trish Graber is Trenton correspondent for The Express-Times. She can be reached at 609-292-5154.

Reef Rescue Update

Capt. Adam Nowalsky Member of Reef
Rescue

At the beginning of this year, a multi-front effort was launched at reclaiming NJ's Artificial Reefs. The problem is simple: a number of NJ's Artificial Reefs have become dominated by fixed fishing gear (i.e. – fish and lobster pots) consisting of traps, trawl lines, buoys and high flyers. The result is that it has become extremely difficult to recreationally fish via drift and anchor on reef sites, sites which would not have become possible without recreational efforts and donations. The JCAA, RFA and other groups have joined forces in forming NJ Reef Rescue, the goal of which is to remove all fixed gear from NJ's Artificial Reef sites.

The State Marine Fisheries Council convened the Artificial Reef Committee and a number of sessions were held with various stakeholder groups, including divers, recreational fishermen, the for-hire sector (party/charter boats) and the commercial fishing community. Despite State studies and visual evidence to the contrary, the commercial sector maintained there was no problem, suggesting studies of their own in lieu of action.

After months of impasse, the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Dave Chanda, put

forth a proposal of his own. This proposal would have restricted the use of fixed gear from NJ's 2 in-state reef sites, the Sandy Hook and Axel Carlson Reefs, during the months of primary recreational use from May - October. Furthermore, the proposal called for the State to work with the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council to enact similar regulations for the 13 NJ reefs beyond 3 miles of the NJ coast and outside of NJ jurisdictional waters. This proposal was not supported by Reef Rescue, JCAA and RFA.

At the September meeting of the Marine Fisheries Council, the Artificial Reef Committee forwarded the aforementioned proposal to the Council with a motion for approval. At the last minute, commercial representatives entered a revised proposal. This revised proposal sought to limit only fish pot gear on just 2 of NJ's reefs for a shortened period. Despite input from Director Chanda himself and other State officials that allowing one type of gear but not another was impractical and unenforceable; the commercially-weighted Council passed the revised proposal.

The current proposal for restricting fixed gear on reefs does nothing to alleviate the current problem on NJ's Artificial Reefs. The State itself says it cannot be enforced; it only limits one type of gear, and applies to only 2 of the 15 NJ Artificial Reefs. Compromise? Anything but! NJ Anglers are now left with pursuing Legislative efforts to reclaim our Artificial Reefs. The State Assembly currently has bill A3986 which has been passed out of committee and is awaiting vote by the full assembly. The State Senate is considering bill S2635, which has yet to be considered by the Senate Environmental Committee. Your help is needed NOW. It is imperative that you contact your state Assemblymen and Senators and request moving these bills on to the full Assembly and Senate for a vote. Since it is clear the Marine Fisheries Council is not working for the State's anglers on this issue, it is time to take matters into our own hands.

BAN POTS ON REEF SUPPORT THE ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

Doherty seeks study of N.J. water supply Legislator prompted by discovery in Texas of Prozac in fish.

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By Trish G. Graber, The Express-Times

TRENTON | A Texas study that found the active ingredient of Prozac in fish has prompted questions from a legislator about what could be floating in New Jersey's water supply.

Conducted by Waco, Texas-based Baylor University, the 2003 study found traces of the anti-depressant Prozac in the muscles, liver and brains of fish in a stream near a Texas water treatment facility.

The drug is believed to have entered the stream through urine or from pills flushed down the toilet.

In addition, a 2002 U.S. Geological Survey found that 80 percent of 138 streams tested in 30 states contained traces of pharmaceuticals.

"These studies are definitely cause for alarm," said Assemblyman Mike Doherty, R-Warren/Hunterdon counties.

Citing New Jersey's thriving pharmaceutical industry, Doherty called on the Legislature to authorize the study of New Jersey's water supplies.

"The state seized most of the land in our district claiming protection of fresh water as its motivation," Doherty said. "If these compounds are appearing in fish tissue in other states, then certainly similar studies are needed here to determine if we are ingesting a drug cocktail without a prescription every time we turn on our tap water."

Doherty represents a district affected by the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act of 2004, which restricts development in a seven-county area in North Jersey to protect the water supply for more than half of the state.

A spokesman for the Department of Environmental Protection said the state is aware of the study and has discussed the issue. However, no information was available late Thursday on whether the state has already, or plans to take action.

"I think this is becoming an emergent issue across the nation," said DEP spokesman Lawrence Hajna. "Certainly the department is aware of what's happening in science."

