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At Brick Plaza at 270 Chambers Bridge Rd

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Wednesday, December 17th, 2009

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 24th JCAA General Mtg

December 8th Joint Mtg of MAFMC & ASMFC on recreational specifications for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass

December 17th JCAA Board Mtg

December 29th JCAA General Mtg

January 7th NJMFC Mtg

January 7th JCAA Board Mtg

January 14th-17th Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

January 26th JCAA General Mtg

February 1st-4th ASMFC Mtg Week

February 3rd-7th AC Boat Show

February 14th JCAA Board Mtg

February 23rd JCAA General Mtg

February 27th Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series

President's Report

By Mark Taylor

Everyone must keep updated on the issues because there are news releases from ASMFC that have been sent containing issues that are for public comment and review. It is very important that everybody participates in this process. You and your clubs need to attend ASMFC meetings and submit written comments on all issues whether it is for or against. If you don't, then we as a recreational community have no voice in the matters at hand. So get more involved so the recreational community has an even stronger voice. It is very important that each club keeps up to date with all the issues that are affecting us. There are so many issues that are happening right now so continue to check out our website. Club Presidents should make sure that their representatives attend every JCAA General Meeting to bring this information back to your individual clubs for discussion.

As everyone knows, on September 30th NOAA announced that it was closing the Black Sea Bass fishery down for 180 days starting October 5th. On

October 1st JCAA had sent out a press release about the unfair NOAA shut down of this fishery in Federal Waters. We are continuing to look at the most effective way to correct this unfair decision and reopen this fishery. You can get a copy of the press release on our website www.jcaa.org. We will keep everybody informed in the progress in this very important issue.

The New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) had organized a **Rescue Our Outdoors Rally (ROOR)** which was held at the New Egypt. There were speakers from both political parties who spoke out on important outdoor issues. It was a rainy day but despite the weather, it was well attended by people who use the resources that New Jersey has to offer.

The **Sportsperson of the Year Dinner/Dance** was held November 15 at Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant. This prestigious award went to Anthony Mauro from the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA). Congratulations to Anthony for all his hard work in the past and I am sure he will continue to fight the issues at hand. Berkeley Striper Club was awarded the Youth Education Award to recognize its hard work on behalf of this important cause. I would like to take the time to thank all the clubs that purchased a table and the Dinner/Dance Committee Paul Turi, Dan Miller and Ed Cherry for a great job.

With end of the year approaching it is that time again: elections. If you are interested in becoming a JCAA Officer you need to contact Don Marantz at 609-259-6368 or the JCAA Office. We are looking for dedicated individuals to get more involved. Each member club should have their delegates present at the December Meeting to be involved in the process of electing the new officers for 2010.

With the show season coming up very fast, JCAA will be looking for volunteers to staff a booth. There are four shows that will be attending this year. **Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's & Adventure Show** (Raritan Show) Jan. 14th to 17th, **Atlantic City International Power Boat Show** Feb, 3rd -7th and **Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar** Feb. 27th and **The Saltwater Fishing Show** Mar. 19th to 21st. Mark these date on your calendar and plan to attend. If anyone is interested right now in volunteering please contact me at mtsport64@aol.com. This is where we interact with people who do not belong to any clubs and are misinformed on issues. It is a great experience to meet many different people who enjoy something you love to do.

Time is moving very fast and before you know it, we will be welcoming in year 2010. The end of the year also ushers in strategies on lowering your 2009

taxes by various financial moves including giving special contributions to non-profit or charitable organizations. Consider giving a financial gift to the JCAA since it is a non-profit entity and your contribution is tax deductible. Your contribution will be utilized to support and protect the rights of all anglers who fish in New Jersey. Please call the JCAA office at (732) 506-6565 if you have any questions in regard to your contribution.

As I mentioned in past newsletters the Newspaper Committee is looking for clubs to send in a 500 word description about your club including who you are and what you do. Send it in by e-mail to jcaa@jcaa.org with the stipulation that we will be using these highlights in the order that they are received and they will be published in the JCAA newsletter.

As a reminder the JCAA has an Operations Manager in the office to answer your questions. Operations Manager Sharon McKenna will try to give you the correct answer to your question or direct your call to the proper person.

I am still trying to make our Individual Committees more effective in this coming year. As you can see some of the Committees are very active right now, so volunteer some of your time for something you love so much. Being part of one of these committees you can get more involved and you will see how the system works. If you are interested on serving on them contact the JCAA office or me.

Operations Manager

By Sharon McKenna

October was a busy month here in the office, as well as out. Grant writing continues to be a focus of my time. As we receive grants, I will announce them in this column. I hope to share good news in next month's newspaper!

Tom Fote and I attended the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) Annual Summit, which was held in Rancho Bernardo, California. Eighty-one companies and organizations from the United States and Canada gathered October 28-30. Due to ongoing economic concerns facing the industry as a whole, the Summit focused on the domestic and economic markets, fisheries resource management, advocacy and the political forces that continue to impact the industry.

The keynote speaker at the Summit was Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(NOAA) Administrator, Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D. She discussed with industry leaders in attendance that she understands the importance of fishing as an economic powerhouse.

“As NOAA’s Administrator, I am committed to adopting policies that will ensure that current and future generations have the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful activity,” Lubchenco said during her remarks. “We are responding to the concerns expressed by your leaders that we don’t pay enough attention to recreational fishing. I’m here to tell you that we do think you are important, that we will pay attention and that we will work with you. It is my intention to improve our relationship.” Lubchenco further added, “I will be your champion.”

She spoke about the National Ocean Policy Interim Report; the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) which NOAA intends to use in place of the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS.); and about catch share programs. JCAA member clubs should be on alert for the upcoming 120 day comment period on catch share programs. Dr. Lubchenco stated that no council would be *required* to implement a catch share program. Things have a tendency to change, so giving the agency our comments about ensuring that catch share, if approved at all, should *not* be mandatory will help.

Another hot topic at the ASA Summit was the Obama administration’s draft ocean policy issued in September: The Interim Report of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force. The concern regarding the direction of the report and the fact that fishing was not considered to be an ocean activity recognized by the task force prompted a special presentation and review of the report. Manufacturers and state government officials asked questions about the implications of the report and what it would mean for our sport. Sitting front and center during this discussion listening to the concerns in the room were top NOAA officials, including Dr. Lubchenco herself. In her subsequent speech, she stated:

“As an active participant in the task force process, I want to assure the recreational fishing community that this concern has been heard. The task force has now received significant input from anglers across the country. I am confident that when the task force releases its final report, your interests will be recognized,” Lubchenco said. “I believe that recreational fishing is both an important pastime, which brings families and friends together, and an important economic activity. I am personally committed to a national policy which recognizes the

importance of recreational fishing and ensures that it can continue to thrive.”

Her comments reflect that she understands our concerns and she literally said that she “has our back.” JCAA will remain fully engaged in this process, getting direction from our member clubs, offering public comment voted on by the general membership.

On MRIP, Dr. Lubchenco recognized our concerns about the transition and the structure of the program. After all of the issues we have faced due to MRFSS, which was never designed to be the basis for quota allocation, recreational anglers have a right to healthy skepticism.

“I understand that you and others have serious reservations about the extent to which MRIP will provide timely data,” Lubchenco said of the recreational fishing industry. “Our intent is to design a data-acquisition process that meets our needs, one in which we all have confidence and one that enables us to manage recreational fishing to ensure the fishery is sustainable, the ocean is healthy and there are great fishing opportunities for your children and grandchildren.”

There was a full array of high level ASA members in attendance, and the true meat of the Summit was at the Government Affairs committee meeting, which lasted 11 hours! Tom Fote is a member of that committee and offered his comments on several issues, not the least of which was the black sea bass closure “emergency action” by the Northeast region. We were fortunate to be able to discuss that and other issues with the top-level NOAA staff, including the Acting Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, James Balsiger.

Overall, the meeting went well, but there is obvious concern throughout our industry about the economic downturn and that stimulus money is not being directed to us. There were several boat manufacturers who sat through the National Marine Manufacturers Association presentation that showed almost exclusively bad news. It is more important than ever to be actively engaged on these issues which will most certainly affect our sport for years to come. To learn more about the Interim Report of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, go here: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/oceans/interimreport>. To learn more about MRIP, go here: <http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov/mrip/>. To learn more about catch share programs, go here: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes_fish/catchshare/index.htm

Reminder, in case you want to come over and talk fishing: Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Thursday, I will be off-site until January 7, when office hours will resume 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as we gear up for the 16th Annual JCAA Fluke Tournament. Be on the lookout for our sponsors and entry forms, as well as high roller raffle books coming to a mailbox near you soon!

FLUKE TOURNAMENT REPORT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 12, 2010 for the 16th Annual JCAA Fluke Tournament. The awards ceremony will be held Friday, June 18, 2010. The Fluke Tournament planning is coming along nicely. I was fortunate to be able to attend the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) annual summit in October. Several potential sponsors for the tournament were there and between business meetings, I was able to present to them the valuable promotional opportunity that comes with sponsoring the largest one-day tournament on the East Coast.

As always, the tournament committee is in need of volunteers to get the word out about the tournament, including those who can deliver posters and entry forms to marinas and tackle shops throughout the geographic span of the tournament. One thing that sets our tournament apart is the number of door prizes we award, so we are always looking for excellent ones that promote a business connected with fishing. Last year, we handed out several “free entry” forms for tournaments that our member clubs hold throughout the year. Your club’s tournament gets some additional advertising and some lucky angler gets the family together to participate – truly a win/win. Please let me know when your club makes the decision to offer a free entry so I can share the news with our entire membership right here in this newspaper.

We have not yet nailed down a Grand Prize Sponsor and although there was a lot of enthusiasm for this year’s cash prize, we really want to get back to a boat, motor and trailer as in most of the previous tournaments. At the ASA summit, Thomas Dammrich of the National Marine Manufacturers Association presented a rather gloomy picture of the boating industry’s recovery trajectory. It is going to take ingenuity to get a boat this year and quite a bit of partnering with marinas throughout the area. Other options are on the table. For example, anyone with connections to the automobile industry, which got a shot in the arm from the Cash for Clunkers Program, can make a tax deductible contribution/donation of a vehicle as the Grand Prize Sponsor. We want to make sure we have all our sponsors and their logos by

December so we can begin to advertise their involvement with our organization and its mission to represent the position of marine sport anglers, champion their causes and protect their rights in matters pertaining to fishing, fisheries, and environmental quality. This mission has never been more important than now, as you will see from several reports in this newspaper, including my own report on the ASA Summit.

We are also looking for a first place port prize sponsor. Grand Prize and port sponsors get prominent placement on our website, on all posters, banners and advertisements, on our t-shirts and in our newspapers, which reach over 4,000 anglers, policy makers and industry leaders involved in our sport.

In our next newspaper, we will begin to feature our sponsors and their prizes so you will know what you might win when you catch a doormat on June 12, 2010. And as always, patronizing our sponsors is what makes them return to JCAA year after year. So, I know the winter is closing in, but in a blink of the eye, it’ll be fluke season and the tournament will be upon us. Thank you for your support of the JCAA. Please call me at the office at 732-506-6565 with your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, free tournament entries, etc. I am in the office every weekday except for **Thursday** until January 7th, when we will resume normal office hours all week long – 9 to 2 p.m.

Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

By Thomas Fote

Last month I included in the JCAA newspaper and posted on our web page a draft position statement on red snapper from the American Sportfishing Association that has not been approved by either the ASA Government Affairs Committee or Board of Directors. We apologize for any confusion.

The week of October 25th I spent 5 days in San Diego at the American Sportfishing Summit (ASA) and then the week of November 1st I spent 5 days in Newport, Rhode Island at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).

The ASA Summit in San Diego was a great success as far as I was concerned. It places leaders in government and members of the fishing industry together to discuss the problems facing the recreational fishing industry. I did get to ask Jane

Lubchenco, Ph.D., the new under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and her staff some important questions as did the rest of the participants. Sharon McKenna, our operations manager, covers the ASA Meeting more in depth in her report.