JCAA NEEDS YOUR HELP VOLUNTEER

Recreational fishermen hurt by NMFS'
decisions
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BY KAREN E. WALL
"The best available science"

I've lost track of the number of times I've heard and read that phrase in the last four years with regard to fisheries management.

"We have to use the best available science," those who sit on the various management councils and commissions are fond of saying, especially when it comes to restricting the summer flounder fishery more and more.

But more and more, it seems the National Marine Fisheries Service has abandoned the "science" altogether, and more and more seems interested in one thing: pushing recreational anglers off the water in favor of commercial fishermen.

Let me be clear about one thing: This column is not an indictment of commercial fishermen. It's not about them, and I do not believe they should be denied the right to earn a living.

But more and more, NMFS, under the leadership of William Hogarth, seems to favor commercial fishing and treat recreational fishing as a plague to be eradicated as quickly as possible.

How else do you explain so much of the decision making that's occurred in the last year?

Let's start with the recent proposal regarding shark fishing.

In July, NMFS put out for public comment a proposal that eliminates recreational landings of several recreational species while approving commercial landing and sale of these same species.

When I read John Geiser's story on the proposal last week, all I could say was, "HUH?"

Eliminate recreational fishing because recreational anglers are apparently too stupid — in their minds, anyway — to be able to tell the difference between the species.

And at the same time, allow commercial fishing on an animal that is among the slowest to reproduce.

That's why commercial fishing for spiny dogfish was banned for so long, they've told us.

That's using "the best available science?"

When they want to restrict recreational fishermen more and more on fluke, they turn to the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey and cite it as "the best science available" to make

decisions on the quota — even though MRFSS has been labeled "fatally flawed" by the National Academies of Science.

They cut the quota on scup, yet don't even have a definitive biomass figure.

Where's the science in that? How can you say something is overfished when you don't have a clue how many fish there are to begin with?

Fisheries managers lay the blame for the problems with the blackfish stocks at the feet of recreational anglers, while ignoring the fact that something on the order of 20,000 pounds of live blackfish — the same amount reported as the commercial catch — was held and sold locally (with the proper permits).

The list goes on and on.

And yet the National Marine Fisheries Service can't see why it's losing any scrap of respectability with recreational anglers.

It seems, quite honestly, that they simply don't care what recreational anglers think. They don't care about all the tackle shop owners, the party boat captains and mates, the marine mechanics, and all the others whose livelihoods depend on these fisheries.

It's OK to them to put the recreational fishery out of business, because its forces are scattered, its constituents too busy trying to survive to fight or to pay someone to fight for them.

They see commercial fishermen taking 14-inch summer flounder and don't understand why, come Tuesday, they won't be able to catch any — a month sooner than the season ended last year.

"Why are they allowed when we can't take any fish?" is the question I hear often when I talk to anglers while I'm out fishing, or just out strolling the docks, as I did in Belmar on Labor Day.

"A few commercial guys in a boat take more in one net than a boatload of my passengers do in one trip," said Bobby Quinn, captain of the Ocean Explorer.

The bitterness is palpable. And it grows by leaps and bounds as folks who've spent a lifetime building a business, working at something they love, see it whittled away bit by bit by people who don't seem to care that they are ruining lives.

Everyone needs a job to pay the mortgage, to feed and clothe their families. And no one should be forced to completely uproot their lives just on a whim. And when "the best available science" is used selectively, when consistency from those who hold

your life in their hands becomes a consistency of negative outcomes, belief in the system and in the managers running it disappears.

Instead of balancing the needs of everyone — recreational and commercial anglers and sustaining the fisheries for years to come — the National Marine Fisheries Service has entered the realm of appearing to make decisions on a whim. And more and more often, that "whim" has the appearance of outright contempt for recreational anglers.

And that's a crying shame.

NJ Marine Fisheries Council Report *By Tom Siciliano*

The NJ Marine Fisheries Council held its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, September 6. At the July meeting Dave Chandra had put forth a proposal to ban all pots on New Jersey's artificial reefs for parts of the season. The Reef Committee had met with advisors and could not reach any agreement on a reef proposal. Dr. Pat Donnelly placed a motion to pass Dave Chandra's proposal. The proposal would ban pots on the reefs from May 1 – October 31. It provided for sinking ground lines on the pots, the pots would be set in a North – South direction with an allowance of plus or minus 10 degree error and each string would be limited to 23 pots. It also provided for a 300' buffer zone around the artificial reefs.