It is pretty bad when the only good news I have to report from the ASMFC meeting is that we did not allow a commercial rollover of the striped bass quota and instead of a complete moratorium on weakfish, we only reduced the 6 fish bag limit to one. So far this year I have made the motions and voted to reduce the winter flounder catch to a 2 fish bag limit and a 45 day season and the weakfish fishery to one fish per day. The only alternative I had was a complete closure. I used to think there was a light at the end of the tunnel and we would see increased recreational fishing opportunities. I used to come home thinking I did something good for the resource and the people I represent. Now I come home depressed and disillusioned. I no longer expect good news but just hope it is not a disaster.

NJ's catch is over the recreational target on summer flounder and the coast is over the recreational target on black sea bass but not on scup. It is our turn to take the hit from the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey (MRFSS). According to MRFSS preliminary data, NJ, DE and MD are all over the recreational target on summer flounder but as a whole the coast is under quota. NJ is over by 191,096 fish, not pounds. There is a small increase in quota for 2010 but I am not sure it will cover the MRFSS overage. It will mean no relaxation of regulations in NJ, DE and MD. NY is under target so they may be able to make some changes. The data collected by MRFSS is unpredictable and not scientific. The National Academy of Science does not believe this data can be used for the current decision-making since it is unreliable. We are never going to see any relief until we see quotas that reflect the actual status of the stocks.

On black sea bass, the coastwide quota will be exceeded according to MRFSS preliminary data. Unlike summer flounder, where most states have closed their fishery already, there is still fishing going on in state waters for black sea bass. For that reason, we do not know what the final outcome will be. Remember, as of right now there is no increase in the black sea bass quota for 2010 because MAMFC

did not direct the SSC to reexamine the 2010 quota. I hope they will review this action at the Joint Meeting in December.

According to the MRFSS preliminary data, the scup catch is over target in the northern region and under target in the southern region. We are in the southern region and there is a slight increase in quota for 2010.

The table with this data regarding black sea bass, scup and summer flounder was given out at the ASMFC Meeting and is posted on our web page.

KEEPING ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS OUT OF OUR WATERS

The EPA has published the National Lake Fish Tissue Study. I have included the release and their web address. There is also another article included. This study came as no surprise to anyone at JCAA since we realize that animal waste and sewer discharge are problems in lakes throughout the country. The more I learn about the subject, the more concerned I become. On November 14th New Jersey's Law Enforcement Agencies participated in a program to help seniors dispose of their expired drugs by dropping them off at local facilities. There were officers present to make sure all the drugs were collected properly. The drugs will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner, not flushed into the water system. The Law Enforcement Agencies advertised this as a way to keep drugs from our children but it certainly serves a good environmental purpose. I wish more information about the environmental benefits were included in their press releases but I must congratulate them for a terrific job. Anything that keeps drugs out of the water system is a step in the right direction. We are hoping this program can be expanded with the cooperation of the DEP. It would be a great yearly event. Read the articles below.

ASMFC ANNUAL MEETING.

As Commissioner to the ASMFC, I attended the Annual Meeting. The week before, at the ASA Meeting, we had a Government Affairs Meeting lasting from 8:00 – 6:30. This was nothing compared to 4 days at the ASMFC. I was disappointed I could not attend the Habitat Meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The ASMFC Meeting Week Summary is posted at the JCAA webpage and the ASMFC webpage. In light of the catch of weakfish being reduced to one fish recreationally

and 100 pounds commercial, I have included the summary in this newspaper. Please go to the webpages for more thorough coverage of the whole meeting.

I would like to highlight two decisions that were made at this meeting. First, JCAA opposed the proposed striped bass commercial rollover of unused quota. The recreational community as a whole was opposed to this action. There was a large delegation of recreational anglers from Maine who came to oppose this rollover. Most recreational anglers are concerned about the health of the Chesapeake Bay stocks. Again, like weakfish, I think much of the problem is not directly related to fishing pressure but due to environmental problems of Chesapeake Bay. I am hoping state and federal agencies responsible for Chesapeake Bay recognize the environmental problems and problems with forage species and take appropriate action. The Chesapeake Bay has been studied to death and we can identify some problems that we can correct. Now is the time for action before the Chesapeake Bay becomes an ecological disaster. The final vote did not allow for the commercial rollover of striped bass. I was really disappointed that NMFS and the Fish and Wildlife Service both supported the rollover.

The Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass also met. I made a motion to have ASMFC Summer Flounder Board request that the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council revisit the black sea bass quota as an agenda item at the upcoming joint meeting on December 8th. We lost this vote in a tie with the services again voting against my motion. I am hoping that New Jersey's council members request that this item is placed on the agenda and I will definitely bring this up at the joint meeting.

This reminds us of a bigger problem that I have recognized in my more than 20 years attending ASMFC meetings. There have been many crucial votes decided by the votes of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&WS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). It is even more disturbing when these votes are on allocation rather than policy issues. The ASMFC is a compact of the 14 states. No where in the ASMFC compact are NMFS and the USF&WS given votes. This has been strictly a policy decision. Many years ago I made a motion to designate NMFS and USF&WS ex-officio rather than voting members. I am preparing to bring up this subject again at the 2010 meeting. This

becomes a more crucial issue since we are now questioning the way NMFS is operating and USF&WS are interpreting the 2006 Magnuson/Stevens Act. The states should be deciding the position for ASMFC and the services should not hold the deciding votes. I know there are other commissioners who share this opinion.

EPA National Lake Fish Tissue Study

Web Page

<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/study/>

Environmental monitoring provides crucial data for describing the condition of the environment and for assessing the effectiveness of pollution control activities. In the 1990s, the EPA identified a lack of information necessary to accurately characterize the condition of the Nation's surface waters and responded by designing a series of statistically-based surveys to produce information on the condition of lakes, streams, rivers, and coastal waters in the United States. The National Study of Chemical Residues in Lake Fish Tissue (or National Lake Fish Tissue Study) is one of the statistically-based surveys conducted by EPA since the late 1990s.

This study is a national screening-level survey of chemical residues in fish tissue from lakes and reservoirs in the conterminous United States (lower 48 states), excluding the Laurentian Great Lakes and Great Salt Lake. It is unique among national assessments of fish contamination in lakes because the sampling sites were selected according to a statistical (random) design. Study results allow EPA to estimate the percentage of lakes and reservoirs in the United States with chemical concentrations in fish tissue that are above levels of potential concern for humans or for wildlife that eat fish. This study also includes the largest set of chemicals ever studied in fish. Whole fish and fillets were analyzed for 268 persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals, including mercury, arsenic, dioxins and furans, the full complement of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) congeners, and a large number of pesticides and semivolatile organic compounds.