None of the recreational fishing groups (JCAA, RFA, Reef Rescue and NJ Council of Diving Clubs supported this proposal. The commercial fishermen proposed changes which made the proposal totally worthless in solving the problem. The commercial fishermen were well organized and prepared for this meeting. Erling Berg, a commercial representative on the council did his homework and came to the meeting ready for action. He proposed an alternate plan with the following changes:

Commercial and recreational pot fishing gear targeting finfish will be prohibited on reef site May 1st through October 1st.

Lobster and conch pots will be allowed on New Jersey reefs year round. Vessels engaged in directed lobster or conch pot fishing when harvesting New Jersey state reefs will be limited to a 50 pound

possession limit of finfish (Black Sea Bass) during the May 1st to October 1st finfish pot closure.

Erling did a great job for the commercial fishermen, making a well-prepared and vocalized appeal for his motion. There are presently nine members on the Council. Five of them represent commercial interests and four represent the recreational sector. Would anyone care to guess what the vote was? You're right. It was 5-4 in favor of Erling's motion. Normally the chairman does not vote except in the event of a tie but in this case Chairman Gil Ewing voted with the recreational sector against the motion.

There are currently two vacant seats on the NJ Marine Fisheries Council. If these seats were filled with recreational people the vote would have gone the other way.

Many commercial fishermen made public comments during that portion of the meeting. They all applauded the action taken by the commercial interests on the council. Erling is also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. In the two years that he has been on the ASMFC he has yet to make any comment in favor of NJ fishing industry and especially the recreational sector. It is hoped that this effort at the state level will give Erling the confidence to start making comments and proposals favorable to New Jersey fishermen at these meetings. He can start with Fluke. There will be plenty of opportunity at the upcoming meetings of the Council and Commission to fight for what is right. You don't need to be a statistical wizard to know that the fluke numbers are flawed. Recreational fishermen cannot continue to exceed their quota if the fish are not there in far greater numbers than the stocks are reported to be. Commercial fishermen would not be catching their quotas in short periods of time and Recreational fishermen cannot hook fish that are not there. The data needs to be challenged by the members of the Council and Commission.

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES *BY JOHN KOEGLER*

NMFS-HMS Illegal Shark Plan

Anglers have often disagreed with NMFS-HMS division management plans. All their plans have been designed to limit recreational landings and

yet continue the commercial fishery without limits or controls. Of all their plans none is more commercially biased than their new proposed shark plan. In fact, it is so biased that it appears illegal if the Magnuson's Fishery Management Act's "National Standards" are the standard used.

Here are the plans proposed key items:

Close sandbar shark landings to recreational and commercial fishing. Sandbar sharks are overfished. The plan ends recreational sandbar landings. But a commercial research sandbar fishery of 116.6 MT dressed weight (dw) will continue. NMFS states this is needed to assess the recovery of sandbar sharks. Note that recreational landings from 2002 to 2005 are estimated to be less than the proposed research landings per year.

Part of the reason recreationals are eliminated is they must know the difference between Dusky sharks and Sandbars which are very similar. Dusky's are approaching a threatened population status. Since recreational could land a Dusky shark by mistake NMFS-HMS believes they must eliminate recreational landings of Sandbars to save the small Dusky population. At the same time commercial fishermen and dealers are mandated to attend a NMFS class where they are taught to identify all shark species.

Continue the non-sandbar commercial shark fishery at a high landing level of 541.2 MT dw. The problem with the continued longline bottom shark fishery is their sandbar/dusky bycatch will be 70% of the catch. How can this fishery ever recover if the sandbar/dusky bycatch discards represent 70% of the catch and is discarded dead?

NMFS-HMS states that this continued fishery will only increase sandbar discards from 9.6 MT to 13.1 MT.

Since 70% of the catch is Sandbar sharks and this species will now be discarded, such a small reduction in discards is mathematically impossible.

1. NMFS says their new plan will reduce the discard of non-sandbar sharks from 153.3 MT to 56.6 MT. This is unlikely because these discards represent shark species that have little or no commercial meat value at retail. Most of these sharks have either poor meat quality or strong taste making them unlikely to have a demand at retail.

2. NMFS-HMS also states their plan will reduce the accidental landings of the severely overfished Dusky shark from 33.2 MT to 9.2 MT. Given that there is NO proposed reduction of

commercial longline fishing effort, this is totally unachievable.