Partnerships made this study possible. Prior to beginning field sampling for the study, EPA built a national network of partners that included 47 states, three tribes, and two other federal agencies. Fisheries staff from more than 50 agencies worked for nearly five years to evaluate the suitability of lakes for

sampling and to collect fish for the study. This study provides an excellent example of state, federal, and tribal collaboration. Participating agencies made a critical contribution to the success of this study through their voluntary commitments and dedicated efforts.

- 48.8% of the sampled population of lakes had mercury tissue concentrations that exceeded the 300 ppb (0.3 ppm) human health SV for mercury, which represents a total of 36,422 lakes.
- 16.8% of the sampled population of lakes had total PCB tissue concentrations that exceeded the 12 ppb human health SV, representing a total of 12,886 lakes.
- 7.6% of the sampled population of lakes had dioxin and furan tissue concentrations that exceeded the 0.15 ppt [toxic equivalency or TEQ] human health SV, which represents a total of 5,856 lakes.
- 1.7% of the sampled population of lakes had DDT tissue concentrations that exceeded the 69 ppb human health SV, which represents a total of 1,329 lakes.
- 0.3% of the sampled population of lakes had fish tissue concentrations that exceeded the 67 ppb human health SV for chlordane, which represents a total of 235 lakes.

Residents drop off old medications for disposal under DEA program
Asbury Park Press November 14, 2009
By JOSEPH SAPIA and BOB VOSSELLER

The event was billed as "the day to get rid of your stash" of drugs. And the federal Drug Enforcement Administration waited with open hands — not to bust people, but to help them discard unneeded prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications.

"This is the first time we've done this, so we weren't sure (how it would go)," said Patrolman Steve Levy, a Marlboro police officer staffing a drop-off point at his town's municipal complex. "We were hoping for a good turnout."

The Marlboro site, one of about 50 in Monmouth County, got it. Through the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. window, dozens dropped off cancer, blood pressure and diabetes drugs; birth-control pills; painkillers; cough medicine; and nasal decongestants.

Township resident Bert Goldberg, 67, dropping off a bottle of about 90 heart pills no longer needed, because his doctor changed his prescription.

"I had the medication," Goldberg said. "I didn't know what to do. I thought it was a good opportunity."

Juli Mercado, another Marlboro resident, brought in expired vitamins, prescription medications and cough medicine. "I think it's fantastic, because you're not supposed to flush it down the toilet," Mercado said. "I was uncomfortable in throwing it in the garbage."

The idea is to get the unneeded drugs out of the home, where they could get in the hands of children or drug-abusers, and safely dispose of them. Throwing them in the toilet could be bad for health or the environment, and throwing them in the garbage could be bad for the environment or they could get into the wrong hands, according to those involved.

"Operation Medicine Cabinet" was the first time the DEA has been involved in a statewide, one-day effort, said DEA Special Agent Douglas S. Collier. Otherwise, according to those involved, there apparently is no other organized program to properly dispose of drugs. The DEA will incinerate the items, Collier said.

The DEA operated the program in conjunction with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, state Attorney General's office, Chiefs of Police Association of New Jersey, Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey and New Jersey Prevention Network. More than 430 of the state's 566 municipalities, in all 21 counties, participated, Collier said.

In Monmouth County, all 53 municipalities participated, Collier said. In Ocean County, almost all of the county's 33 municipalities were involved, Collier said.

In Little Egg Harbor, one of about 30 sites in Ocean County, township Police Lt. Troy Bezak said the program had gone better than expected. "We have three trash bags full of old medicine," said Bezak, 2 1/2 hours into the program. "We got mostly seniors come in, and they told us they were grateful that this was going on, because they knew they had old medication and didn't know what to do with it," Bezak said.

In Lacey, the Municipal Alliance To Prevent Drug and Alcohol Abuse promoted the program through its events and at Township Committee meetings, said alliance Chairwoman Heather Scanlon. Scanlon said the program "brings awareness of how some young people obtain drugs from the household medicine cabinet."

"You don't realize what could happen when young people get ahold of some of these drugs," said Lacey Township Committeeman Dave Most. "It could become a serious problem."

The program was simple - people could bring the items to a drop-off point. There was no charge and law enforcement personnel did not ask names and did not ask about the drugs.

"We don't want to know who you are or what you're putting in there (in the containers)," said Marlboro Police Chief Bruce Hall.

Hall, himself, brought in a small plastic bag of about 75 pills from his home. "My wife sent me in with a whole lot of stuff (from) years and years and years of surgery," Hall said. "Anything that was outdated or not pertinent, we discarded. It was best to get it out of the residence."

"Glad to get these out of the house," said Marlboro resident Arthur Lopater, 74, as he dropped off a variety of prescription medicines. "I'm good for about 16 grand a year in (costs for prescription) drugs."

Some people at the Marlboro site were simply clearing out unneeded medications; some were also clearing out memories.

Myron Gerchak, 66, of Marlboro brought cancer drugs his wife, Caroline, who died Oct. 20 at 62, had used. "I didn't want them around the house," Gerchak said.

Nadene Re, 50, of Freehold Township brought in drugs that her husband, Steve, a cancer survivor, no longer needs. "I'm happy to say he doesn't have to take them anymore," Re said.

At the end of the four hours in Marlboro, six boxes — 3 feet by 1 foot by 1 foot in size — were filled almost to the top. On Wednesday, the DEA is to announce the results of what was rounded up statewide, Collier said.

Report warns of 'toxic stew' in the Potomac
Washington Post, November 11, 09
By David A. Fahrenthold

Pollutants that mimic natural hormones have created a "toxic stew" in the Potomac River, altering the sexual development and the immune systems of fish, a local nonprofit warned in a report Wednesday.

In its third annual "State of the Nation's River" report, the Potomac Conservancy focused on concerns first raised in 2003, when fish began dying in large numbers in Potomac tributaries like the Shenandoah River.

As scientists investigated those fish kills, they found that male bass around the Potomac watershed were growing eggs.

The report says it appears that chemicals -- it's still not certain which ones -- in the water are interfering with the hormones that guide development in the fish. It said that potential suspects include animal hormones from manure, washing off farm fields in the rain, or human hormones and pharmaceuticals that are flushed out with treated sewage.