3. Close recreational Blacktip shark fishery in S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico while allowing the commercial fishery to continue. The Blacktip shark is not overfished at this time. Eliminating the recreational fishery permits a larger commercial landing of this species which has both retail acceptance and sale value.

4. NMFS in their plan now names which shark species anglers will be permitted to land in the future. They are lemon, nurse, scalloped, smooth and great hammerhead, tiger, blue, common thresher, oceanic whitetip and short fin mako. In addition, one bonehead and one Atlantic sharpnose shark can be retained per trip.

Many world-class fishery biologists have written peer reviewed articles about direct commercial shark fishing. They clearly state that NO directed commercial shark fishery can ever be sustainable. Ignoring this accepted scientific fact, NMFS has proposed a shark plan where NMFS will accomplish this known to be impossible objective.

Scientists know and NMFS is ignoring the fact that the reason NO commercial shark fishery can EVER be sustainable, as required by the Magnuson Act, is their biology. Sharks live a long time and become sexually mature only after many years. Their reproduction is by live shark births which makes recovery from directed commercial fishing unattainable.

If you do not desire to be eliminated and then strictly limited to what shark species you will be permitted to land, you must reply to the NMFS-HMS division proposed shark plan immediately. You can download their 9 page Federal Registry notice from the HMS website under new news.

Please write, e-mail or fax the NMFS HMS Division and state your strong objections to any shark management plan that allows a directed commercial shark fishery to exist and eliminates recreational landings. The deadline for comments is October 10, 2007.

Send comments labeled "Comments on Shark Amendment 2" to:

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YOUTH EDUCATION

BY GREG KUCHARAWSKI

YOUTH EDUCATION SUPPORT

Many thanks, to the Hi-Mar Striper Club for supplying rods and reels for seven of the lucky participants who won prizes at the Fort Monmouth 2007 Summer Camp Youth Fishing Derby. The Hi-Mar is also involved with the group Father Time run by Jeff Johnson in Keansburg. When Jeff asked for help with his first beach fishing tournament last year, Hi-Mar members showed up at the beach to help get the ball rolling and the club also donated rigs to be handed out to participants. This year the Hi-Mar also joined Father Time at their outdoor expo by setting up a table and having club members available to discuss fishing with the families attending. Again, when Jeff asked if we could help with the tournaments this year, I personally went to the beach and helped with the onsite setup and made sure the club donated \$100 worth of fishing rigs to be handed out to participants. The Hi-Mar also has an additional \$100 set aside to purchase rigs for the Father Time Fall Tournament. This year (2007) The Hi-Mar, through Youth Trip Chairman Mike McLean, sponsored five trips during the summer. Four of these trips were on the Charter Boat Captain Dave out of Atlantic Highlands Marina. While the membership of the Hi-Mar Striper Fishing Club works very hard to live up to our purpose, promoting sport fishing education regarding fishing, and protecting our saltwater resources, they also work especially hard to live up to educating and involving our youth. The membership of the Hi-Mar Striper Club is right on track in promoting youth fishing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The JCAA Youth Education Committee is helping novice anglers at the Governor's 16th Annual Surf Fishing Tournament, Sunday, October 7, 2007. This will require extra volunteer hours from member clubs in JCAA. If members in your fishing club would like to help others learn the joy of surf fishing, please phone 732-785-9278 or e-mail Gkucharews@aol.com and place IBSP in the subject line. Help is needed to provide assistance for disabled anglers, youth anglers, and novice anglers. This is a fun day. Come out and share your surf fishing expertise and help cast a line of caring.

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Disabled anglers that need assistance fishing will have an opportunity to fish the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament in a specially marked area and balloon tire equipped beach wheelchairs are available for disabled anglers. Volunteers will be on hand to assist any angler with special needs who want to fish on tournament day. For more information about disabled access and surf fishing beach chair reservations, please phone Greg Kucharewski 732-785-9278 (leave message & phone #).

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A ticket to the Seminar Series costs \$ 55.00, and includes a \$ 50.00 Boater's World Gift Card (Via mail-in rebate with your next purchase of \$ 150.00), a Boater's World Duffle Bag, a One-Year subscription or extension to Salt Water Sportsman Magazine, One Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis (offshore tuna, dolphin and marlin only), a 16-ounce bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, One 330-yard spool of Sufix fishing line, and one tub of Feeding Frenzy Chum.

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