It seems likely, the report said, that the cause is not a single chemical, but a mixture whose components may be different around the river. Pesticides might dominate in rural areas, for instance, and human hormones downstream of a sewage plant.

Hedrick Belin, the conservancy's president, said that the best solution to the problem was to try to keep these chemicals out of the water in the first place. That, he said, could entail increased testing to figure out which chemicals have hormone-mimicking properties, or installing new measures to keep animal waste from washing downstream.

The report said it's also unclear what these chemicals mean for the health of people in the Washington area, where the Potomac is the original source of much of the region's tap water.

Hormone-mimicking chemicals "don't set our river on fire. They don't wash up on shore. We're not seeing them, we're not able to smell them," Belin said. "But the intersex fish . . . is a clear signal that something is wrong."

WEAKFISH MANAGEMENT BOARD

(November 3, 2009)

Press Release

ASMFC Weakfish Board Adopts Addendum IV
in Response to Depleted Stock Status

Newport, Rhode Island – The Commission's Weakfish Management Board approved measures to reduce exploitation by over 50 percent in both the recreational and commercial sectors. Addendum IV requires states to implement a one fish recreational creel limit, 100 pound commercial trip limit, 100 pound commercial bycatch limit during closed seasons, and 100 undersized fish per trip allowance for the finfish trawl fishery. All other management measures previously adopted to conserve the stock and reduce bycatch remain in effect.

The Board's action comes in response to the stock status of weakfish. A recent peer-reviewed assessment found the weakfish stock to be depleted, with

spawning stock biomass estimated to be three percent of an unfished stock, well below the 20 percent threshold and 30 percent target reference points also approved by the Board as part of Addendum IV. The decline in biomass reflects a sustained rise in natural mortality after 1995, rather than fishing mortality which has been modest and stable over the same time period.

“The Board received a significant amount of public comment supporting a coastwide moratorium. In recognition of this, it chose to implement measures that would discourage directed fishing, limit bycatch mortality, and ensure that critical sampling programs remain on track,” stated Board Chair Roy Miller.

While the decline appears to have resulted from a change in the natural mortality of weakfish in recent years, it is further exacerbated by continued removals by commercial and recreational fisheries. However, given the high mortality levels, the stock is also unlikely to recover rapidly.

The Addendum’s measures are intended to reduce the level of harvest without creating a large amount of discards.

Addendum IV will be available via the Commission’s website at www.asmfc.org under Breaking News by November 15. For more information, please contact Nichola Meserve, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at (202) 289-6400 or nmeserve@asmfc.org.

Meeting Summary

In addition to approving Addendum IV (see press release above), the Weakfish Management Board reviewed and approved a request from Florida for alternative management in the state’s northeastern corner. As previously reported to the Board, Florida is experiencing difficulty identifying weakfish in the northeastern corner of the state along the Atlantic coast. In Florida’s northeastern waters, weakfish and sand seatrout overlap in range and have been interbreeding, resulting in a population of hybrid fish. Weakfish and sand seatrout are difficult to distinguish, and the substantial hybrid population complicates morphological identification of the two pure species and their hybrids. The only conclusive manner to positively identify each separate species is through genetic testing. This identification issue confuses anglers as well as complicates enforcement of the weakfish regulations.

To address the issue, Florida will establish a well-defined weakfish management area in northeast Florida where pure weakfish are known to occur (located primarily with Nassau and Duval Counties). All fish landed in the area, both recreationally and commercially, will be reported as weakfish landings and identified as such in ASMFC reports. All other like fish landed outside this will not be reported as weakfish. For more information, please contact Nichola Meserve, Fishery

Management Plan Coordinator, at (202) 289-6400 or nmeserve@asmfc.org.

Motions

Move to adopt Florida’s proposal.

Motion made by Dr. Daniel, second by Mr. Boyles. Motion is approved by consent.

Move to approve Addendum IV to Amendment 4 to the Weakfish Fishery Management Plan with the following: under Section 2.3.1, Biological Reference Points, adopt option 3, percentage based spawning stock biomass reference points; under Section 2.3.2, Recreational Fisheries, adopt option 5, harvest moratorium; under Section 2.3.3, Commercial Fisheries, adopt option 4, harvest moratorium with jurisdictions required to maintain existing management measures previously adopted to protect weakfish stocks and reduce bycatch; under Section 2.4, Monitoring, adopt option 2, Addendum I requirements lifted.

Motion made by Mr. O’Connell, second by Mr. Shirey.

Move to separate the motion into 3 issues.

Motion made by Mr. Simpson, second by Dr. Rhodes. Motion carries (13 in favor, 1 opposed).

Move to approve for Section 2.3.1, Biological Reference Points, option 3, percentage based spawning stock biomass reference points.

Motion made by Mr. O’Connell, second by Mr. Shirey. Motion carries.

Main Motion:

Move to approve for Section 2.3.2 (Recreational Fisheries) Option 5 (Harvest Moratorium) and for Section 2.3.3 (Commercial Fisheries) Option 4 (Harvest Moratorium) with jurisdictions required to maintain existing management measures previously adopted to protect weakfish stocks and reduce bycatch.

Motion made by Mr. O’Connell, second by Mr. Shirey. Motion substituted.

Motion to Substitute:

Move to substitute to approve for Section 2.3.2 (Recreational Fisheries) Option 2b (1 fish) and Section 2.3.3 (Commercial Fisheries) Option 2.1b (100 lb limit).

Motion made by Mr. Fote, second by Mr. Duren. Motion carries (Roll Call Vote: In favor – NJ, PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, USFWS, NMFS; Opposed – MA, RI, CT, NY, DE, MD).

Motion to Amend:

Motion to amend substitute motion to include 2.1a: 150 lb limit instead of 100 lb.

Motion made by Dr. Daniel, second by Mr. O’Reilly. Motion fails (Roll Call Vote: In favor –PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL; Opposed – MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, USFWS, NMFS).

Main Motion as Substituted:

Move to approve for Section 2.3.2 (Recreational Fisheries) Option 2b (1 fish) and for Section 2.3.3 (Commercial Fisheries) Option 2.1b (100 lb limit) with jurisdictions required to maintain existing management measures previously adopted to protect weakfish stocks and reduce bycatch.

Motion made by Mr. Fote, second by Mr. Duren. Motion carries (10 in favor, 5 opposed).

Main Motion:

Move to approve for Section 2.4 (Monitoring) Option 2 - Addendum I requirements lifted.

Motion made by Mr. O'Connell, second by Mr. Shirey. Motion substituted.

Motion to Substitute:

Move to substitute for Section 2.4 - Option 1 (Status Quo).

Motion made by Mr. O'Reilly, second by Dr. Daniel. Motion passes.

Main Motion as Substituted:

Move to approve for Section 2.4 (Status Quo).

Motion made by Mr. O'Reilly, second by Dr. Daniel. Motion carries

Move to adopt Section 2.2b with a 100 fish limit as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Carpenter, second by Mr. Augustine. Motion carries unanimously.

Move to adopt under Section 3.0 (Compliance) a January 1, 2010 compliance date for which states must submit programs to implement Addendum IV for approval by the Weakfish Management Board no later than a May 1, 2010 compliance date by which states must implement Addendum IV through their approved management programs.

Motion made by Mr. Fote, second by Mr. Simpson. Motion carries unanimously.

Move to approve Addendum IV as modified today.

Motion made by Mr. Fote, second by Mr. O'Reilly. Motion carries unanimously

of the JCAA and its member clubs, I would like to congratulate Anthony Mauro on being elected this year's sportsperson-of-the-year. The mission of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance is to serve as a grassroots coalition of outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen dedicated to environmental stewardship. They champion the intrinsic value of natural resource conservation, including fishing and hunting. Anthony has spent a lot of time and effort and made personal sacrifices on behalf of fishermen and hunters in New Jersey.

Our guest speaker this year was Congressman John Adler, Representative for New Jersey's Third Congressional District. Congressman Adler spoke about issues concerning recreational anglers in New Jersey and assured those in attendance that "he gets it." He spoke highly of the efforts of Tom Fote and JCAA in educating him on the issues that are important to recreational anglers in New Jersey.

Also in attendance was Assemblyman John Rooney, New Jersey's longest serving assemblyman who is in his last term of office. Assemblyman Rooney spoke of the efforts of Anthony Mauro and the work the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance has done for anglers and hunters in New Jersey, and Congressman Rooney presented Anthony with a declaration from our state legislature recognizing those accomplishments.

JCAA's Youth Education Committee, represented by Greg Kucharewski, presented this year's Youth Education Award to the Berkeley Striper Club for their promotion of youth fishing. Congratulations, guys, for a job well done.

This affair is JCAA's second largest fundraiser, and as of this writing I can report that it was very successful. It should be noted that this event could not have taken place without the generosity of the many people and companies that donated the many different items that were auctioned off and given away as door prizes. I would be remiss if I did not mention each and every one of them because JCAA could not exist without their generosity and support.

The following is a listing of all our sponsors who donated prizes, and on behalf of JCAA, I would like to thank each and every one of them:

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**SPORTSPERSON OF THE
YEAR DINNER
BY PAUL TURI**

On Sunday, November 15th, JCAA held its annual Sportsperson-of-the-Year award dinner at the beautiful Crystal Pt. Yacht Club in Pt. Pleasant. This year's honoree was **Anthony Mauro**, Chairman of the NJ Outdoor Alliance (NJOA). Anthony was nominated for this award by the Manasquan Fishing Club and was elected by JCAA member clubs at our general membership meeting in October. On behalf

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Special thanks to **Dr. Pat Donnelly** for the terrific job he did again this year as our Master of Ceremonies.

I would also like to thank the following fishing clubs that took a table: Barnegat Fishin' Hole, Newark Bait & Fly Caster, Hudson River Fisherman's Association, Jersey Coast Shark Anglers, 4 B's, Sandy Hook Bay Anglers, Bayshore Anglers Association, Forked River Tuna Club,

Village Harbour Fishing Club, Schuyler Tuna Fishing Club, Hi-Mar Striper Club, Berkeley Striper Club, Manasquan Fishing Club, Greater Point Pleasant Charter Boat Association. I would also like to thank the many individuals and organizations who also attended and who have shown their support of the JCAA.

Also, special thanks to Dan Miller who handled the ticket sales and Ed Cherry who helped me with the many donations that came in. I would also like to thank Don & Al Marantz, Tom Fote, Mark Taylor, Tom Siciliano, Rich Pasko, Phil Celmer, John Toth, Frank Richetti and Bruce Smith.

I hope I have gotten everyone and every company and organization that participated to make this event a successful one this year. If anyone has fallen through the cracks and I have neglected to mention them, I apologize in advance. I have made every effort to keep accurate records, but, unfortunately, not everything gets into my hands the way I would like it to.

Again, on behalf of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, thank you, everyone!

New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) Report

By John Toth

A rally was held at the New Egypt Speedway by the NJOA on October 24th with the purpose of showing the politicians in Trenton that there are a lot of anglers and hunters in New Jersey and that we are very concerned about a number of issues that are affecting us. Unfortunately, while the enthusiasm for the rally was high, the severe weather forecast for very heavy rain put a damper on the event. While more were expected, approximately 800 hunters and anglers showed up with many of them wearing foul weather gear. NJOA's Executive Director, Anthony Mauro, called on a number of speakers (including JCAA's Tom Fote) to talk about specific issues affecting the angling and hunting community. Both Democratic and Republican legislators were called upon by NJOA Executive Director Anthony Mauro to talk about how Trenton needs to better focus on the issues facing us. The last speaker was candidate for Governor Chris Christie who said he would support our goals and that he is a friend of the anglers and hunters in our state. He told us several

times that he really appreciated our coming to the rally and that we still sat in our seats even though it was raining to hear him and the speakers that came before him.

In spite of the rain, enthusiasm remained high among hunters and anglers and that our presence was a show of unity between our two groups. While the rally had light to moderate rainfall, we were very lucky that the real heavy downpour occurred after the rally ended.

Striped Bass Report

By *Ed Cherry & John Toth*

Ed Cherry and John Toth were asked by NJ's Division of Fish & Wildlife to serve as advisors on a committee to look at possible new alternatives to the present regulations concerning striped bass. The current regulation mandates that anglers can keep two striped bass over 28 inches.

The problem with this regulation appears that we are taking too many of the breeder stock when we catch these big fish. There appears to be a decline in the striped bass stocks and while there is no present danger that the stocks are in serious trouble, we do not want these fish to be in danger like winter flounder.

The following is a table of the alternatives that were shown to us. Only two stripers can still be kept under these alternatives. These alternatives are also equivalent to the projected stock of stripers that are now caught at 28 inches to infinity. The Bonus Tag fish and a slot fish are **not** included in these alternatives.

18" minimum size and greater - one fish, and a 40" minimum size and greater - one fish
19" minimum size and greater - one fish, and a 38" minimum size and greater - one fish
20" minimum size and greater - one fish, and a 36" minimum size and greater - one fish
21" minimum size and greater - one fish, and a 35" minimum size and greater - one fish
22" minimum size and greater - one fish, and a 34" minimum size and greater - one fish
23" minimum size and greater - one fish and a 33" minimum size and greater - one fish
24" minimum size and greater - one fish and a 32" minimum size and greater - one fish

The last alternative is the one that the committee favored. It means that you can catch one

fish that has a minimum size of 24 inches to infinity. The second fish has to be a minimum size of 32 inches or to infinity. The thinking here is that so many stripers are caught that are less than 28 inches and we are throwing many of them back and killing a lot of them in the process. If we lower that limit to 24 inches minimum, then we can at least keep one steeper and take it home for dinner fare.

These alternatives were discussed at the JCAA's October's 27th meeting and representatives were asked to take this information back to their clubs and discuss what alternative they favor or to even stick with the current regulation of two fish over 28 inches. Please bring your comments on striped bass back to the General Membership meeting on November 24th so that we can pass them on to the Department of Fish & Wildlife.

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Entering into its 23rd consecutive year of touring in 2010, the Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series has earned the distinction of being the nation's most popular and longest-running educational seminar on recreational marine angling.

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Courses for the February 27 presentation will focus on - Trophy stripers on ultra-light tackle; Live-lining for trophy stripers; Top trolling tactics for stripers; Secrets of fishing Raritan, Sandy Hook, Silver and Barnegat Bays; Sure-fire weakfish tactics; How to target and catch trophy weakfish; Chunking for bluefish; Bluefish on surface lures; Inshore wire-line techniques; Jetty tactics; How to catch more and bigger fluke; Targeting trophy fluke; Cutting-edge fluke tactics; North Carolina trophy flounder fishing tactics that will yield more and larger New Jersey fluke; Top tactics for big blackfish; Catching blackfish by the score; Variety fishing in and around inlets; How to locate and fish productive bottom (blackfish, sea bass, spot and fluke); Back-bay stripers; Can’t-miss tuna-trolling patterns; Cutting-edge tuna chunking tactics; Live-baiting for tunas; Canyon fishing secrets; Advanced methods for bluefin and yellowfin tuna; Zeroing in on big eye tuna; How to choose, rig and fish the best lures and natural baits for tuna; Tournament winning offshore trolling tactics; Subsurface offshore trolling tactics; Cutting edge spreader bar and dredge tactics; Secrets for catching more inshore tuna; Reading water temperature charts; Targeting trophy makos; Basic and advanced sharking techniques; Offshore kite fishing for sharks and tuna; Florida tactics for daytime swordfish off New Jersey.

A ticket to the Seminar Series costs \$ 55.00, and includes a One-Year subscription or extension to Salt Water Sportsman Magazine, a comprehensive course textbook, a Roffer’s Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis (offshore tuna, dolphin, marlin and major kingfish tournaments only), a bottle of OrPine Wash

& Wax, a spool of Sufix Fishing line, and a \$ 20.00 discount card at Capt. Harry’s Fishing Supply (based on a \$ 150.00 purchase). In addition, thousands of dollars worth of door prizes will be awarded at the Jersey Shore seminar!

The names of all attendees from the Jersey Shore seminar will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing to win an incredible bonefishing excursion to the Bimini Sands Resort and Marina. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the seminar that day, and one lucky person will win the trip for two! In addition, the names of all attendees from the 2010 Seminar Series Tour will be entered into the drawing for the Super Grand Prize - a brand new Mako 18 LTS (Light Tackle Skiff)! The drawing for the boat will take place one week after the completion of the final seminar on the tour, and one lucky winner will take home the boat!

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Remember to order your tickets early, as this seminar sells out quickly!

Highly Migratory Species

By John Koegler

Federal Administrative Ocean Takeover!

This new Federal administration is a totally different style of government than anglers have ever had to deal with previously. In prior years the government’s legislative branch has often blocked the administration’s desire to impose totally administrative control on all components of the US Oceans, rivers and lakes. The administration’s plan for total control was by creating a new agency named the “Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force.”

This new agency’s “National Policy Objective” specifies 9 priority objectives that they will pursue to implement their New National Policy.

- 1- Ecosystem–based Management
- 2- Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
- 3- Inform Decisions and Improve Understanding
- 4- Coordinate and Support
- 5- Resiliency and Adaptations to Climate Change and Ocean Acidification
- 6- Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration
- 7- Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land

- 8- Changing Conditions in the Arctic
- 9- Ocean, Coastal, and Great Lakes Observations and Infrastructure.

“These priority objectives provide a bridge between policy and specific actions, but do not prescribe in detail how individual entities will undertake their responsibilities. Instead, the National Ocean Council (NOC) would develop strategic action plans for each of the priority objectives, focusing on key areas identified by the Task Force. This would allow adequate time to fully consider the necessary details for implementation, and as appropriate to coordinate with states, tribal and local authorities, regional governance structures, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and private enterprise.

Conclusion:

The Task Force is pleased to submit this interim report and fulfill the first part of its charge. Having considered a broad range of public comments, this report reflects the requests and concerns of all interested parties. Though the main focus of the Task Force now turns to developing a framework for coastal and marine spatial planning, due to the President by December 9, 2009, the Task Force anticipates that this interim report will continue to be refined as the Task Force receives further thoughtful input for stakeholders. With this continued public participation, the Task Force will be able to provide the President with the best possible set of recommendations.

Please note fishing in any form is not even mentioned once. Even if fishing is eventually mentioned, can it really matter? The specified management structure under the Interim Rule gives the Co-Chairs complete control of all proceedings. The Co-chairs shall have authority to call NOC meetings, draft the agency, prioritize issues and call deputies meetings.

The Co-Chairs have already been chosen! “The NOC would be Co-Chaired by the Chair of the (White House) Council of Environmental Quality and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

This would provide the NOC with balance of equities at the most senior level of its leadership and better facilitate interagency cooperation and collaboration.

The Ocean Resources Management Interagency Policy (ORM-IPC) committee is the successor to the current Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources.”

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The United States will promote the objectives of this policy by:

“Ensuring a comprehensive and collaborative framework for the stewardship of the oceans, our coasts and the Great Lakes that facilitates cohesive action across the Federal Government, as well as participation of State, tribal and local authorities, regional governance structures, non-governmental organization, the public and the private sector.

Cooperating and exercising leadership at the international level, including by joining the Law of the Sea Convention and supporting ocean stewardship in a fiscally responsible manner.”

The above paragraphs were exactly copied from the Interim Report. There is NO doubt about what they plan and what the task force’s objectives are! The Interim Report takes control of U.S. oceans, rivers and lakes from a regulatory agency. The Task Force Report abolishes that federal agency “Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources” but transfers its agenda to the new administrative Task Force!

The Task Force desires to join the “Law of the Sea Convention” and using these UN rules as their guideline for future actions! Note that the US has not joined the United Nations “Law of the Sea Convention” because the US Senate never approved the US joining this UN controlled Convention because there are serious doubts of its US impact.

The Administration’s transfer of control of our nation’s oceans, rivers and lakes is spelled out. This Task Force has no legislative oversight or control. Their actions are subject only to their own National Ocean Councils (NOC) review and the President’s approval.

This is absolute Federal Administration Anarchy! You don’t think all fishermen have a never before envisioned impending disaster?

You better read the full 38 pages of the Interim Report:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/oceans/interimreport>

JCAA Youth Education Report
By Greg Kucharewski

START MAKING BOAT SHOW PLANS

I know fishing is not over yet for the anglers that like to get out in the cold but it’s time to start planning for the fishing expositions and boat shows that will give us a chance to buy some fishing goodies. It’s always good to attend a sportsman show and see the latest boating and fishing equipment that we can add to our

arsenal of fish-catching tackle. There are many fishing and boating shows in the tri-state area. Check your local newspaper for ticket discounts and specials. Also think about attending some how-to seminars, such as the Father Time Expo, January 23rd, 2010 9:30 a.m. until Noon at the Bolger Middle School, 100 Palmer Pl., Keansburg, NJ. For more information contact Jeff Johnson, 732 787-2007 Ext 2554. It's a great program for the kids.

2009 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

This year the Berkeley Striper Club is the recipient of the JCAA Youth Education Award for their promotion of youth fishing programs and passing along the gift of sportfishing to our youngsters. Congratulations, guys, for a great job over the years.

\$2,500 PHYSH ED GRANT "FFF"

The Physh Ed National Fishing and Boating Initiative, which provides grants for K-12 teachers to incorporate fishing and boating activities into their school curriculum has proven fishing is a fun way to lure children back outdoors. During the past seven years, the Future Fisherman Foundation (F3) has awarded more than \$1,200,000 in grant funds to help teachers from 325 schools in 47 states deliver angling, boating and aquatic conservation programs through the Physh Ed Initiative. Most schools approach this program in a cross-curricular manner, teaming physical education, science, math, health and art teachers to deliver lessons. Seventy-seven new schools each received \$2,500 grants for the 2008-2009 school years. Thirteen former grantees were awarded \$500 in supplemental funds. The funding was used to purchase fishing and boating equipment, cover field trip costs and buy curriculum materials and other resources to help educators reach state standards for learning in science, physical education, art and other subjects. It also defrayed the cost of a five-day training for new grantees, which prepares them to teach aquatic conservation, spin casting, fly fishing, fly tying and boating to their students. The Physh Ed program reached more than 16,200 new students during the 2008-2009 school years. Of these, 12% were from economically disadvantaged households, 24% were minorities, and 36% included students with special needs. The 77 new grantees received a total of 5,346 volunteer hours from parents, community members and state aquatic educators, the equivalent of \$68,000 of volunteer time. Teachers also secured donations of rods, reels, tackle, kayaks and boating supplies in the amount of \$99,000. This \$167,000 of combined in-kind and product donations represents an 88% match to the \$199,000 grant funds dispersed to schools. Grantees received assistance from local chapters of

national fishing and conservation organizations such as Trout Unlimited, Bassmasters, Federation of Fly Fishers and the Izaak Walton League. They received product and equipment donations from Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain, Plano, Shakespeare, Pure Fishing, Wal-Mart and Target, among others. The 2008-2009 Physh Ed National Fishing and Boating Initiative was a partnership between F3 and the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. F3 is currently searching for funding to continue expanding the Physh Ed program into the 2010-2011 school years and invites donors to contribute through F3's secure online system. For more information, please visit www.futurefisherman.org or contact Director of Education Teresa Rodriguez at (703) 402-0004.

RBFF PRESS RELEASE

Boating & Fishing Education Grants Now Available from RBFF. ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 4, 2009) - The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) today announced the availability of boating and fishing education grants for 2010. RBFF's National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative, which was created in 2008 to expand on the organizations boating and fishing education outreach efforts, is encouraging youth-focused organizations to apply by January 4, 2010. "We're looking for high-quality education programs that give kids and their families hands-on experience with boating, fishing and conservation," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "Recent research shows fishing is the number one gateway activity for introducing children and their families to the outdoors. We believe these education programs help connect children with nature and go a long way towards creating future lifetime boaters and anglers." Key requirements of RBFF's education grant guidelines include introducing boating and fishing to minorities and underserved communities. While all applications will be considered, RBFF will give special consideration to programs that offer multiple on-the-water learning opportunities, encourage long-term involvement of participants, provide training for instructors, promote conservation and support existing RBFF partnerships. In FY 2009, more than 185,000 kids participated in RBFF's education programs. To download the Grant Guidelines & Application and learn more about RBFF's National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative, visit www.rbff.org. Grant applications must be submitted on or before January 4, 2010 and will be announced in April 2010.

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